

THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION

555 Main Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06103
Monday, June 12, 2023

PRESENT: Commissioners Kyle Anderson, John Avedisian, John Bazzano, Clifford Avery Buell, Donald Currey, Dimple Desai, William A. DiBella, David Drake, John Gale, Peter Gardow, Allen Hoffman, Diane Lewis, Jacqueline Mandyck, Pasquale J. Salemi, Alvin Taylor, Calixto Torres and James Woulfe (17)

REMOTE ATTENDANCE: Commissioners Andrew Adil, Christian Hoheb, Mary LaChance, Byron Lester, Dominic Pane, Bhupen Patel and David Steuber (7)

ABSENT: Commissioners Richard Bush, Joan Gentile, James Healy, Jean Holloway, Gary Johnson, Maureen Magnan, Michael Maniscalco, Jon Petoskey, and New Britain Special Representative Michael Carrier (9)

ALSO PRESENT: Awet Tsegai, Citizen Member (Remote Attendance)
Scott Jellison, Chief Executive Officer
Christopher Stone, District Counsel
Chris Levesque, Chief Operating Officer
Kelly Shane, Chief Administrative Officer (Remote Attendance)
Robert Schwarm, Director of Information Technology (Remote Attendance)
Sue Negrelli, Director of Engineering (Remote Attendance)
Tom Tyler, Director of Facilities
Carrie Blardo, Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer
Victoria Escoriza, Executive Assistant
Dave Baker, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)
Dylan Pecego, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman DiBella at 5:32 PM

ROLL CALL AND QUORUM

District Counsel Christopher Stone called the roll and informed Chairman DiBella that a quorum of the Commission was present, and the meeting was declared a legal meeting of the District Board of The Metropolitan District of Hartford County, Connecticut.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Commissioner Avedisian and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of June 5, 2023 were approved.

Commissioners Bazzano and Torres abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE MDC, SAVE THE SOUND AND NORTHWEST CONNECTICUT LAND CONSERVANCY RELATING TO THE COLEBROOK RIVER RESERVOIR ABANDONMENT APPLICATION AND PROPOSED CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON MDC WATERSHED AND OPEN SPACE PROPERTIES SUPPORTING THE COLEBROOK RIVER AND WEST BRANCH RESERVOIRS

At 5:38 PM, District Chairman DiBella requested an executive session to discuss a memorandum of understanding between the MDC, Save the Sound and Northwest Connecticut Land Conservancy relating to the Colebrook River Reservoir abandonment application and proposed conservation easement on MDC watershed and open space properties supporting the Colebrook River Reservoir and West Branch Reservoirs. District Counsel Christopher Stone stated that the basis for the executive session is discussion of a pending claim before CT Dept. of Public Health and a written legal opinion on the memorandum of understanding and said claim.

On motion made by Commissioner Mandyck and duly seconded, the District Board entered into executive session to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding.

Those in attendance during the executive session: Commissioners Andrew Adil (Remote), Kyle Anderson, John Avedisian, John Bazzano, Clifford Avery Buell, Donald Currey, Dimple Desai, William A. DiBella, David Drake, John Gale, Peter Gardow, Allen Hoffman, Christian Hoheb (Remote), Mary LaChance (Remote), Byron Lester (Remote), Diane Lewis, Jacqueline Mandyck, Dominic Pane (Remote), Bhupen Patel (Remote), Pasquale J. Salemi, Alvin Taylor, Calixto Torres and James Woulfe Chief Executive Officer Scott Jellison, Chief Operating Officer Chris Levesque, Director of

Facilities Tom Tyler, Manager of Water Treatment & Supply Jim Randazzo and Attorney Christopher Stone.

RECONVENE

At 7:47 PM, District Chairman DiBella requested to come out of executive session and on motion made by Commissioner Torres and duly seconded, the District Board came out of executive session and reconvened. No formal action was taken.

To: District Board

June 12, 2023

Be it resolved that The Metropolitan District Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a memorandum of understanding, as attached hereto, by and between The Metropolitan District, Save the Sound and the Northwest Connecticut Land Conservancy, regarding the placement of a conservation easement on and upon approximately 5,500 acres of District watershed land supporting the Colebrook River Reservoir and the West Branch Reservoir.

On motion made by Commissioner Gardow and duly seconded, the resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk

Date of Approval