

**BUREAU OF PUBLIC WORKS
SPECIAL MEETING**

555 Main Street, Hartford
March 3, 2025

Present: Commissioners John Avedisian, John Bazzano, Richard Bush, William DiBella, David Drake, John Gale, Joan Gentile, James Healy, Allen Hoffman, Jean Holloway, Pasquale J. Salemi, Alvin Taylor, Calixto Torres, James Woulfe and District Chairman Donald Currey (15)

Remote

Attendance: Commissioners Gary Johnson, Byron Lester and Maureen Magnan (3)

Absent: Commissioners Bhupen Patel and David Steuber (2)

Also

Present: Commissioner Jackie Mandyck
Commissioner Dominic Pane
Commissioner Chris Tierinni
Citizen Member Edwin Vargas
Scott W. Jellison, Chief Executive Officer
Christopher Stone, District Counsel
John S. Mirtle, District Clerk
Christopher Levesque, Chief Operating Officer
Kelly Shane, Chief Administrative Officer
Jamie Harlow, Director of Human Resources (Remote Attendance)
Sue Negrelli, Director of Engineering
Robert Schwarm, Director of Information Systems (Remote Attendance)
Tom Tyler, Director of Facilities
Carrie Blardo, Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer
Julie Price, Executive Assistant
Amanda Litvak, Professional Level Associate (Remote Attendance)
Matthew McAuliffe, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)
Elizabeth Tavelli, Independent Consumer Advocate

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Hoffman at 4:45 PM

PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

On motion made by Commissioner DiBella and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of January 13, 2025 were approved.

Commissioner Healey entered the meeting at 4:48 PM.

PIERSON LANE, WINDSOR – FINAL ASSESSMENT

To: Bureau of Public Works for consideration on March 3, 2025

On February 17, 2016, the District Board of The Metropolitan District Commission passed a layout and schedule of assessment for construction of a sanitary sewer in a portion of Pierson Lane, Windsor, CT. Construction of sanitary sewers and appurtenances in all or portions of PIERSON LANE, WINDSOR, have been completed and house connections authorized. In accordance with Bureau of Public Works policy, the assessments will be billed on or about April 1, 2025.

On November 6, 2024, the District Board of The Metropolitan District voted to defer the assessment of 109 Pierson Lane until such time as the property connects to the District’s sewer. It is therefore RECOMMENDED that it be

Voted: That the assessments for the construction of sanitary sewers and appurtenances in a portion of PIERSON LANE, Windsor are declared due and payable to the Assessable Sewer Fund; to direct the District Clerk to publish same on a date to be fixed in a conference with the Treasurer; and to direct the District Clerk to file liens to secure any and all assessments or parts thereof which remain unpaid within the time limit set by law.

FINAL DIRECT ASSESSMENTS

| <u>Property now or Formerly of</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>Inlets</u> | <u>Frontage</u> | <u>(Adjusted)</u> | <u>Dwelling Units</u> | <u>Acreage</u> | <u>Assessment</u> |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| <u>PIERSON LANE – NORTH</u> | | | | | | | |
| Windsor Business Bays LLC | 77 | 2 | 150.00 | | 1 | .92 | \$19,823.40 |
| Lindave Associates | 97 | 1 | 244.75 | (290.00) | 0 | 1.74 | \$31,150.80 |
| Vintage Radio & Communications Museum | 115 | 1 | 190.00 | | 0 | 1.97 | \$27,712.90 |
| <u>PIERSON LANE – SOUTH</u> | | | | | | | |
| Richard Havunen | 88 | 1 | 404.00 | (250.00) | 0 | 1.51 | \$27,112.70 |

Total Direct Assessments \$165,018.90

Respectfully submitted,

John Mirtle
 John S. Mirtle, Esq.
 District Clerk

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

Commissioner Taylor entered the meeting at 4:55 PM.

Commissioner Woulfe entered the meeting at 5:05 PM.

DRAFT ORDINANCE RE: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH CITY OF HARTFORD ON CT DEEP GENERAL PERMIT FOR THE DISCHARGE OF STORMWATER FROM SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS (MS4)

Commissioner DiBella made a motion, which was duly seconded, to refer the draft ordinance to the Committee on MDC government.

Commissioner Salemi entered the meeting at 5:15 PM.

Commissioner Gale made a motion to amend the draft ordinance, which was duly seconded, as shown in redline below. The amendment was passed unanimously by those present.

SEC S2w STATE OF CT GENERAL PERMIT FOR DISCHARGE OF STORMWATER FROM SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS

No person or property owner shall, without the express consent of the District, discharge or permit to be discharged, as related to water quality, directly or indirectly, from any premises under his/her control into any District owned or controlled storm sewer or combined sewer any quality discharge of stormwater that is subject to the State of Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection's ("CT DEEP") General Permit for Discharge of Stormwater from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems ("MS4 General Permit"). The MS4 General Permit, issued pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, Section 22a-430b, authorizes the discharge of stormwater and specific non-stormwater discharges from or associated with the MS4 General Permit. The implementation of the MS4 General Permit is detailed within the terms and conditions of a Memorandum of Decision ("MOU") dated January 14, 2025 by and between the District and the City of Hartford ("COH") , as may be amended. The MOU sets forth the terms, conditions, and specific obligations under which the MDC and COH will comply with and enforce MS4 General Permit, as may be amended. Both the MOU and the MS4 permit are incorporated by reference herein, and are available to the public on the District website. Any express consent by the District to discharge as required above shall be consistent with the terms and conditions of the Memorandum of Decision ("MOU") dated January 14, 2025 by and between the District and the City of Hartford ("COH") , as may be amended.

The motion to refer the draft ordinance, as amended in redline above, to the Committee on MDC Government was passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Chairman Hoffman allowed Independent Consumer Advocate Tavelli to share her comments & questions as she was not present at the beginning of the meeting for the agenda.

INDEPENDENT CONSUMER ADVOCATE COMMENTS & QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS

ICA Elizabeth Tavelli stated that she did not think that the amendment to change the word to “quality” in agenda item #6’s ordinance makes sense and encouraged the Commissioners to read the sentence in question again. She also asked about the language “without the express consent of the District” and what the process for such consent will involve.

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle
District Clerk

Date of Approval

**Video of the full March 3, 2025 Bureau of Public Works meeting is available at <https://www.youtube.com/@MetropolitanDistrictCommission> **