

THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION

555 Main Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06103
Monday, August 6, 2018

Present: Commissioners Andrew Adil, John Avedisian, Clifford Avery Buell, Daniel Camilliere, William A. DiBella, Timothy J. Fitzgerald, Peter Gardow, Denise Hall, James Healy, Allen Hoffman, Jean Holloway, Kathleen J. Kowalyshyn, Gary LeBeau, Maureen Magnan, Alphonse Marotta, Whit Osgood, Domenic M. Pane, Bhupen Patel, Pasquale J. Salemi, Raymond Sweezy, Alvin Taylor, Michael Torres and Richard W. Vicino (23)

Absent: Commissioners Luis Caban, Mary Anne Charron, Donald M. Currey, Matthew B. Galligan, David Ionno, Sandra Johnson, Byron Lester, Michael Solomonides, and New Britain Special Representative Michael Carrier (9)

Also

Present: Scott W. Jellison, Chief Executive Officer
John M. Zinzarella, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Business Services
R. Bartley Halloran, District Counsel
Brendan Fox, Assistant District Counsel
Christopher Stone, Assistant District Counsel
John S. Mirtle, District Clerk
Christopher Levesque, Director of Operations
Sue Negrelli, Director of Engineering
Kelly Shane, Director of Procurement
Robert Schwarm, Director of Information Technology
Carrie Blardo, Assistant to the Chief Operating Officer
Kerry E. Martin, Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer
Victoria S. Escoriza, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman DiBella at 5:33 PM

ROLL CALL AND QUORUM

The District Clerk 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Commissioner Camilliere and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of July 9, 2018 were approved.

Commissioners Adil, Fitzgerald and Magnan abstained.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

Chairman DiBella delivered the District Chairman Report. Without objection, Chairman DiBella referred the creation of a Speakers Bureau to the Community Affairs Committee.

REPORT FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Scott Jellison delivered the District Chief Executive Officers report.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNSEL

Attorney R. Bartley Halloran presented the District Counsel Report.

**DISTRICT CLERK
PETITION FOR SEWER SERVICE**

From: District Clerk

To: District Board

August 6, 2018

The following petition was received on July 6, 2018:

Arsalan Altaf has requested sewer service for a property located on Fairfield Avenue in Newington, Connecticut.

It is RECOMMENDED that it be

Voted: That the foregoing petition be received and referred to the Bureau of Public Works for study and subsequent action.

Respectfully submitted,

John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk

Arsalan Altaf

16 Maple Ave, Windsor Locks, CT 06096

Request for Sewer Service to
48 Fairfield Ave, Newington, CT

July 6, 2018

District Clerk
555 Main St
Hartford, CT 06142

The purpose of this letter is to formally request a sewer main extension for service at 48 Fairfield Ave, Newington, CT.

Very Truly Yours,

Arsalan Altaf

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

Without objection, Agenda Items #10A "Petition for Water Service – Foster Road, South Windsor" and #10B "Petition for Water Service – International Drive and Seymour Road, East Granby" were consolidated and considered together.

**DISTRICT CLERK
PETITION FOR WATER SERVICE**

From: District Clerk

To: District Board

August 6, 2018

The following petition was received on July 10, 2018:

Justin Rheiner has requested extending the water main on Foster Road in South Windsor, Connecticut.

It is RECOMMENDED that it be

Voted: That the foregoing petition be received and referred to the Water Bureau for study and subsequent action.

Respectfully submitted,

John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk

Dear Mr. Michael Curley,

My name is Justin Rheiner and I live at 470 Foster Road in South Windsor, CT. Both my house and my next door neighbor's house are new builds constructed in 2016. Their house is on the corner of Foster and Strong Roads, however, their address is technically Strong Road because their driveway comes off of Strong. We both have private wells for our water supply as do several other neighbors across the street at our end of Foster Road.

There is a water main on Foster Road that services the majority of the street already, up to and including my other next door neighbor, right next door to me, at 450 Foster Road. I have spoken to my neighbors with well water and they are very interested in connecting to the main water supply if the utility is continued the rest of the way down our street.

Please consider this my formal request to continue the main water service line the rest of the way down Foster Road to the end of the street at Strong Road.

If you have any questions or need any further information, please feel free to contact me at the above address, on my cell or via email at [redacted]. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,



Justin Rheiner

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
ENGINEERING & PLANNING

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**DISTRICT CLERK
PETITION FOR WATER SERVICE**

From: District Clerk

To: District Board

August 6, 2018

The following petition was received on August 2, 2018:

Jeffrey Carrigan, on behalf of the Granby Village Condo Association, has requested extending the water main along International Drive and Seymour Road, East Granby, Connecticut.

It is RECOMMENDED that it be

Voted: That the foregoing petition be received and referred to the Water Bureau for study and subsequent action.

Respectfully submitted,

John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk

Good Afternoon MDC...

On behalf of The Granby Village Condo Association, I am writing to request for a proposal to extend MDC Utilities to our neighborhood in East Granby, CT.

Currently our aging well system serves three separate condo complexes of at least 120 residences near the Windsor-East Granby town line along International Dr. and Seymour Rd.

We know the process may take years however, we need to prepare for a viable water supply to respond to the wells inevitable failure.

Our condos along with the surrounding neighborhood makes up the largest population demographic of potential customers in our town and I am surprised that the network is not extended here...

Right now our households spend about \$25/month each for our water utility and hopefully with variances from the town, the extension of MDC is a comparable possibiilty.

Please if a proposal could be sent as a reply to this email, I could submit something in writing to our next Homeowners Association Meeting at the end of August.

Thanks for your consideration...

Jeffrey Carrigan
Board Member
Granby Village Condo Association

On motion made by Commissioner Sweezy and duly seconded, the reports for resolutions #10A "Petition for Water Service – Foster Road, South Windsor" and #10B "Petition for Water Service – International Drive and Seymour Road, East Granby" were received and the resolutions adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

**BOARD OF FINANCE
2018 OPERATING BUDGET TRANSFER**

To: District Board

August 6, 2018

From: Board of Finance

The 2018 Metropolitan District operating budget is currently experiencing deficits in the Taxes budget. The Taxes budget has a deficit due to actual mill rates in the non-member towns being higher than previous mill rates.

CERTIFICATIONS:

In accordance with Section 3-8 of the Charter of The Metropolitan District, I hereby certify that there exists free from encumbrances, in the following appropriation, the amounts listed:

	General	Water	Total
Department 741 – Special Programs & Agreements	<u>-0-</u>	<u>\$3,405,300.00</u>	<u>\$3,405,300.00</u>
Total	<u>-0-</u>	<u>\$3,405,300.00</u>	<u>\$3,405,300.00</u>

John M. Zinzarella
Chief Financial Officer

At a meeting of the Board of Finance held on August 6, 2018, it was:

Voted: That the Board of Finance recommends to the District Board passage of the following resolution.

Resolved: That transfers within the 2018 Budget Appropriations be approved as follows:

From:	General	Water	Total
Department 741 – Special Programs & Agreements	<u>-0-</u>	<u>\$200,000.00</u>	<u>\$200,000.00</u>
Total	<u>-0-</u>	<u>\$200,000.00</u>	<u>\$200,000.00</u>

To:	General	Water	Total
Department-731			

Taxes	-0-	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00
Total	<u>-0-</u>	<u>\$200,000.00</u>	<u>\$200,000.00</u>

Respectfully submitted,

John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk

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

Commissioner LeBeau exited the meeting at 6:34PM

Commissioner Osgood exited the meeting at 6:48 PM

Commissioner Avedisian exited the meeting at 6:49PM

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

COMMISSIONER QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Merice Bryan of the Upper Albany Merchants Association submitted the following written comments:



"To build a strong, responsive merchants' association, with objectives to develop a communication network, provide technical assistance, organize promotional activities, and increase residents' utilization of the commercial strip"

August 6, 2018

MDC District Commissioners
The Metropolitan District
555 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Commissioner,

On behalf of members of the Upper Albany Merchant Association we are seeking your assistance to ensure that consistent services and delivery of the highest quality water are maintained to properties along the Upper Albany corridor.

The Route 44 DOT Safety Improvement Program is currently in its construction phase and there are no plans for the improvement or replacement of existing water mains or associated service laterals. Recently, one of our merchants was forced to replace the water service lateral that services his property located at 1123 Albany Avenue. The attached photograph shows the condition of the pipe that was removed from service. We are concerned that this situation might not be unique (widespread along the corridor) and although we have repeatedly sought the assistance of the MDC, the agency's consensus is that no action is necessary on its part.


The water leak at 1123 Albany Avenue was first detected during October 2017, and continued through June 2018. We are concerned that some of this water could have found its way into the basements of several of the properties on the avenue but all efforts to have MDC address the matter in a meaningful manner have proven futile. In the meantime, some residents have wisely refused to utilize the water for potable use.

We would appreciate any effort on your part that will provide the assurance that potable water will be consistently delivered to residents and property owners of this community. Thanks for your kind consideration.

Regards,

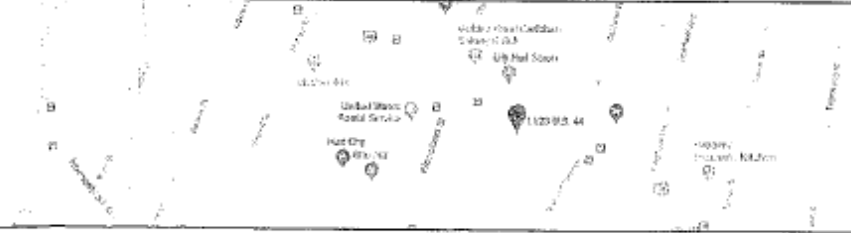
Upper Albany Merchants Association

cc. CT Department of Public Health

	<p>Upper Albany Merchants Association Regarding: 1123 Albany Ave</p> <p><i>"To build a strong, responsive merchants' association, with objectives to develop a communication network, provide technical assistance, organize promotional activities, and increase residents' utilization of the commercial strip"</i></p>	<p>UAMA Partner: MDC / DPH</p> <hr/> <p>Commissioners Meeting 6:00pm August 06, 2018</p>
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Condition of Failed Service Lateral

DATE: August 06, 2018



UAMA, 1382 ALBANY AVE. HARTFORD, CT 06112
WWW.UPPERALBANY.COM (860)727-9830

	<p>Upper Albany Merchants Association Regarding: Albany Ave Water Mains</p> <p><i>"To build a strong, responsive merchants' association, with objectives to develop a communication network, provide technical assistance, organize promotional activities, and increase residents' utilization of the commercial strip"</i></p>	<p>UAMA Partner: MDC / DPH</p>
		<p>Commissioners Meeting 6:00pm August 06, 2018</p>

Condition of Albany Ave Water Mains and Services

DATE: August 06, 2018

1. Why didn't MDC work with the State and the City to replace the large water mains and services within Albany Avenue?
2. Why was Hartford Upper Albany Avenue treated differently from West Hartford Farmington Avenue?
3. Is it not true that up to 2012 or so, MDC was planning to replace the mains and services ahead of the State work?
4. What did MDC's own analysis say regarding the age, conditions, schedule and need for replacing the mains and services?
5. Wasn't there available funding from the State DPH for such work?
6. What will happen to the new infrastructure improvements if these mains and services fail a few years from now?
7. What was the rationale for replacing the West Hartford Farmington Avenue mains versus the action to not replace the ones in Albany Avenue?
8. Who made the decision not to replace Hartford Albany Avenue mains and services, and, why?
<p><i>* This Thursday 10AM - Handel Center Meeting w/ Upper Albany -> Bill and Scott attending</i></p>
<p>UAMA. 1382 ALBANY AVE. HARTFORD. CT 06112 WWW.UPPERALBANY.COM (860)727-9830</p>

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk

Date of Approval