THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
WATER BUREAU
PUBLIC HEARING
Glastonbury Town Hall Main Building
Town Council Chambers, 2nd Floor
2155 Main Street, Glastonbury, CT
Wednesday June 26, 2019

Present: Commissioners Domenic Pane, Whit Osgood, Chief Executive Officer
Scott Jellison, District Clerk John Mirtle, Chief Operating Officer
Christopher Levesque, Director of Engineering Susan Negrelli, Manager
of Technical Services Michael Curley, Senior Project Manager David
Banker, Project Manager Jennifer Ottalagana, Real Estate Administrator
Allen King,

PUBLIC HEARING ON LAYOUT FOR PROPOSED PUBLIC WATER MAINS IN
CHESTNUT HILL ROAD, COLEMAN ROAD, LENTI TERRACE, MOSELEY
TERRACE; RAYMOND ROAD; AND DAYTON ROAD AND KIMBERLY LANE IN
GLASTONBURY, CT

Commissioner Domenic Pane, acting as chairman, called the public
hearing to order at 6:09 PM

Commissioner Pane read the following general statement:

“This is a public hearing to consider the proposal to construct a public
water main in portions of:

A. CHESTNUT HILL ROAD, COLEMAN ROAD, LENTI
   TERRACE AND MOSELEY TERRACE, GLASTONBURY

B. RAYMOND ROAD, GLASTONBURY

C. DAYTON ROAD AND KIMBERLY LANE, GLASTONBURY;

This Public Hearing is part of the legal procedure that The Metropolitan
District is required to follow regarding the installation of water mains, as
mandated by Special Act 511 of the Connecticut General Assembly of
1929."

“The plan for these projects has been undertaken in response to petitions
for a public water main received from property owners."

“A final decision on this project has yet to be made. That decision will
take into account what is said at this hearing, along with other information,
including any information that the Town or State of Connecticut provides regarding the need for this project from the standpoint of public health."

John Mirtle, District Clerk, read and incorporated the following into the record:

The following hearing notices were published in the Hartford Courant on June 15, 2019 and again on June 21, 2019:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON EXTENSION AND ASSESSMENT FOR PUBLIC WATER MAIN INSTALLATION FOR CHESTNUT HILL ROAD, COLEMAN ROAD, LENTI TERRACE AND MOSELEY TERRACE, GLASTONBURY
THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
555 Main Street, P.O. Box 800
Hartford, Connecticut

The Metropolitan District will hold a public hearing in the Town Hall Main Building, Town Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 2155 Main Street in Glastonbury, CT, on **Wednesday, June 26, 2019, at 6:00 P.M.** for the purpose of notification of the construction of a public water main in all or a portion of Chestnut Hill Road, Coleman Road, Lenti Terrace and Moseley Terrace in Glastonbury.

All interested parties, both in favor or against said water main, may appear to be heard. Inquiries may be sent to DistrictClerk@themdc.com.

John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON EXTENSION AND ASSESSMENT FOR PUBLIC WATER MAIN INSTALLATION FOR RAYMOND ROAD, GLASTONBURY
THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
555 Main Street, P.O. Box 800
Hartford, Connecticut

The Metropolitan District will hold a public hearing in the Town Hall Main Building, Town Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 2155 Main Street in Glastonbury, CT, on **Wednesday, June 26, 2019, at 6:00 P.M.** for the purpose of notification of the construction of a public water main in all or a portion of Raymond Road in Glastonbury.

All interested parties, both in favor or against said water main, may appear to be heard. Inquiries may be sent to DistrictClerk@themdc.com.

John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON EXTENSION AND ASSESSMENT FOR PUBLIC WATER MAIN INSTALLATION FOR DAYTON ROAD AND KIMBERLY LANE, GLASTONBURY
THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
555 Main Street, P.O. Box 800
Hartford, Connecticut

The Metropolitan District will hold a public hearing in the Town Hall Main Building, Town Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 2155 Main Street in Glastonbury, CT, on Wednesday, June 26, 2019, at 6:00 P.M. for the purpose of notification of the construction of a public water main in all or a portion of Dayton Road and Kimberly Lane in Glastonbury.

All interested parties, both in favor or against said water main, may appear to be heard. Inquiries may be sent to DistrictClerk@themdc.com.

John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING PROCEDURE AND GUIDELINES

Commissioner Pane read the procedure and guidelines for the public hearing.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECTS

Project Manager Jennifer Ottalagana provided the following details about the proposed projects:

Chestnut Hill Road, Coleman Road, Lenti Terrace and Moseley Terrace

| Length and Size of Water Main: | 2,810 feet of 8-inch water main |
| Number of Petitioners: | 1 petitioner on Coleman Road, 1 petitioner on Chestnut Hill Road |
| Estimated Project Cost: | $1.7 million |
| Estimated Assessments: | $273,878.35 |
| Projected Time Schedule: | Start construction late fall 2019, finish Summer 2020 |
| Special Features of Project: | Several outcrops of rock in the area, stream crossing on Coleman Road |
| Brief History of Project Start: | Petition was received on January 29, 2006 from property owner of 8 Coleman Road |
Raymond Road

Length and Size of Water Main: 700 feet of 8-inch water main  
Number of Petitioners: 1 petitioner on Raymond Road  
Estimated Project Cost: $800,000  
Estimated Assessments: $98,040.00  
Projected Time Schedule: Start construction late fall 2019, finish Summer 2020  
Special Features of Project: Several outcrops of rock in the area, gas transmission main located in Raymond Road  
Brief History of Project Start: Petition was received on May 28, 2010 from property owner of 39 Raymond Road.

Kimberly Lane and Dayton Road

Length and Size of Water Main: 2,440 feet of 8-inch water main  
Number of Petitioners: 9 petitioners on Kimberly Lane  
Estimated Project Cost: $1.5 million  
Estimated Assessments: $248,786.95  
Projected Time Schedule: Start construction late fall 2019, finish Summer 2020  
Special Features of Project: Several outcrops of rock in the area, installation of a new main while not disturbing the present piping system.  
Brief History of Project Start: Petition was received on September 4, 2018 on behalf of Kimberly Lane Well Association stating a need for public water due to a failing well system and the presence of contaminants in the well water. State Department of Public Health sent in a letter of support for the water main extensions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner Pane opened the floor for public comments.

The following individuals appeared to be heard on the proposed public water mains in:

Chestnut Hill Road, Coleman Road, Lenti Terrace and Moseley Terrace

1. Kerry Sevigny, 220 Chestnut Hill Road, opposed the water main project. 
2. Thomas Witherington, 20 Lenti Terrace, opposed the water main project. 
3. Harold and Adele Finer, 313 Chestnut Hill Road, supported the water main project. 
4. Erika Dworkin, 314 Chestnut Hill Road, opposed the water main project. 
5. Tim and Diana Kipp, 20 Moseley Terrace, supported the water main project. 
6. Jeanine Swanson, 300 Chestnut Hill Road, opposed the water main project.
7. MDC Commissioner Whit Osgood asked questions about the project.

The following written comments were received:

----- Forwarded Message -----  
From: kerry sevigny <kerryphan@att.net>  
To: whit.osgood@glastonbury-ct.gov; thomas.gullotta@glastonbury-ct.gov; lawrence.niland@glastonbury-ct.gov; deborah.carroll@glastonbury-ct.gov; chip.beckett@glastonbury-ct.gov; kurt.cavanaugh@glastonbury-ct.gov; mary.lachance@glastonbury-ct.gov; jacob.mcchesney@glastonbury-ct.gov; george.norman@glastonbury-ct.gov; richard.johnson@glastonbury-ct.gov; wendy.mis@glastonbury-ct.gov  
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2019, 9:01:22 AM EDT  
Subject: MDC Water Main Extension- Chestnut Hill, Coleman, Moseley, Lenti

To: Glastonbury Town Council Members  
Glastonbury DPH: Wendy Mis; Glastonbury Town Manager: Richard Johnson

RE: MDC Water main extension: Chestnut Hill, Coleman, Lenti, Moseley

From: Kerry Sevigny & Uyen Phan, 220 Chestnut Hill Rd. (assessed by MDC at $30,038.05)

-CLASS II WATER MAIN EXTENSION: EVERY PROPERTY ASSESSED COULD BE OBLIGATED TO PAY THEIR ASSESSMENT REGARDLESS OF BENEFIT, NEED OR ABILITY TO CONNECT TO THIS WATER MAIN.
-THIS IS NOT THE CASE WITH A CLASS I WATER MAIN EXTENSION. CLASS I IS “PAY FOR USE.”

-PLEASE SUPPORT THIS EXTENSION AS CLASS I. THERE ARE GROUNDS FOR IT.
- This project unduly burdens individual properties who will NOT BENEFIT from these high costs.

We should not have to incur the cost of home improvements for selected other properties in the area. These same neighbors would not pay to make improvements to my home for re-sale if I had contaminated soil from underground oil storage/ lead/ asbestos/ mold/rot etc. Those of us without Special Benefit should NOT have to pay for this improvement to homes that WILL benefit.

I have peeling paint, leaks, and rot on the exterior of my house right now, I’m not asking my neighbor to pay $30,000 to help fix my property. Most homeowners have a list of things they need or want to do. Many of us, actually, have issues: natural or man-made; that we fear renders our properties difficult to sell or “unsellable.”

Class I Main extensions (can be found on mdc.org/ click on district board/ click on water supply ordinances)
Class I Main extensions are those “…for the general purpose of strengthening the system, without assessing the cost upon the abutting property…..” Class I extensions are MDC-initiated, and for the improvement of their water system. In Class I extensions, MDC installs their water main and property owners can elect to connect, on their own schedule. This is a “pay for use” arrangement.

1. On the map from John Mirtle esq., atty for MDC, there is a dashed water main shown cutting through the back yards/ woods of properties on the “odd” side of the street. This water main dates to 1900-1920’s, is in bad shape, probably undersized, I’ve heard part of it is even constructed of wood! In addition, the MDC has no service access to this water line from the road, where they can bring in work crews and trucks to work on this water main. There will be no charge to our neighbors across the street to improve their existing water main service. People have wondered what kind of costs these properties might eventually incur to connect to the new main when it’s needed, but at least it’s probably not 30k, and it’s for their own water service; arguably, they do benefit. This water main continues on up Coleman road to serve an unknown number of additional properties. This is a weak link in the MDC’s water system. It makes sense that MDC wants to replace this section.

2. In talking to a local civil engineer, I have also heard that there is a main extension which was constructed recently out to Lakewood Rd. Access to the water line was provided through a property on Lenti Terrace (abutting #20?), but I hear the built configuration is a dead-end line and does not meet best practices for MDC, could cause bacteria etc in the water. It would appear this is an additional motivation for MDC to initiate this project.

I’ve heard that Glastonbury DPH and Glastonbury town manager support this extension. But I’ve also heard that our section of extension is not their area of concern.

Class II Main Extensions

Class II Main extensions are those which are requested by residents, specifically NOT for the improvement of MDC’s water supply system. It is very clear that the MDC is improving their system with this extension.

-Per the MDC’s map, they are calling this a Class II extension based on a petition request made by Mr. Daniel and Mrs. Julie Caron, of 8 Coleman Rd., in January of 2006. This is 13.5 years ago. If this were truly the reason for this extension, there are other ways to get water to 8 Coleman: MDC could extend from the old 1900’s line if they did not need to replace that old water main.

-Sec. W4a (Class II Mains) -MDC ordinances state re. Class II main extensions: “...shall assess the cost .... against the land found.... To be specially benefited thereby.”

-Sec. W4e “...No assessment shall be made against any property in excess of the special benefit deemed by said bureau to accrue to such property....”

We respect the choices of some neighbors as to whether they would choose to connect to the water line.

*When I spoke with 1 neighbor, he said he didn’t understand that he’d be required to pay the assessment.
He said he “might as well drive down the highway throwing $20,000 cash out the window.”

But here’s why we don’t want MDC water service for our property at 220 Chestnut Hill:

-Prohibitively expensive. Building dept ballparks additional $50-60,000 to dig a trench and install 450 LF of water line 42” deep below the frost line, uphill and possibly blasting through ledge as this area is known for.

-Buyers do not pay more for city water. Any hard costs will not be repaid at resale. Certainly not 30k or 100k more, especially when we’ve already had to invest far more in our 1946 cape than we could ever recoup.

-We had our well water tested for Uranium (by Aquatek, which the city uses) and it was well within limits (4.5ugL/ 30ugL allowable.) So, while like many families we face many issues, water wasn't previously one of those issues.

-We are concerned for select properties downstream whose levels are reportedly in excess of 20k ugL, but there have to be other solutions than going after individual families for $30,000- a whole lot of dollars for us!- to pay for fixing other properties’ water.

-In our situation, who will ultimately pay for these other properties to get city water? Our 10th and 8th grade children. They would have to take on higher loans than we had tried to plan, more than is reasonable. Do people understand how hard it is, these days, to save for college, particularly with our exorbitant and in some cases disproportionately high property taxes and home purchase costs?

-A note on Uranium. It seems as though in most cases, we are talking about a 2-5k cost for a filtration system. I’ve heard of a select few that have had estimates at 30k. But again, there must be other solutions vs. going after individual families for $30,000 to pay for the remediation of other properties. This makes no sense.

-We do not even object to digging up, yet again, our taxpayer- paid new Chestnut Hill paving; or to blasting ledge in the street if that is required; though some residents certainly may object to this. Though we will have a problem if there is damage to the underlying structure supporting our driveway, for which we’ve already paid $20k to fix the bottom portion to the street.

It seems as though this project is MDC- initiated to improve their system and should be considered Class I.

Even if it were to continue as a Class II project, water ordinances state any property which does not “specially benefit” should not be assessed: possible grounds for litigation. There may be many properties in Glastonbury which will be problematic in the near future.

This could delay, and cost water-users more too.

Thank you for hearing all of your residents!
Kerry Sevigny & Uyen Phan,
220 Chestnut Hill Rd.
MEMORANDUM

To: The Metropolitan District (DistrictClerk@themdc.com)
From: J. Erika Dworkin
       314 Chestnut Hill Road
       Glastonbury, CT 06033
       202.270.5612 – Cell
Date: June 22, 2019
Re: Chestnut Hill Public Water Main Project
   Class II, Distribution Main
   Public Hearing June 26, 2019

Regarding the above-referenced proposed project, please note my questions below. As is appropriate, I am hoping MDC will address these at the upcoming hearing. I reserve the right to raise additional issues and pose other questions in the future, before the project is commenced.

1. My name is J. Erika Dworkin, NOT Erika J. Dworkin, as noted on the Preliminary Schedule of Assessments for Water Main/Chestnut Hill Road – Glastonbury/Direct Assessment document (the “Schedule”) delivered with your registered letter of June 14, 2019.
2. Estimated Adjusted Frontage Calculation & Support: I would like to see the documentation that supports the MDC estimation that my assessment will be $30,400, based on actual frontage calculated at 21.00, adjusted to 320.00. This appears to be an error given that, to my knowledge and best recollection of my deed (another copy of which I am in the process of obtaining), the only frontage of my property along Chestnut Hill Road consists of my driveway. That is, I do not own the property to the left or right of my driveway.
   a. If this calculation is supported by documentation and is correct, I would like an explanation of the estimated “Adjusted Frontage.” How exactly was this determined for my property? (All others, except for the Kipp property, noted on the Schedule show a downward adjustment, or one that is no more than 30 feet.)
3. Installment Payments: Please provide the exact total assessment at 6% annual interest. By my calculation, the fee comes to $2,014/year.
   a. Exactly when in the year would payments be required?
   b. Can annual payments be divided into additional installments over the year?
4. Other Expenses: My understanding is that each property owner will need to hire an independent contractor to connect to the public water main.
   a. Is this understanding correct?
   b. What is the estimated cost or range for such a project?
   c. What is the estimated or standard duration for a water main connection project?
   d. How can property owners expect connection to impact their properties, specifically their trees.
   e. Can MDC recommend certain contractors with experience with this type of project?
5. Project Duration: What are the planned start and completion dates for this project?
6. Environmental & Other Impacts:
a. How will this project, and connecting to the water main, impact the tree line along Chestnut Hill Road or elsewhere, *including* on individual properties? (ie, What is required in terms of tree clearing in order to complete the water main and connect to it?)
b. How will this project impact *traffic* in the area, and for how long?
c. What can property owners expect in terms of *noise nuisance* while the water main is being built?
d. Are there *any other environmental or other impacts* that property owners need to know?

7. **Requirement/Ability to Connect to the Water Main:**
   a. Can MDC or the Town of Glastonbury *require* connection to the water main?
   b. If a property owner decides NOT to connect to the water main, will there still be a town/MDC assessment?
      i. If so, how will that be calculated and how much will that be for my property?
   c. Can a property owner connect to the water main at any time, or must connection occur at the time of project completion?
      i. If connection can be made at any time, is there any financial or other advantage to connect at the time of completion?

8. **Public Water Quality & Treatment:** I would like MDC to provide details on the quality and treatment of Glastonbury public water. Please spell out the benefits of having public water access. Specifically, how does the quality of Glastonbury public water compare to well water?
Lisa Chandler
75 Lentzi Terrace
Glastonbury 860 918 3040

I am in strong favor of MDC water project.

You were busy speaking with others on points.

We have high levels of uranium on our street.

Public safety concern to myself and my neighbors.

Many have not been tested and their children's health involved.

I would have gotten involved if MDC had informed me.

Please call with questions.

Thank you.
Raymond Road

No one appeared to be heard. The following written comments were received:

My name is Joe Murad and I live at 29 Raymond Road in South Glastonbury. I recently attended the public hearing regarding the proposed installation of a water main on our street and would like to state that I am opposed to the project.

While on the initial canvas, I stated I was interested I did not have all the financial facts at the time. Now that I know my assessment, the associated fees, and the cost of connecting, this is a cost I can not undertake at this time. Furthermore, my well is functioning fine and after a discussion with the health department there are multiple tests on our street that do show any significant traces of uranium.

I would appreciate if you could confirm receipt of this message and please feel free to contact me with any additional questions or concerns.

Regards,

Joseph Murad, MHS, PA-C, ATC

Kimberly Lane and Dayton Road

1. Tom Bassel, 125 Dayton Road, opposed the water main project.
2. Nicholas Schmidt, 70 Kimberly Lane, supported the water main project.
3. Susan Pawloski-Burke, 39 Kimberly Lane, supported the water main project.
4. Kathy & Paul Hoar, 73 Dayton Road, opposed the water main project.
5. Jim & Sarah Maben, 17 Dayton Road, opposed the water main project.
6. Mike Raber, 81 Dayton Road, opposed the water main project.
7. Scott Van Sicklin, 38 Kimberly Lane, supported the water main project.
8. Karen Carta, 56 Kimberly Lane, supported the water main project.
9. Paul Silvergleid, 109 Dayton Road, opposed the water main project.
10. Rich McDonald, 82 Dayton Road, opposed the water main project.
11. Mary Hawkins, 41 Dayton Road, opposed the water main project.
12. MDC Commissioner Whit Osgood asked questions about the project.

The following written comments were received:

June 21, 2019

Mr. John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk
Metropolitan District Commission
555 Main St.
P.O. Box 800
Hartford, CT 06142
Dear Mr. Mirtle,

I am writing to formally register my decision to decline the offer of receiving water services from the Metropolitan District Commission as proposed in your June 14, 2019 letter. While I am grateful for the opportunity to be included in the Kimberly Rd. project, I do not have the necessary funds to partake in this project. My lot frontage is rather large, (although the adjusted front footage was a pleasant surprise) and therefore the corresponding payment would be also. I purchased my house in 2006, and at that time the home inspection determined that my water was not potable, as it contained radon as well as other contaminants. The previous homeowners were then required to provide me with the means for securing a radon and contaminant removal system, and provided me with a check for $10,000 at closing. Sure enough, the project came to $9,998 or something to that effect. So much for buying something fun with the extra.

Since I bought during the period when home prices were escalating I paid more than it is now worth. Three summers ago I had my basement refurbished and so took out another loan for that. The reality is I simply cannot take on any more debt. The other reality is that my well has posed no problems and I’m confident that with the filtration system in place it ALMOST tastes as good as your MDC water (my previous house was on your system).

Thank you again for your time and consideration with this project and for extending the offer to those of us on Dayton Rd.

Sincerely,
Richard B. McDonald

41 Dayton Road
South Glastonbury, CT 06073
June 24, 2019

Dear District Clerk Mirtle, Esq.:

RE: Proposed Project of Public Water Main on Dayton Road

This is a revised letter (original letter dated June 21, 2019) to notify you that I am opposed to the construction of a public water main on Dayton Road. My husband and I are retired and live on a fixed income. The direct assessment for our property is $27,550.00. This would definitely be a financial hardship for us at this time. We have always enjoyed having well water on our property and have no health concerns in regarding our well water.

Thank you to the MDC and you for keeping us informed of this project.

Sincerely,

Mary P. Hawkins
41 Dayton Road
Dear Mr. Mirtle,

I am writing on behalf of myself and my husband, James Maben, of 17 Dayton Rd., South Glastonbury, to inform you that we do not support the water main project that has been proposed.

If there is any additional information you need in order to record our opposition to the plan, please let me know.

Many thanks,
Sarah Maben

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Dear Mr. Mirtle,

I am a member of the Kimberly Lane Water Association living at 126 Dayton Rd.

I will not be able to attend the MDC public hearing on Wednesday, June 26, 2019, regarding the installation of water in our area.

I want to receive MDC water.

Sincerely,
Rev. Cathy Rohrs

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Paul 8. and Kathleen P. Hoar
73 Dayton Road
South Glastonbury, CT 06073

June 24, 2019

John S. Mirtle, District Clerk
The Metropolitan District
555 Main Street
P.O. Box 800
Hartford, CT 06142

Re: Proposed Water Main, Dayton Road & Kimberly Lane – Glastonbury

Dear Mr. Mirtle:
We have reviewed your June 14, 2019 letter regarding this project, the preliminary assessments attached to the letter, and the Hearing Map prepared for the June 26, 2019 Public Hearing.

While we appreciate The Metropolitan District's offer to extend service to the lower section of Dayton Road, our well is functioning adequately and has since 1956. Thus, we are opposed to the lower Dayton Road portion and have no desire at this time for MDC service.
Since it appears that seven (7) of eight (8) of the Dayton Road owners oppose the project it seems unlikely the MDC would proceed with that portion of the project. We don’t feel the need to appeal the assessment of the project if the MDC decides to suspend our portion of the project. For the record and if the need to appeal the assessment is required, we would like to point out that we object to the increase in assessment of 25% from 140 feet to 180 feet in the adjusted frontage for our portion of the project.

We look forward to the hearing on June 26 to reiterate our objection to this project.

Sincerely,

Paul Hoar
Kathleen P. Hoar

June 21, 2019

John S. Mirtle, District Clerk
The Metropolitan District
555 Main Street
P.O. Box 800
Hartford, CT 06142

Re: Proposed Water Main, Dayton Road & Kimberly Lane Glastonbury

Dear Mr. Mirtle:

We have reviewed your June 14, 2019 letter regarding this project, the preliminary assessments attached to the letter, and the Hearing Map prepared for the June 26, 2019 Public Hearing. We understand that project planning was initiated by problems with a community well on Kimberly Lane, and that the Dayton Road section of the proposed project was added to plans conceived to address the community well issue. While we appreciate The Metropolitan District’s offer to extend service to the lower section of Dayton Road, we are entirely satisfied with our present well at 81 Dayton Road, and have no desire at this time for MDC service. We also estimate that installation of all facilities needed to provide us with MDC service including off-main piping would cost approximately 10% of the value of our property.

In addition to this letter, I plan to express opposition to the Dayton Road portion of the project at the June 26, 2019 hearing, along with many of my neighbors. Owners of at least seven of the eight Dayton Road properties shown on the list of preliminary assessments are opposed.

Sincerely,
ADJOURNMENT

The public hearing was adjourned at 8:14 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk

Date of Approval