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**WATER BUREAU
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2026
4:00 PM**

Location

Board Room
District Headquarters
555 Main Street, Hartford

Commissioners

Adil (C)	Gardow
Anderson	Lewis
Buell	Mandyck
Currey (Ex-Officio)	Salemi
Desai	Taylor
Gale (VC)	Tierinni

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Quorum: 6

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS**
3. **INDEPENDENT CONSUMER ADVOCATE COMMENTS & QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS**
4. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2025**
5. **CONSIDERATION AND POTENTIAL ACTION RE: PORTLAND AGREEMENT**
6. **DISCUSSION RE: OUTREACH MEETINGS FOR COPPERMILL ROAD & GARDEN STREET PROJECTS IN WETHERSFIELD**
7. **REPORT RE: SUMMARY OF WATER MAIN BREAKS**
8. **REPORT RE: YEAR-TO-DATE WATER REVENUE**
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11. **ADJOURNMENT**

**FIRST AMENDMENT TO 1996 AGREEMENT FOR WATER SUPPLY BETWEEN
TOWN OF PORTLAND AND THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**

To: Water Bureau

January 7, 2026

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of The Metropolitan District hereby authorizes the Chief Executive Officer, or his designee, to execute the attached First Amendment To 1996 Agreement for Water Supply Between Town Of Portland and The Metropolitan District regarding the terms, conditions, and specific obligations under which the District will provide drinking water to the Town of Portland, the full terms of which are set forth in the attached First Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Mirtle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk

**FIRST AMENDMENT TO 1996 AGREEMENT FOR WATER SUPPLY BETWEEN
TOWN OF PORTLAND AND THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**

THIS FIRST AMENDMENT TO 1996 AGREEMENT FOR WATER SUPPLY BETWEEN TOWN OF PORTLAND AND THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT (the “First Amendment”) entered into as of the _____ day of January, 2026 by and between the TOWN OF PORTLAND, a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State Connecticut, acting herein by Michael Pelton, its First Selectman, duly authorized (hereafter “Portland” or the “Town”), and THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT, a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut, having its principal place of business in Hartford, Connecticut, acting herein by Scott W. Jellison, its Chief Executive Officer, duly authorized (hereafter the “District”).

R E C I T A L S

WHEREAS, the Town and the District entered into an Agreement dated January 26, 1996, whereby the District agreed to supply potable water to Portland (the “Agreement”), upon certain terms and conditions as more particular set forth therein, and subject to the approval the State of Connecticut Departments of Public Health (“CT DPH”) and the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, formerly the Department of Environmental Protection (“CT DEEP”); and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 1997, CT DPH issued a “Sale of Excess Water Permit,” identified as permit #97-01, allowing the sale of excess water by the District to Portland in the quantities set forth in the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2008, CT DPH issued Sale of Excess Water Permit #SEW 2008-03, allowing the sale of excess water by the District to Portland in the quantities set forth in the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2019 CT DPH issued Sale of Excess Water Permit #SEW 2019-02, allowing the sale of excess water by the District to Portland in the quantities set forth in the Agreement, through March 1, 2029; and

WHEREAS, on January 5, 1999, CT DEEP issued a water diversion permit to the District and Portland, identified as Permit DIV-1996-09, and renewed by Permit DIVC-202306582, allowing for the transfer of water from the District’s water supply to Portland in the quantities set forth in the Agreement, through January 8, 2049; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement is set to expire on January 26, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Town is currently developing a new drinking water well as an additional water source for the Town Water Department, when fully operational, is intended to replace, in whole or in part, the supply of water provided by the District under the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, in order to supply Portland with a supply of water from the expiration of the Agreement to the completion and full operation of Portland's new well, the parties, subject to the approval of each party's boards and commissions of cognizance, desire to modify certain terms in the Agreement, as hereinafter set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, for valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. Section 2 of the Agreement shall be deleted and the following shall be inserted in its place:

The term of the Agreement shall continue until June 30, 2028. If, prior to December 1, 2027, the parties have not executed a new agreement addressing water supply and/or an emergency interconnection for the Town, the term of the Agreement shall extend until December 31, 2028. The Town shall have the option to extend the term of this Amendment and Agreement beyond December 31, 2028 until June 30, 2029 by providing written notice to the District before November 1, 2028 to extend the term.

If any permit, required by either the District or the Town for the supply, transmission, diversion and/or sale of water to the Town by the District, is not renewed or otherwise extended prior to its termination, the termination date of this Agreement shall be automatically modified to the termination date of such permit(s). The District and the Town each agree that they shall seek renewals or extensions of any such permits as may be required so as to allow for the provision of water supply to cover the term of this Agreement. If, however, any such renewal or extension imposes upon the District or the Town obligations or expenses not contemplated in the original permit being renewed or extended, then this Agreement may be terminated by such party which would be required to incur such obligations or expenses, upon written notice to the other party, unless the other party agrees, in writing, take responsibility for such obligations and/or expenses.

2. Section 13 Quantity of Water of the Agreement shall be deleted and the following shall be inserted in its place:

During the Term of this Agreement, the District agrees to deliver and the Town shall purchase the following amounts of water:

- (a) From January 27, 2026 to June 30, 2026:
Minimum – 400,000 gallons per day, Maximum – 1,100,000 gallons per day;
- (b) From July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027:
Minimum – 425,000 gallons per day, Maximum – 1,100,000 gallons per day;
- (c) From July 1, 2027 to June 30, 2028:
Minimum – 437,500 gallons per day, Maximum – 1,100,000 gallons per day;

- (d) From July 1, 2028 to December 31, 2028 (if term extended in accordance with Section 2 of this Agreement, subject to regulatory approval):
Minimum – 450,000 gallons per day, Maximum – 1,100,000 gallons per day;
- (e) From January 1, 2029 to June 30, 2029 (if term extended in accordance with Section 2 of this Agreement, subject to regulatory approval):
Minimum – 475,000 gallons per day, Maximum – 1,100,000 gallons per day;

The foregoing amounts are based on an average which shall be calculated over a 365 day period in a calendar year; provided, however, that in no instance shall the Town's use of water exceed a maximum draw of 2,000,000 gallons during any twenty-four (24) hour period, a maximum daily draw of 2,000,000 gallons per day or a maximum of 1,384 gallons per minute. The parties acknowledge that there may be times when the amounts used by the Town may either not meet or may exceed the amounts set forth above. If; however, the use by the Town exceeds the amount set forth hereinabove (a) in a manner that results in a violation of either the Diversion Permit or the Sale Permit, (b) results in a hindrance of water supply to District customers located within the District or within a District exclusive service area, or (c) causes damage to the District System or other District facilities used for the supply of water, then the Town shall be liable for (i) all fines and or penalties that may be assessed by the CT DEEP and/or the CT DPH and all costs or expense of the District incurred in defending or resolving such violations, (ii) for all damages costs, expenses (including attorneys' costs and expenses) and liability that may be assessed against the District by virtue of the hindrance of water supply to District customers, and (iii) for all costs associated within remedying any damage to the District System and/or other District water supply facilities. In addition, the Town acknowledges that the District will be incurring certain expenses in connection with the supply of water to the Town which expenses will not be reimbursed by the Town. The District is willing to incur these expenses based on the understanding that the Town will be purchasing a minimum amount of water from the District and the Town's failure to do so shall cause damage to the District. If the use by the Town does not meet the minimum set forth above calculated over a calendar year, (i.e. 150,600,000 gallons in 2026, 157,425,000 gallons in 2027, 162,425,000 gallons in 2028, 85,975,000 from January 1, 2029 to June 30, 2029) the Town shall pay to the District a sum equal to the difference between the minimum required and the amount actually used multiplied by the rate then in effect for the sale of water to non-member customers; provided, however, that if the minimum amount to be purchased by the Town is not met solely because of use restrictions placed on the Town by the District pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 18 hereinbelow, then the Town shall not be charged for its failure to meet the minimum requirements to the extent it is caused by the District restrictions.

- 3. Section 31 Notices of the Agreement shall be deleted and the following shall be inserted in its place:

All notices required to be sent herein shall be sent certified mail, return receipt requested, express overnight mail or delivered by hand to the parties at the following addresses:

If to the District:

Chief Executive Officer
The Metropolitan District
555 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

With a copy to:
District Counsel
The Metropolitan District
555 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

If to the Town:

First Selectman
Town of Portland
265 Main Street
Portland, CT 06480

With a copy to:
Department of Public Works
Town of Portland
265 Main Street
Portland, CT 06480

And shall be deemed given on the earlier of three (3) business days from the date of mailing, actual receipt or refusal.

4. Miscellaneous.
 - (a) Except as otherwise expressly provided by this First Amendment, all of the respective terms, conditions and provisions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. It is declared and agreed by each of the parties hereto that this First Amendment and the Agreement be read and construed as one instrument.
 - (b) This First Amendment may be executed and delivered in any number of counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original, but all of which when taken together shall constitute but one and the same Amendment.
 - (c) The provisions of this First Amendment shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.
 - (d) As to the District, its Water Bureau and Board of Commissioners approved this First Amendment on January 5, 2026 and January 12, 2026, respectively, and as to Portland, its Board of Selectmen approved this First Amendment on December 17, 2025. Absent all necessary approvals by each parties' commissions or boards of cognizance, this First Amendment shall be null and void.

[signature page follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this First Amendment as of the date set forth above.

TOWN OF PORTLAND

By: _____

Michael Pelton
Its First Selectman

THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

By: _____

Scott Jellison
Its Chief Executive Officer

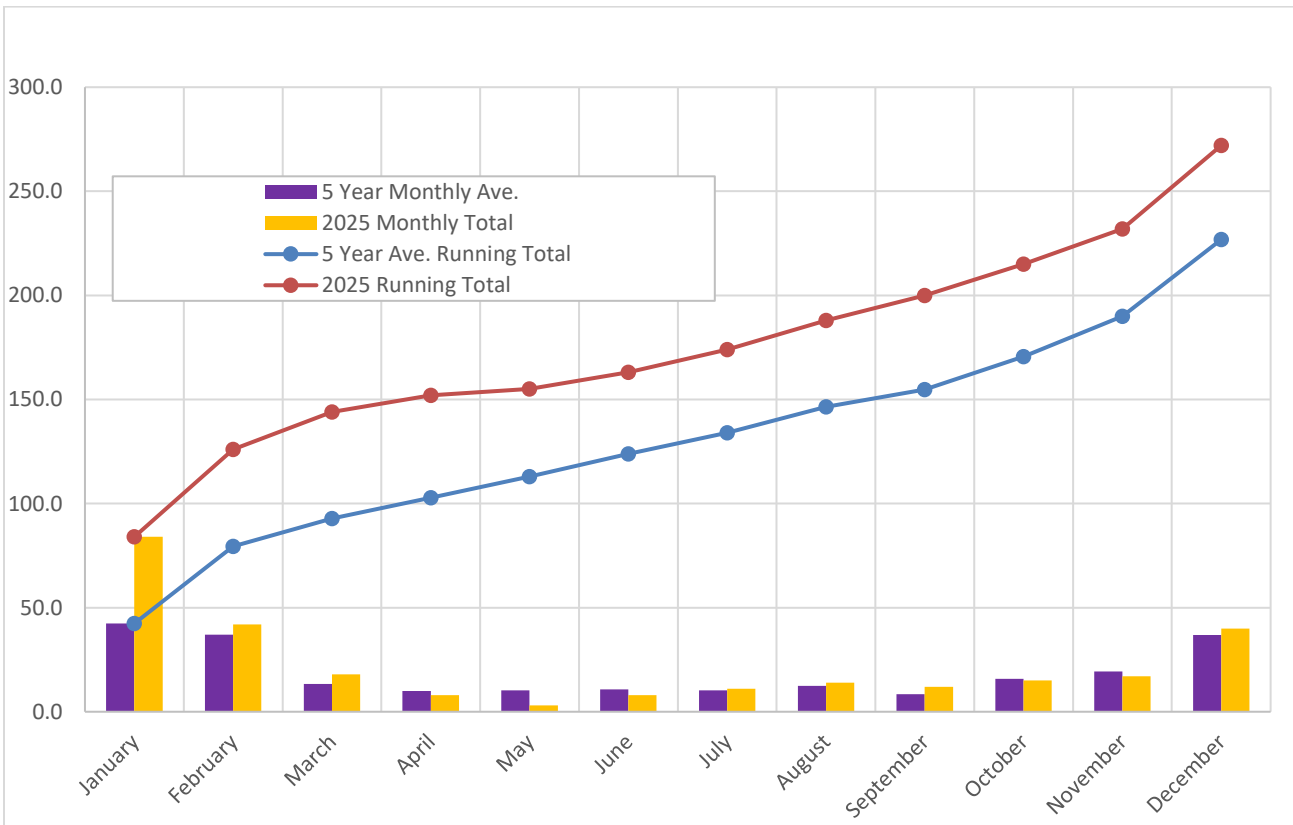
Approved as to form and content

By: _____

Christopher R. Stone
Its District Counsel

Monthly Water Main Leak Summary – December

Month	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	5 Year Average	2025
January	29	56	62	18	47	42.4	84
February	18	79	42	24	22	37.0	42
March	10	25	12	10	10	13.4	18
April	9	13	7	5	16	10.0	8
May	7	17	12	9	6	10.2	3
June	12	11	12	11	8	10.8	8
July	10	9	5	12	15	10.2	11
August	9	10	17	16	10	12.4	14
September	11	7	4	5	15	8.4	12
October	14	6	18	20	21	15.8	15
November	23	21	17	23	13	19.4	17
December	35	21	47	23	58	36.8	40
Annual Total	187	275	255	176	241	223.3	272



WATER UTILITY REVENUE REPORT

November 2025 YTD

Nov YTD is 91.7% of the full year

WATER UTILITY FUND 1120	November 2025			November 2024		
	Full Year Budget	YTD Actuals	% VAR	Full Year Budget	YTD Actuals	% VAR
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 119,702,948	\$ 105,181,582	87.9%	\$ 110,831,154	\$ 100,193,969	90.4%
Sale of Water	\$ 96,863,796	\$ 86,128,615	88.9%	\$ 91,388,900	\$ 83,499,030	91.4%
416110 Water-Domestic	\$ 45,986,289	\$ 40,581,416	88.2%	\$ 43,887,700	\$ 39,134,674	89.2%
416120 Water-Domestic/Religious	\$ 160,698	\$ 73,586	45.8%	\$ 156,000	\$ 73,508	47.1%
416130 Water-Domestic/Agriculture	\$ 38,709	\$ (55)	-0.1%	\$ 37,600	\$ 3,356	8.9%
416210 Water-Commercial	\$ 15,491,938	\$ 13,915,033	89.8%	\$ 13,332,500	\$ 13,430,284	100.7%
416220 Water-Commercial/Religious	\$ 1,208,952	\$ 543,630	45.0%	\$ 1,173,700	\$ 498,907	42.5%
416230 Water-Commercial/Agriculture	\$ 33,625	\$ 53,591	159.4%	\$ 32,600	\$ 36,336	111.5%
416310 Water-Industrial	\$ 3,431,748	\$ 2,782,650	81.1%	\$ 3,331,800	\$ 2,654,522	79.7%
416410 Water-Municipal	\$ 2,748,683	\$ 1,810,321	65.9%	\$ 2,668,600	\$ 1,771,621	66.4%
416420 Water-Municipal/Housing	\$ 684,238	\$ 688,769	100.7%	\$ 664,300	\$ 673,147	101.3%
416810 Water-Resale Treated	\$ 1,895,927	\$ 2,353,589	124.1%	\$ 1,840,700	\$ 2,141,426	116.3%
416820 Water-Resale Raw	\$ 10,000	\$ 822	8.2%	\$ 10,000	\$ 662	6.6%
416900 Water-General Surcharge	\$ 2,184,300	\$ 2,033,208	93.1%	\$ 2,113,000	\$ 2,004,065	94.8%
416910 Water-Capital Improvement Surcharge	\$ 848,389	\$ 809,936	95.5%	\$ 834,800	\$ 819,977	98.2%
417110 Cust Service Charges-Domestic	\$ 18,409,000	\$ 16,838,468	91.5%	\$ 17,618,600	\$ 16,658,006	94.5%
417120 Cust Service Charges-Domestic/Religious	\$ 37,600	\$ 35,021	93.1%	\$ 37,900	\$ 35,173	92.8%
417130 Cust Service Charges-Domestic/Agriculture	\$ 2,900	\$ 2,679	92.4%	\$ 3,600	\$ 2,736	76.0%
417210 Cust Service Charges-Commercial	\$ 2,570,200	\$ 2,478,947	96.4%	\$ 2,305,200	\$ 2,444,654	106.0%
417220 Cust Service Charges-Commercial/Religious	\$ 147,800	\$ 139,353	94.3%	\$ 234,100	\$ 139,636	59.6%
417230 Cust Service Charges-Commercial/Agriculture	\$ 3,900	\$ 4,177	107.1%	\$ 5,900	\$ 4,099	69.5%
417310 Cust Service Charges-Industrial	\$ 249,600	\$ 257,197	103.0%	\$ 327,100	\$ 256,765	78.5%
417410 Cust Service Charges-Municipal	\$ 515,000	\$ 531,362	103.2%	\$ 619,500	\$ 520,051	83.9%
417420 Cust Service Charges-Municipal Housing	\$ 134,100	\$ 129,790	96.8%	\$ 133,900	\$ 130,319	97.3%
417810 Cust Service Charges-Resale Treated	\$ 65,200	\$ 44,260	67.9%	\$ 14,800	\$ 44,243	298.9%
417820 Cust Service Charges-Resale Raw	\$ 5,000	\$ 20,866	417.3%	\$ 5,000	\$ 20,860	417.2%
Other Operating Revenues	\$ 13,197,065	\$ 11,407,411	86.4%	\$ 9,963,995	\$ 8,016,354	80.5%
411040 Property Change of Ownership Admin Fee	\$ 528,000	\$ 352,220	66.7%	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
413040 Employer Fund Contributions	\$ 3,389,800	\$ 2,589,800	76.4%	\$ 800,000	\$ -	0.0%
419110 Hydrant Maintenance-Private	\$ 168,465	\$ 166,658	98.9%	\$ 162,750	\$ 156,409	96.1%
419120 Hydrant Maintenance-Public	\$ 1,687,455	\$ 1,682,505	99.7%	\$ 1,577,900	\$ 1,578,365	100.0%
419130 Fire Protection Service	\$ 6,032,000	\$ 5,860,690	97.2%	\$ 6,032,000	\$ 5,738,728	95.1%
419400 Bill Jobs	\$ 217,220	\$ 331,366	152.5%	\$ 217,220	\$ 144,889	66.7%
419410 RRB-DOT Normal Labor	\$ 105,846	\$ 8,050	7.6%	\$ 105,846	\$ -	0.0%
419430 RRB - Materials/Material Handling	\$ 37,027	\$ 33,154	89.5%	\$ 37,027	\$ 20,105	54.3%
419510 RRB-DPA Labor ST	\$ 467,844	\$ 32,084	6.9%	\$ 467,844	\$ 26,921	5.8%
419520 RRB-DPA Labor OT	\$ -	\$ 5,960	0.0%	\$ -	\$ 2,581	0.0%
419525 RRB-DPA Labor Doubletime	\$ -	\$ 480	0.0%	\$ -	\$ 362	0.0%
419540 RRB-DPA Equipment	\$ 6,522	\$ 33,910	519.9%	\$ 6,522	\$ 38,592	591.7%
419550 RRB-DPA Contracts	\$ 363,602	\$ 62,966	17.3%	\$ 363,602	\$ 138,697	38.1%
419610 RRB-DPA Labor Additive Overhead	\$ 93,284	\$ 61,458	65.9%	\$ 93,284	\$ 50,265	53.9%
419910 Fees: Water Tapping	\$ 100,000	\$ 186,110	186.1%	\$ 100,000	\$ 120,440	120.4%
Non-Operating Revenues	\$ 9,642,087	\$ 7,645,555	79.3%	\$ 9,478,259	\$ 8,678,584	91.6%
423100 Interest Income - Investment	\$ 5,600,000	\$ 3,792,004	67.7%	\$ 5,600,000	\$ 4,898,101	87.5%
423300 Rental Revenue	\$ 119,977	\$ 113,221	94.4%	\$ 119,977	\$ 110,599	92.2%
429200 Rebates & Reimbursements	\$ -	\$ 224,190	0.0%	\$ -	\$ 20,729	0.0%
429210 Collections & Liens	\$ 220,000	\$ 286,089	130.0%	\$ 220,000	\$ 258,466	117.5%
429220 Late Payment Charge	\$ 1,275,862	\$ 688,791	54.0%	\$ 1,275,862	\$ 731,245	57.3%
429230 Returned Check Fees	\$ 60,000	\$ 3,907	6.5%	\$ 60,000	\$ 3,780	6.3%
429260 Legal Recovery	\$ 300,000	\$ 281,171	93.7%	\$ 300,000	\$ 360,820	120.3%
431010 Recreational Sales	\$ 20,000	\$ 14,978	74.9%	\$ 20,000	\$ 16,780	83.9%
431020 Forestry Sales	\$ 256,000	\$ 115,963	45.3%	\$ 256,000	\$ 349,955	136.7%
431210 Misc Revenue	\$ 250,000	\$ 637,368	254.9%	\$ 100,000	\$ 189,849	189.8%
431230 Vendor Discount Revenue	\$ 100	\$ 9	8.7%	\$ 100	\$ 76	75.7%
431240 Sale Of Material & Equipment	\$ 250,000	\$ 118,028	47.2%	\$ 120,000	\$ 282,124	235.1%
431280 Cross-Connection/BackWater Fee	\$ 230,400	\$ 342,740	148.8%	\$ 230,400	\$ 320,392	139.1%
453000 Main Pipe Assessments	\$ 55,000	\$ 22,350	40.6%	\$ 55,000	\$ 14,750	26.8%
440040 Fund Contributions	\$ 1,004,748	\$ 1,004,748	100.0%	\$ 1,120,920	\$ 1,120,920	100.0%

**WATER BUREAU
REGULAR MEETING**
555 Main Street, Hartford
Monday, November 17, 2025

Present: Commissioners Andrew Adil, Peter Gardow, Diane Lewis, Alvin Taylor, Chris Tierinni and District Chairman Donald M. Currey (6)

Remote

Attendance: Commissioners C. Avery Buell, Dimple Desai, John Gale, and Pasquale J. Salemi (4)

Absent: Commissioners Kyle Anderson, Jackie Mandyck and New Britain Representative Michael Carrier (3)

Also

Present: Commissioner John Bazzano
Commissioner William A. DiBella
Scott W. Jellison, Chief Executive Officer
Christopher Stone, District Counsel
John S. Mirtle, District Clerk
Kelly Shane, Chief Administrative Officer
Susan Negrelli, Director of Engineering
Robert Schwarm, Director of Information Systems (Remote Attendance)
Thomas Tyler, Director of Facilities
Dave Rutty, Director of Operations
Lisa Madison, Manager of Procurement
Jason Waterbury, Assistant Manager of Engineering
David Banker, Assistant Manager of Engineering Services (Remote Attendance)
Shereese Rodgers, Assistant Manager of Budget and Analysis (Remote Attendance)
Nick Salemi, Communications Administrator
Julie McLaughlin, Communications Administrator
Carrie Blardo, Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer
Victoria Escoriza, Assistant Administrative Officer and Special Assistant
Kevin Sullivan, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)
Matt McAuliffe, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)
Elizabeth Tavelli, Independent Consumer Advocate

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Adil at 4:03 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

INDEPENDENT CONSUMER ADVOCATE COMMENTS & QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS

The Independent Consumer Advocate did not have any comments or questions.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Gardow requested the September 29, 2025 minutes be updated to include his request for a future item regarding the Coppermill Road and Garden Street public outreach meetings. On motion made by Commissioner Tierinni and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of September 29, 2025 were approved.

REVISIONS TO DISTRICT WATER RATES

To: Water Bureau for consideration on November 17, 2025

The 2026 budget in support of Water Operations calls for unchanged water use charge; however, the customer service charge, fixed surcharge, fire protection rates, and the surcharge outside the Metropolitan District for capital improvements will change. These rates will become effective January 1, 2026. A discussion of several rates that comprise the proposed schedule for 2026 and the recommendations pertaining to each follows:

Water Used Charge – Treated Water

Staff recommends that the rate charged for the use of treated water based on actual metered consumption ***remain unchanged at \$3.91 per CCF.***

Water Used Charge – Untreated Water

The District provides untreated water to other agencies and water companies for a fixed rate based on actual consumption. The current rate for this untreated or “raw” water is \$1.50 per hundred cubic feet of consumption. Staff recommends that the rate charged for the use of untreated water based on actual consumption ***remain unchanged at \$1.50 per CCF.***

Customer Service Charge

Revenues from this customer service charge are intended to support a portion of the fixed operating, maintenance and debt costs associated with water operations. Staff recommends that the following Customer Service Charges by meter size change as follows:

<u>SIZE OF METER</u>	<u>MONTHLY BILLING</u>
5/8"	\$14.98 \$15.73
3/4"	\$14.98 \$15.73
1"	\$14.98 \$15.73
1 1/2"	\$48.60 \$49.35
2"	\$77.80 \$78.55
3"	\$145.89 \$146.64
4"	\$243.55 \$244.30
6"	\$486.07 \$486.82
8"	\$771.16 \$771.91
10"	\$1,777.77 \$1,778.52
12"	\$1,896.38 \$1,897.13

Surcharge Outside the Metropolitan District

A fixed "surcharge" rate is currently added to all accounts for service outside the boundaries of the District. The surcharge is based on the size of the meter that serves each delivery point. There is currently a draft ordinance revision before the Committee on MDC Government to exclude meters installed on dedicated fire services from the surcharge. Revenues from this charge are for the reimbursement of assets deployed. The surcharge rates have been set at the same rates as the Customer Service Charges. Staff recommends that the following fixed Surcharge Outside the Metropolitan District by meter size change as follows:

<u>SIZE OF METER</u>	<u>MONTHLY BILLING</u>
5/8"	\$14.98 \$15.73
3/4"	\$14.98 \$15.73
1"	\$14.98 \$15.73
1 1/2"	\$48.60 \$49.35
2"	\$77.80 \$78.55
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10"	\$1,777.77 \$1,778.52
12"	\$1,896.38 \$1,897.13

Surcharge Outside The Metropolitan District for Capital Improvements

A fixed "surcharge" rate is currently added to all accounts for service outside the boundaries of the District. The surcharge is based on the size of the meter that serves each delivery point. There is currently a draft ordinance revision before the Committee on MDC Government to exclude meters installed on dedicated fire services from the surcharge. Revenues from this charge are for the reimbursement of capital improvement projects outside the District. Staff recommends that the following fixed Surcharge Outside the Metropolitan District by meter size change as follows:

MONTHLY BILLING

METER SIZE	Farmington		Glastonbury		South Windsor		Manchester	
	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
5/8"	\$1.88	\$1.78	\$1.50	\$1.75	\$1.18	\$1.35	\$2.68	\$2.63
3/4"	-	-	\$2.25	\$2.63	\$1.78	\$2.03	-	-
1"	\$3.76	\$3.57	\$3.00	\$3.51	\$2.37	\$2.71	\$5.36	\$5.25
1 1/2"	\$7.53	\$7.13	\$6.00	\$7.02	\$4.74	\$5.41	-	-
2"	\$141.13	\$133.73	\$112.50	\$131.58	\$88.86	\$101.47	-	-
3"	\$329.29	\$312.04	\$262.49	\$307.02	\$207.34	\$236.76	\$469.05	\$459.80
4"	\$564.51	\$534.92	\$449.99	\$526.32	\$355.44	\$405.88	-	-
6"	\$752.67	\$713.23	\$599.98	\$701.76	\$473.92	-	\$1,072.10	\$1,050.96
8"	\$1,881.68	\$1,783.06	-	-	-	-	-	-

Private Fire Protection Charge

Rates for private fire protection are charged to all fire service accounts, including combination services, based on the size of the service connection. Staff recommends monthly that the monthly Private Fire Protection charges change as follows:

<u>SIZE OF CONNECTION</u>	<u>MONTHLY CHARGE</u>
1"	\$5.00 \$5.50
2"	\$22.85 \$23.35
3"	\$33.75 \$49.50
4"	\$60.00 \$88.00
6"	\$135.00 \$198.00
8"	\$240.00 \$352.00
10"	\$375.00 \$550.00
12"	\$540.00 \$792.00
16"	\$960.00 \$1,408.00
20"	\$1,500.00 \$2,200.00
24"	\$2,160.00 \$3,168.00

Conclusion

Staff believes that the foregoing rate recommendations are justified, reflect the sound financial administration that has earned the District support among credit rating agencies and financial advisors, and are consistent with the policy direction of the Commission.

It is **RECOMMENDED** that it be:

Voted: That the Water Bureau, acting under Section 5-4 of the District Charter, approves the following 2026 water rates:

Further

Voted: That the Water Bureau, acting under Section 5-4 of the District Charter, establishes revised water rates effective with the meter readings rendered on and after January 1, 2026, as set forth in the following **"REVISIONS TO WATER SUPPLY RATES & ORDINANCES."**

**Further
Voted:**

That following the public hearing held on November 12, 2025, as required by Special Act 01-3 adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, and Section 2-14 of the Compiled Charter of The Metropolitan District, the Water Bureau recommends to the District Board, through the Committee on MDC Government, approval of the following **“REVISIONS TO WATER SUPPLY RATES & ORDINANCES”** by the enactment of said proposed ordinances. (Additions or revisions are indicated in red and deletions by strikethrough).

REVISIONS TO WATER SUPPLY RATES & ORDINANCES

SEC. W1a WATER USED CHARGE (TREATED WATER)

For customers which do not resell treated water, the WATER USED CHARGE is the quantity of water used as read at the meter, as follows:

<u>BILLS RENDERED MONTHLY</u>	<u>RATE</u>
	\$3.91 per 100 Cubic Feet

The WATER USED CHARGE for such customers subject to § S12x of The Metropolitan District Sewer Ordinances who purchase more than 802 CCF of water per day, as averaged over a monthly billing period, as follows:

For each of the first 802 CCF of water used per day:

<u>BILLS RENDERED MONTHLY</u>	<u>RATE</u>
	\$3.91 per 100 Cubic Feet

For each CCF of water used per day in excess of 802 CCF:

<u>BILLS RENDERED MONTHLY</u>	<u>RATE</u>
	\$3.16 per 100 Cubic Feet

For customers which, by agreement with the District or otherwise, resell treated water, the WATER USED CHARGE is the quantity of water used as read at the meter, as follows:

<u>BILLS RENDERED MONTHLY</u>	<u>RATE</u>
	\$3.91 per 100 Cubic Feet

SEC. W1b CUSTOMER SERVICE CHARGE

The CUSTOMER SERVICE CHARGE is a service charge applicable to all metered services and services to be metered. The charge shall be determined from the size of each meter installed or to be installed on the premises, as follows:

<u>SIZE OF METER</u>	<u>MONTHLY BILLING</u>
5/8"	\$14.98 \$15.73
3/4"	\$14.98 \$15.73
1"	\$14.98 \$15.73
1 1/2"	\$48.60 \$49.35
2"	\$77.80 \$78.55
3"	\$145.89 \$146.64

4"	\$243.55 \$244.30
6"	\$486.07 \$486.82
8"	\$771.16 \$771.91
10"	\$1,777.77 \$1,778.52
12"	\$1,896.38 \$1,897.13

SEC. W1c SURCHARGE OUTSIDE THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

In towns outside the limits of The Metropolitan District, in addition to charges under SEC. W1a and W1b, there shall be a surcharge determined from the size of the meter installed on the premises, excluding meters installed on dedicated fire services, as follows:

<u>SIZE OF METER</u>	<u>MONTHLY BILLING</u>
5/8"	\$14.98 \$15.73
3/4"	\$14.98 \$15.73
1"	\$14.98 \$15.73
1 1/2"	\$48.60 \$49.35
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SEC. W1d CHARGES FOR UNTREATED WATER

Charges for untreated water sold to water companies and agencies under agreement between The Metropolitan District and such companies or agencies, or by other arrangement, shall be a rate of \$1.50 per hundred cubic feet.

SEC. W1f SURCHARGE OUTSIDE THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

In towns outside the limits of The Metropolitan District for which capital improvements or layout and assessment projects are constructed, in addition to the charges set forth in SEC. W1a, W1b and W1c, there shall be a surcharge on the water rates determined from the size of the meter installed on the premises, excluding meters installed on dedicated fire services, as follows:

1. On or before the end of each fiscal year, The Metropolitan District shall determine the actual cost of each capital improvement constructed for each non-member town and the net cost (cost less assessments) of layout and assessment projects constructed for each non-member town. The costs and/or net costs, as applicable, shall be allocated to the towns for which the work was performed and shall be a surcharge on the water rates of the users located in such towns.
2. The annual surcharge to be added to each user's water rate shall equal the total amount of the costs and/or net costs, as applicable, allocated to the town in which such user is located [excluding costs which the town has paid as set forth in Section W1f(3)] amortized over a twenty year period using an interest rate computed by the District which approximates the District's long-term cost of funds for its General Obligation Bond portfolio-multiplied by the percentage of

hydraulic capacity of each user's meter size (based on the American Water Works Association meter size capacity) of the aggregate hydraulic capacity of all meters in such town excluding meters installed on dedicated fire services. The surcharge shall be billed in ~~either quarterly or~~ monthly installments, ~~as applicable~~, commencing with the first bill sent out in the fiscal year succeeding the fiscal year in which the work was performed and continuing over the twenty year period.

3. The District shall, as soon as possible after the completion of each capital improvement project or separate phase thereof, provide to the non-member towns for which a capital improvement was constructed a compilation of the costs associated with the construction of such project(s). If, on or before the end of the District's fiscal year in which such construction was completed, a non-member town agrees to pay and does in fact pay all or a portion of the cost of a capital improvement constructed for such town, then the amount paid by such town shall be deducted from the total amount of costs and/or net costs allocated to such town as described in Section W1f(1) and used to calculate the individual surcharges as set forth in Section W1f(2).

MONTHLY BILLING

METER SIZE	Farmington		Glastonbury		South Windsor		Manchester	
	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
5/8"	\$1.88	\$1.78	\$1.50	\$1.75	\$1.18	\$1.35	\$2.68	\$2.63
3/4"	-	-	\$2.25	\$2.63	\$1.78	\$2.03	-	-
1"	\$3.76	\$3.57	\$3.00	\$3.51	\$2.37	\$2.71	\$5.36	\$5.25
1 1/2"	\$7.53	\$7.13	\$6.00	\$7.02	\$4.74	\$5.41	-	-
2"	\$141.13	\$133.73	\$112.50	\$131.58	\$88.86	\$101.47	-	-
3"	\$329.29	\$312.04	\$262.49	\$307.02	\$207.34	\$236.76	\$469.05	\$459.80
4"	\$564.51	\$534.92	\$449.99	\$526.32	\$355.44	\$405.88	-	-
6"	\$752.67	\$713.23	\$599.98	\$701.76	\$473.92	-	\$1,072.10	\$1,050.96
8"	\$1,881.68	\$1,783.06	-	-	-	-	-	-

SEC. W6f CHARGES FOR PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE

Rates for private fire protection are charged to all fire service accounts, including combination services, based on the size of the service connection.

<u>SIZE OF CONNECTION</u>	<u>MONTHLY CHARGE</u>
1"	\$5.00 \$5.50
2"	\$22.85 \$23.35
3"	\$33.75 \$49.50
4"	\$60.00 \$88.00
6"	\$135.00 \$198.00
8"	\$240.00 \$352.00
10"	\$375.00 \$550.00
12"	\$540.00 \$792.00
16"	\$960.00 \$1,408.00
20"	\$1,500.00 \$2,200.00
24"	\$2,160.00 \$3,168.00

Respectfully submitted,


John S. Mirtle
District Clerk

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

REVISIONS TO WATER ASSESSMENT RATES AND MISCELLANEOUS WATER CHARGES

To: Water Bureau for consideration on November 17, 2025

In support of the annual water operating budget, staff is submitting these rates in conjunction with the revisions to the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 water rates and other peripheral charges associated with the delivery and sale of water as part of the annual budget adoption process.

Staff has reviewed these rates in light of the costs associated with them on a 'typical' model basis and makes the following recommendations:

It is **RECOMMENDED** that it be:

Voted: That the Water Bureau hereby adopts the following schedule of fees effective January 1, 2026:

Water Assessment Rates and Miscellaneous Water Charges

	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
<u>Main Pipe Assessment</u>	\$95/ft	\$95/ft
<u>Service Pipe Taps Domestic & Fire Meter Cost</u>		
<u>Domestic</u> (includes spacer and meter costs):		
1" Service Tap with 5/8" Meter	\$910	\$360
1" Service Tap with 3/4" Meter	\$945	\$395
1-1/2" Service Tap with 1" Meter	\$1,100	\$675
2" Service Tap with 1-1/2" Meter	\$2,130	\$725
4" Service Tap with 2" Meter	\$2,335	\$910
4" Service Tap with 3" Meter	\$3,640	\$2,215
6" Service Tap with 4" Meter	\$4,190	\$2,765
8" Service Tap with 6" Meter	\$5,970	\$4,545
10" Service Tap with 8" Meter	\$15,850	\$14,425
12" Service Tap with 10" Meter	\$18,120	\$16,695
12" Service Tap with 12" Meter	\$18,810	\$17,385
<u>Fire Service Taps</u>		
1" Service Tap	N/A	\$550
1-1/2" & 2" Fire Service Tap	\$1,590	\$1,750
4" and Larger Fire Service Tap	\$1,370	\$1,425

	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
Hydrants		
Installed after the main	\$15,000	\$15,000
Hydrant Maintenance	\$165	\$170
Hydrant Relocation	\$15,000 deposit +/- actual cost + overhead	\$15,000 deposit +/- actual cost + overhead
Fire Flow Testing	\$480	\$480
<u>Special Meter Charges and Deposits:</u>		
Hydrant Meters		
Administrative and meter reading fee, including connection and inspection fees + actual water use to be billed	\$1,500	\$1,500
Hydrant Meter Deposit	\$2,000	\$3,250
Replacement of Damaged District Meters		
5/8" meter	\$360	\$500
3/4" meter	\$375	\$550
1" meter	\$445	\$575
1-1/2" meter	\$1,140	\$1,140
2" meter	\$1,250	\$1,250
3" meter	\$2,630	\$2,775
4" meter	\$3,180	\$3,550
6" meter	\$5,090	\$7,150
8" meter	\$14,840	\$14,840
10" meter	\$17,110	\$17,110
12" meter	\$17,800	\$17,800
Hydrant meter assembly	\$2,000	\$3,250
Meter box pit (5/8"- 1")	\$1,750	\$1,750
Meter pit (1 ½ " and 2" without bypass)	\$5,500	\$5,500
Meter pit (1 ½ " and 2" with bypass)	\$6,000	\$6,000
Meter pit (3 ½" and Larger)	Actual Cost* + Overhead	Actual Cost* + Overhead
Radio transmitter unit	\$212	\$225
Spacer Charges		
5/8", 3/4"	\$160	\$160
1"	\$181	\$181
1-1/2"	\$225	\$250
2" & larger	\$250	\$300

3rd Party Damage to District Infrastructure
Repair or Replacement (e.g. public hydrants)

Actual Cost* +
Overhead

Actual Cost* +
Overhead

* The charge will be the District's cost of material, labor and equipment used, plus overhead at prevailing rates. In circumstances where this procedure for charging a customer would significantly delay the final billing, the District will use an appropriate estimate of its cost.

	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
Lien Release Fee per Lien <i>(includes delinquent account review)</i>	\$90	\$100
Customer Check Returned for Insufficient Funds	\$60	\$60
Water Turn-on after Shut-off for Non-Payment or Ordinance Violation	\$170	\$225
Water Turn-on after Shut-off for Non-Payment or Ordinance Violation (subsequent event in same year)	\$225	\$275
Customer Private Property Service Call* <i>e.g. lack of water pressure, leak investigation, customer requested water service off/on, etc.</i> <i>*First customer service call is free of charge.</i> <i>The \$125 \$200 fee will be charged for subsequent calls within a rolling 12-month time period.</i>	\$125	\$200
Inspection Service Calls – After Normal Work Hours and Scheduled Overtime/Emergency Inspections <i>After Normal Work Hours are Monday to Friday 4pm to 8am or holidays/weekends.</i>	\$415	\$550
Cross Connection Inspection Fee per building <i>Required by CT Dept. of Public Health. Per DPH regulation, this inspection is required either annually or every five years. The fee will be billed monthly in advance in the amount of either \$2.50 per month (5-year inspection required) or \$12.50 per month (annual inspection required).</i>	\$150	\$150
Backflow Device Testing per device <i>Required by CT Dept. of Public Health but customer may hire private contractor to perform test</i>	\$115	\$115
Property Change of Ownership Administrative Fee <i>Administrative support of customer property sales including coordination with closing attorneys, midcycle meter readings & bill issuance for closing, closeout of customer accounts & opening new customer account.</i>	\$110	\$110
Failure to Properly Test/Maintain Backflow Device or Allow Access for Cross Connection Inspection Resulting in CT DPH Violation	\$225	\$225

	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
Administrative Review for Water Services <i>Includes but not limited to the following individual services; availability and capacity analysis, assessment/connection charge calculations, encroachment permits, abandonment of infrastructure, Engineering/Environmental survey and documentation request, new hydrant installation fee by developer or other (per hydrant). The Administrative Review fee shall be paid for each individual service item.</i>	\$670	\$670
Bulk Water Truck Convenience Fee <i>Per load fixed fee including administrative, water, equipment maintenance, and inspection.</i>	\$75 per load	\$100 per load
Tampering with meter, hydrant or water supply First offense Subsequent offenses	\$500 \$1,000	\$500 \$1,000
Water Service Installation Charge <i>MDC will install the customer's water service from the public water main to the property line.</i>	\$150 per foot	\$180 per foot

Respectfully submitted,



John S. Mirtle
District Clerk

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

TUNXIS CLUB LEASE

District Counsel Christopher Stone provided a briefing regarding the expired lease with the Tunxis Club in Granville, Massachusetts.

TOWN OF PORTLAND WATER AGREEMENT

At 4:47 PM, District Chairman Currey requested an executive session to discuss Agenda Item #8 "Town of Portland Water Agreement", based upon a pending claim.

On a motion made by District Chairman Currey and duly seconded, the District Board entered into executive session.

Those in attendance during the executive session:

Commissioners Andrew Adil, Avery Buell (Remote), John Gale (Remote), Peter Gardow, Diane Lewis, Pasquale J. Salemi (Remote), Alvin Taylor, Chris Tierinni and District Chairman Donald M. Currey; Chief Executive Officer Scott W. Jellison; Chief Administrative Officer Kelly Shane; Director of Operations Dave Rutty, Director of Engineering Susan Negrelli, District Counsel Christopher Stone; and Assistant District Counsel/District Clerk John Mirtle.

RECONVENE

At 5:48 P.M., Chairman Adil requested to come out of Executive Session and on motion made by Commissioner Taylor and duly seconded, the District Board came out of executive session and reconvened.

Commissioner Gale made a motion to extend the current agreement with the Town of Portland until June 30, 2026, after which, as of July 1, 2026, Option 1, as set forth by the Chief Executive Officer for any additional water shall be in effect. The motion was duly seconded and resolution passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Option 1:

- 600,000 GPD- Take or Pay
- 1.1MGD Safe Yield
- \$381k increase

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:49 PM

ATTEST:



John S. Mirtle
District Clerk

Date of Approval

**Video of the full November 17, 2025 Water Bureau meeting is available at <https://www.youtube.com/@MetropolitanDistrictCommission> **