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MEMBERSHIP
OF
THE WATER BUREAU
2011

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**Special Representative from the Town of New Britain*

MINUTES

OF

MEETINGS OF THE WATER BUREAU

HELD IN 2011

**SPECIAL MEETING
THE WATER BUREAU
The Metropolitan District
555 Main Street, Hartford
Monday, May 2, 2011**

Present: Commissioners Daniel A. Camilliere, Timothy Curtis, Daniel E. Lilly, Trude H. Mero, Mark A. Pappa, Pasquale J. Salemi, Michael Seder, Raymond Sweezy and District Chairman William A. DiBella (9) (1-Vacancy)

Absent: Commissioners John M. Grottole, Joseph Klett and Special Representative Michael Carrier (3)

Also

Present: Charles P. Sheehan, Chief Executive Officer
John M. Zinzarella, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Business Services
Christopher R. Stone, Assistant District Counsel
Kristine C. Shaw, District Clerk
James Randazzo, Manager of Water Supply
Cynthia A. Nadolny, Executive Assistant
Carol Youell, Natural Resources Administrator
Kerry E. Martin, Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer
Dan Klau, McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter/PH, LLP

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Curtis called the meeting to order at 4:34 P.M.

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 public hearing minutes of November 15, 2010 and meeting minutes of November 16, 2010 were approved.

Commissioner Curtis abstained from approval of the public hearing minutes.

PROPERTY OF THOMAS E. GARRITY, JR. LOCATED ON BEECH HILL ROAD, GRANVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS-Report 4.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 4:36 p.m., Chairman Curtis requested an executive session for the purpose of discussing a potential property acquisition.

On motion made by Commissioner DiBella and duly seconded, the Water Bureau entered into executive session for the purpose of discussing a potential property acquisition.

Those in attendance during the executive session were as follows:

Commissioners Daniel A. Camilliere, Timothy Curtis, Daniel E. Lilly, Trude H. Mero, Mark A. Pappa, Pasquale J. Salemi, Michael Seder, Raymond Sweezy and District Chairman William A. DiBella, Attorney Christopher R. Stone, Messrs. Charles P. Sheehan, John M. Zinzarella, James Randazzo and Carol Youell.

RECONVENE

At 4:45 p.m., Chairman Curtis requested to come out of executive session and on motion made by Commissioner Salemi and duly seconded, the Water Bureau came out of executive session and reconvened. The following formal action was taken:

To: Water Bureau for consideration on May 2, 2011

At a Water Bureau meeting held late last year, District staff offered a presentation regarding the potential availability of certain parcels of land in Granville, Massachusetts. Pursuant to the Bureau's direction, staff has investigated these properties, and reached a negotiated agreement on a purchase of the property by the District, subject of approval of all requisite District boards and bureaus of the District. The Seller is in ill health, and if approved by the Board, staff is prepared to move expeditiously to proceed to close.

Staff is recommends pursuing the purchase of this parcel. Attached is the map showing the location of the parcel within the Barkhamsted Reservoir Watershed, and offers the following details:

Size of Parcel: 99.6 acres

Location: Granville, Massachusetts

Type of Land: Forest land (zoned "residential agriculture")

Description: The property is located in the northern reaches of the Barkhamsted Reservoir watershed to the east of Beech Hill Road and Pond Brook (north of Route 57). The western portion of the property directly abuts Pond Brook for distance of approximately a half-mile. Pond Brook is a major tributary stream which drains to the Barkhamsted Reservoir's major inflow, Hubbard River. The parcel also directly abuts a 46.39 acre piece of land owned by the Metropolitan District located between Beech Hill Road and Pond Brook. Acquiring this new parcel would afford protection to both sides of Pond Brook for a distance of nearly 1000 feet.

Because it is public water supply watershed forestland located adjacent to existing District-owned land and also borders and protects a major tributary stream of the Barkhamsted Reservoir, and would contain considerable Class I and Class II watershed lands (based on Connecticut's classification system), it is a high priority in the District's overall land acquisition goals.

Based upon the foregoing, staff recommends the following resolution:

Be It Resolved that the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan District hereby ratifies a certain a purchase and sale agreement dated April 26, 2011 by and between the Metropolitan District and Thomas F. Garrity, Jr. for the purchase of property located in Granville Massachusetts comprising 99.6 acres along Beech Hill Road and described in Book 7080 Page 221 of the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, as per the attached, subject to the specific conditions set forth therein; and

Be It Resolved that the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan District authorizes its Chief Executive Officer, or his designee, to execute any and all documents necessary to effect said purchase, including the payment of \$100,000.00 and all costs incidental to said purchase, including but not limited to attorney's fees, title insurance fees, and recording fees.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles P. Sheehan
Chief Executive Officer

On motion made by Commissioner Camilliere and duly seconded, the report was received and the resolution recommended to the District Board by unanimous vote of those present.

**PROPERTY OF THE ESTATE OF CALLVIN E. WEST LOCATED ON MAIN ROAD,
GRANVILLE MASSACHUSETTS-Report 5.**

Chairman Curtis announced that at this time, the Water Bureau would not act on Agenda Item #5 and would consider the item at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

ATTEST:



Kristine C. Shaw
District Clerk

November 9, 2011

Date of Approval

**Public Hearing
of
THE WATER BUREAU
The Metropolitan District
555 Main Street, Hartford
Wednesday, September 28, 2011**

Present: Commissioner Timothy Curtis
Christopher R. Stone, Assistant District Counsel
Kristine C. Shaw, District Clerk
Jennifer M. Ottalagana, Manager of Development Services
Cheryl A. Eubanks, Assessment Technician I
Bill Krukowski, Project Engineer
Cynthia A. Nadolny, Executive Assistant

**PUBLIC HEARING ON LAYOUT FOR PROPOSED WATER MAINS IN LEXTON DRIVE,
TERRIE ROAD AND A PORTION OF PAUL SPRING ROAD, FARMINGTON**

Commissioner Curtis, acting as Hearing Officer, called the public hearing to order at 5:00 P.M.

Commissioner Curtis asked the staff to introduce themselves and instructed the District Clerk to address the hearing notice for the record.

Kristine Shaw, District Clerk, stated that for the record that the required notice of public hearing, as sworn by affidavit, was published in the Hartford Courant as required on September 14, 2011 and September 15, 2011.

The following is the hearing notice as published:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON LAYOUT AND ASSESSMENT FOR WATER
MAINS IN LEXTON DRIVE, TERRIE ROAD AND A PORTION OF PAUL SPRING ROAD,
FARMINGTON

THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
555 Main Street, P.O. Box 800
Hartford, Connecticut

The Metropolitan District will hold a public hearing at the Metropolitan District Headquarters, located at 555 Main Street, Hartford on Wednesday, September 28, 2011 at 5:00 P.M. for the purpose of considering the construction of a public water main in all or portions of Lexton Drive, Terrie Road and a portion of Paul Spring Road, Farmington.

All interested parties, both in favor or against said water main, may appear to be heard.

Commissioner Curtis read the following general statement concerning the public hearing:

"This is a public hearing to consider the proposal to install a water main in Lexton Drive, Terrie Road and a portion of Paul Spring Road, Farmington. This Public Hearing is part of the legal procedure that The Metropolitan District is required to follow regarding the installation of water or sanitary service, as mandated by Special Act 511 of the Connecticut General Assembly of 1929. It should be understood that the basic purpose of the hearing is to afford an opportunity for property owners to express their opinions, either for or against the project"

"The plan for this project has been undertaken in response to a petition for water service received from one property owner."

"A final decision on this project has not been made and will not be made this evening. Following the hearing, the Water Bureau, along with the Staff, will review all the facts and opinions expressed at the hearing, in the written statements submitted and any input from the local town health official. After this review, the decision to reject or to go forward with the proposal, either in its entirety or in modification will be made and all property owners will be notified of the final decision."

After Commissioner Curtis briefly outlined the procedure that would be followed during the public hearing, he asked Ms. Ottalagana to discuss the proposed project.

Ms. Ottalagana presented an overview of the proposed project, explaining that the project had been the result of a petition from the Property owner of 19 Lexton Drive. She noted that after the petition was received the District conducted a canvass of the area to determine further feasibility of the project. She read for the record the following results of that canvass:

In Favor: 21 property owners
Opposed: 16 property owners
Neither Opposed nor in Favor: 0 property owners
No reply: 12 property owners

Total: 49 property owners

She commented for the record that the District received a letter of support for this project by Patricia Gigliotti, Senior Sanitarian and Environmental Health Coordinator of the Farmington Valley Health District, dated September 27, 2011.

Ms. Ottalagana explained the estimated costs for the project:

Estimated Project Costs: \$1,500,000.00

Estimated Assessment: \$221,400.00

Estimated Deficit: \$1,278,600.00

Ms. Ottalagana discussed, in detail, the proposed project. She explained that this area is within the MDC's high service area therefore these properties will be assessed at \$41 per front foot, plus a high service charge of an additional \$1 per front foot. The District is also working with the Town of Farmington to coordinate this work with the paving project planned by the Town to occur after the water mains have been installed.

Ms. Ottalagana explained that if the project passes, the construction will start in Spring 2012 and end in Winter 2012 and then explained the history of how the project started.

Commissioner Curtis opened the hearing to comments, questions and opinions from the public.

[The transcript, in its entirety, of the public hearing is available in the Office of the District Clerk]

The following property owners attended, appeared to be heard and were opposed to the project :

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Address</u> |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Glen F. Giannini | 18 Lexton Road |
| Michael Slusarz | 41 Lexton Drive |
| Carolyn Clapp (Pasionek) | 12 Lexton Drive |
| Barbara Bubas | 17 Terrie Road |
| Ann Follacchio | 10 Terrie Road |
| Virginia Hadfield | 48 Lexton Drive |

The following property owners attended, appeared to be heard and were in favor of the project :

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Address</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Pat Santini | 29 Lexton Drive |
| Mark Santini | 29 Lexton Drive |
| Phillip K. Pearson | 44 Paul Spring Road |
| Dorothy Santora | 26 Lexton Drive |
| Dolores Harrington | 19 Lexton Drive |
| Greg Harrington | 22 Lexton Drive |
| Robert Canto | 28 Lexton Drive |

The following property owners submitted written correspondence in favor of the proposed project:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Address</u> |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Phyllis M. Bell | 38 Lexton Drive |
| Sharyn L. & Mark E. Bieber | 7 Terrie Road |
| Elias G. & Elaine Bouzakis | 27 Lexton Drive |
| Marlene Bradshaw | 30 Lexton Drive |
| Robert L. Canto | 28 Lexton Drive |

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Jeffrey B. Coppage & Janet L. Lawler | 11 Lexton Drive |
| Robert A. Davis | 35 Lexton Drive |
| Gary N. Jr. & Kathy A. Eisenhauer | 34 Lexton Drive |
| Thomas A. & Jacqueline Gleifert | 33 Lexton Drive |
| Carol A. Kolp | 47 Lexton Drive |
| Bruce J. & Lynn M. Konopka | 21 Lexton Drive |
| John E. & Kimberly A. Kotlinski | 15 Lexton Drive |
| Piotr & Anna Kowalski | 10 Lexton Drive |
| Xuedong Liu & Danyi Qian | 25 Lexton Drive |
| Donna M. Martin | 52 Lexton Drive |
| Robert M. Rebecca A. Niemiec | 12 Terrie Road |
| Robert J. & Jennifer L. Reynolds | 9 Terrie Road |
| Mark A. & Patricia A. Santini | 29 Lexton Drive |
| Dorothy B. Santora | 26 Lexton Drive |
| Mark A. Timura | 8 Lexton Drive |

The following property owners submitted documents in opposition of the proposed project:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Address</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Tadeusz Adamski & Agnieszka Adamska | 49 Lexton Drive |
| Daniel A. & Mary L. Alteri | 17 Lexton Drive |
| Brian D. & Jodi Bilodeau | 39 Lexton Drive |
| Marie Cillizza | 56 Paul Spring Road |
| Bernard M. Kowalski | 51 Paul Spring Road |
| Thomas P. & Sheila T. Mathew | 11 Terrie Road |
| Barbara & Paul Mordasiewicz | 19 Terrie Road |
| Carolyn Clapp | 12 Lexton Drive |
| Ashleigh Clapp | 12 Lexton Drive |
| Kelley A. Ryan | 20 Terrie Road |
| Jan & Krystyna Silka | 44 Lexton Drive |
| Desiree Spires-O'Malley | 42 Lexton Drive |
| Shirley J. Traskos | 62 Paul Spring Road |
| John R. Varricchione | 36 Lexton Drive |

The following correspondence was sent from the Farmington Health District:

AVON
BARKHAMSTED
CANTON
COLESBROOK
EAST GRANBY
FARMINGTON
GRANBY
HARTLAND
NEW HARTFORD
SIMSBRURY



FARMINGTON VALLEY HEALTH DISTRICT

95 River Road, Suite C, Canton, CT 06019 PHONE (860) 352-2338 FAX (860) 352-2542

September 27, 2011

Mr. William Krukowski
MDC
555 Main Street
Hartford, Ct 06142-0800

Re: Possible Water Line Extension
Lexton Drive Area
Farmington, CT

Dear Mr. Krukowski,

I have been asked to comment on a proposal to extend public water into the Lexton Drive area of Farmington where homes are currently served by private wells. While this office has no direct knowledge of water contamination problems in the neighborhood, we would support extending public water into any area if there are any potential risks to ground water quality or the public's health. This area is served by public sewers so it is not likely that sewage would pose a risk, but since the homes in the area were built several years ago, it is likely that few wells meet construction standards of today. The cost of upgrading wells to today's requirements may approach the cost for homeowners to connect to public water. Furthermore, few people have their well tested on a regular basis, so there is no way to monitor the actual water quality the way a public utility does.

As previously stated, this office is not aware of any imminent health hazard associated with well water supplies in the Lexton Drive area, but would support the extension of public water into the neighborhood. The residents need to be made aware of all costs involved with the project, including the proper abandonment of their existing wells. Installing the water main at the same time the road is being reconstructed makes great sense.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Patricia Gigliotti, R.S.

Patricia Gigliotti, R.S.

Senior Sanitarian

Env. Health Coordinator

Cc: Russ Arnold

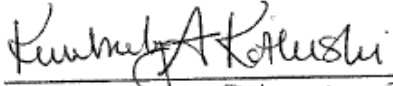
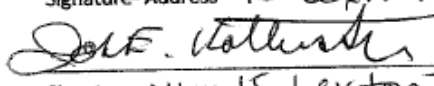
The following written correspondence in favor of the project was submitted prior to the public hearing:

September 20, 2011

*Return to 26 Lexton Dr.
Bob Santora*

MDC
555 Main Street
P. O. Box 800
Hartford, CT

We the undersigned are in favor of construction of a public water main in all or portions of Lexton Drive, Terry Road, and Paul Spring Road, Farmington, CT.

| | |
|--|----------------|
|  | <u>9/26/11</u> |
| Signature- Address 15 Lexton Dr, Farmington | Date |
|  | <u>9/26/11</u> |
| Signature- Address 15 Lexton Dr, Farmington | Date |

September 20, 2011

Return to 26 Lexton
Dot LextonMDC
555 Main Street
P. O. Box 800
Hartford, CT

We the undersigned are in favor of construction of a public water main in all or portions of Lexton Drive, Terry Road, and Paul Spring Road, Farmington, CT.

Kathy Eisenhauer 34 Lexton
Signature- Address9/20/11
DateGary E. 34 Lexton
Signature- Address9-20-11
DateMark 28 Lexton
Signature- Address9/21/11
Date

September 20, 2011

Return to 26 Lexton Dr.
Dot LextonMDC
555 Main Street
P. O. Box 800
Hartford, CT

We the undersigned are in favor of construction of a public water main in all or portions of Lexton Drive, Terry Road, and Paul Spring Road, Farmington, CT.

Robert Davis 35 Lexton Dr.
Signature- Address9/21/2011
Date

September 20, 2011

*Return to 26 Lexton Dr.
Dot Sestora*

MDC
555 Main Street
P. O. Box 800
Hartford, CT

We the undersigned are in favor of construction of a public water main in all or portions of Lexton Drive, Terry Road, and Paul Spring Road, Farmington, CT.

Anna & Piotr Kowalski 10 Lexton Dr.
Signature- Address

9/21/11
Date

September 20, 2011

*Return to 26 Lexton Dr.
Dot Sestora*

MDC
555 Main Street
P. O. Box 800
Hartford, CT

We the undersigned are in favor of construction of a public water main in all or portions of Lexton Drive, Terry Road, and Paul Spring Road, Farmington, CT.

Jeff Gray 11 Lexton Dr.
Signature- Address
Janet Lawler 11 Lexton Dr.
Signature- Address

9/21/11
Date
9/21/11
Date

September 20, 2011

MDC
555 Main Street
P. O. Box 800
Hartford, CT

We the undersigned are in favor of construction of a public water main in all or portions of Lexton Drive, Terry Road, and Paul Spring Road, Farmington, CT.

Charles B. Santora 26 Lexton Drive
Signature- Address

Sept 20, 2011
Date

Elaine Bougalis 27 Lexton Dr.
Signature- Address

9/21/11
Date

[Signature] 27 Lexton Dr.
Signature- Address

9/21/11
Date

Bruce J. Knapke 21 LEXTON DR.
Signature- Address

9/21/11
Date

[Signature] 22 Lexton Dr.
Signature- Address

9/21/11
Date

Delores Harrington
Signature- Address

9/21/11
Date

Thomas + Jacqueline Gleifert

Return to
26 Lexton Drive
Wat Santora

September 20, 2011

MDC
555 Main Street
P. O. Box 800
Hartford, CT

We the undersigned are in favor of construction of a public water main in all or portions of Lexton Drive, Terry Road, and Paul Spring Road, Farmington, CT.

Tom Gleifert - 33 Lexton Dr.
Signature- Address

9/24/11
Date

Jacqueline Gleifert - 33 Lexton Dr.
Signature- Address

9/24/11
Date

September 20, 2011

MDC
555 Main Street
P. O. Box 800
Hartford, CT

We the undersigned are in favor of construction of a public water main in all or portions of Lexton Drive, Terry Road, and Paul Spring Road, Farmington, CT.

Patricia Santini 29 Lexton Dr.
Signature- Address

9/22/11
Date

Mark Santini 29 Lexton Drive
Signature- Address

9/23/11
Date

September 20, 2011

*Return to 26 Lexington
Dorothy Santora*

MDC
555 Main Street
P. O. Box 800
Hartford, CT

We the undersigned are in favor of construction of a public water main in all or portions of Lexington Drive, Terry Road, and Paul Spring Road, Farmington, CT.

Carol Foley *47 Lexington Dr*
Signature- Address *Farmington 06032* *9/23/11*
Date

September 20, 2011

*Return to 26 Lexington
Dot Santora*

MDC
555 Main Street
P. O. Box 800
Hartford, CT

We the undersigned are in favor of construction of a public water main in all or portions of Lexington Drive, Terry Road, and Paul Spring Road, Farmington, CT.

Marlene Bradshaw *30 Lexington*
Signature- Address *9/25/11*
Date

September 20, 2011

*Return to 26 Lexton
Dot Santora*

MDC
555 Main Street
P. O. Box 800
Hartford, CT

We the undersigned are in favor of construction of a public water main in all or portions of Lexton Drive, Terry Road, and Paul Spring Road, Farmington, CT.

Mark Timura
Signature- Address

MARK TIMURA
8 LEXTON DRIVE

9/28/2011
Date

September 20, 2011

*Return to
26 Lexton Drive
Dot Santora*

MDC
555 Main Street
P. O. Box 800
Hartford, CT

We the undersigned are in favor of construction of a public water main in all or portions of Lexton Drive, Terry Road, and Paul Spring Road, Farmington, CT.

25 LEXTON DR
1
Jeff Lin
Signature- Address

Phyllis Bell
38 Lexton Dr
Signature- Address

9/26/2011
Date

9/28/11
Date

September 26, 2011

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Bieber
7 Terrie Road
Farmington, CT 06032

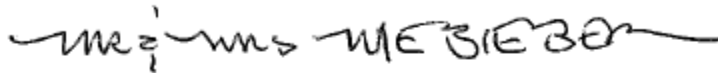
District Clerk
Dear Ms. Kristine C. Shaw,

As residents of 7 Terrie Road, Farmington, we would like to express our position on the Metropolitan District's interest in the construction of a public water main on Terrie Road.

We, Mark and Sharyn Bieber, vote to approve the installation of a public water main that would supply our residence with public water.

We would appreciate a current assessment of our frontage as we feel that the assessment is possibly higher than it should be at present.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Bieber", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark Bieber
Sharyn Bieber

From: reynholds@comcast.net [mailto:reynholds@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2011 6:12 AM
To: Shaw, Kristine
Subject: Waterline meeting

To whom it may concern,

We are unable to attend today's meeting about the proposed waterline installation on our street, Terrie Road in Farmington, CT due to the scheduled meeting time. We would like to go on record as to being 100% in favor of the waterline. Can you please respond to this email to let me know that it was received.

Robert & Jennifer Reynolds
9 Terrie Rd
Farmington, CT 06032

To whom it may concern

I Anna Kowalski &
Piotr Kowalski

at 10 Lexington Dr.,

Farmington,

we can not attend
the public hearing,
but we want
the public water.

If you have any
questions my

tel. NO is 860 674-9773

Thank You

September 20, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

We are property owners at 11 Lexton Drive and we are **IN FAVOR** of extending MDC water service onto our street. We respect every homeowner's right to independently evaluate this issue. However, here are additional thoughts to consider as each of us decides whether to attend the MDC meeting on September 28 or provide input via letter:

- While we are not eager to undertake the expense of construction of a public water main, we firmly believe that our property values will be enhanced by having a public water supply available on our street. The cost of the MDC water line can be amortized over 15 years, at a 6% per annum interest charge.
- We have had very hard water for years, and many houses in the area have water softeners. These systems must be maintained and replaced over time, and we have been purchasing the bags of salt to fill the softener tank for years. The expense, maintenance, and environmental impact of these systems could be eliminated.
- We are aware of at least one or two neighborhood homes having an issue with contamination of their wells in the past.
- Unless wells are tested for thousands of substances, we cannot be sure of the water's content or chemical makeup. Water potability testing covers only a few of the contaminants that could be present in the water.
- Whenever we lose power, we are also without water, since electricity runs the pumps that bring water from our wells. This would not be the case with city water.
- Any problem with a well may require extensive digging to figure out what is wrong. Most wells in the neighborhood are now 50-60 years old.
- We are not required to hook up to public water, even if it is put in by the MDC. It is possible to have **both** well water **and** MDC water available for your home use.

Jeffrey Coppage

Janet Lawler

From: R N [rniemiec@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2011 3:28 PM
To: Shaw, Kristine
Cc: Sweezy, Victoria
Subject: Waterline meeting this evening @ 5:00pm

To whom it may concern,

We live on 12 Terrie Road, Farmington, CT, but will be unable to attend the meeting regarding the proposed waterline installation in the neighborhood, but would like to inform you that we are in favor of the waterline.

Please keep us informed on the outcome of the meeting this evening. Hopefully, everything will go as planned and will be able to enjoy the benefits of MDC water in the near future.

Thank you for your anticipated response and the opportunity to be considered for your services.

Robert & Rebecca Niemiec
12 Terrie Road
Farmington, CT 06032

-----Original Message-----

From: donna@donnamartin.com [mailto:donna@donnamartin.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2011 8:48 AM
To: Shaw, Kristine
Subject: Public Hearing on 9/28

Dear Ms. Shaw,

I am unable to attend the hearing today so I sent you a letter via certified mail to vote against the water main proposal on Lexton Drive in Farmington. It is my understanding that the letter never arrived. In any case I would like this email to override that letter if found.

After speaking with more of my neighbors and learning that there are some people up the street who have unclean water after a hard rain, I cannot in good conscience vote against bringing clean water to those people. I would like to change my vote to being in favor of the project. I am still troubled about having to pay for this project during such a difficult economic time but the health and safety of all of us should come first.

Sincerely,
Donna Martin
52 Lexton Drive
Farmington CT 06032

The following written correspondence in opposition of the project was submitted prior to the public hearing:

Thomas P Mathew
Sheila T Mathew
11 terrie Rd
Farmington, Ct06032

Sept 23, 2011

Kristine C.Shaw
District Clerk
Metropolitan District Headquarters
555 Main St
Hartford CT-06142-0800


Re: Water Main Construction

Dear Madam,

The proposed plan is good, but we want to express our inability to pay the cost in full or with interest as we have reached the retirement age and our income reduced considerably. Presently ~~our~~ our well system is working in good condition.

We hereby state that presently **NOT IN FAVOR OF THE WATER MAIN CONSTRUCTION.** Thanks.

Sincerely


Thomas P Mathew


Sheila T Mathew

September 28, 2011

12 Lexton Drive
Farmington, CT 06032

To All Concerned/Involved:

Re: New Water Plan for the Community

Speaking as an Advocate for the young, middle aged and elderly.

Very disappointed in the time of day 1. Rush hour traffic – 2. Leave work early 3. Parking. Should have been in the Town of Farmington.

No Way I can consider a new MDC water service. I would be forced to sell my home of 55 years. Look at the Government Crashing, Raising taxes. Problem with unemployment and rising. Every day more people in our community are in need of help for fuel assistance, energy assistance and food share. Rising prices of Med/Dental, food, clothes, every day living expenses.

Our investments, stocks, 401K are down or GONE. Retirement and pensions down or GONE. Young adults paying college loans with NO Jobs or minimum WAGE jobs with NO MED/DENTAL.

Corporations in Hartford are outsourced overseas. Sikorsky laying off. Solar Panel Corporation bankrupt.

As stated Homes are 50-60 years old need UPGRADES. 1. Furnace, electrical, plumbing- replace pipes that are lead and copper, windows and old trees @ \$1,000 @ tree and haul away.

Summer 2009 Tornado hit our neighborhood. Many people got insurance \$ for roofs and siding. Some of us were rejected and now have to PAY for new roof. \$8,000 to 10,000 plus. My house is unsafe.

COST- \$4,000 street---\$4,000 plus-street to house. Well removed (Thousands). Dig down to foundation. Dig up landscapes, walkways, plants, etc. DO NOT REDUCE or pay for expenses. \$ for landscape, \$ for mason, \$ replant rebuy plants/schubs and GRASS. PLUMBER price \$100-200 HOUR. Project \$5,000 and more.

HEALTH- Methal Mercury – Many health issues. DEP – No Fishing in reservoirs, streams, rivers, and ponds. Do not eat fish. WHY? Pollutants in our Drinking Water. Arsenic, Radioactivity, Fluoride, Chromium, and lead. See Enclosed.

I lived in a Community with City water. Tastes in water changes from time to time. Due to testing of water each month sometimes more. Can't use water and need to flush for minutes before can use to get rid of rust, and chemicals. Has been due to human error. We choose filtered water.

Well Issues- 1 to 2 neighbors have well problems. This is due to swamp area. They were the last houses to be built because of water levels. Costs of new wells - \$5,000-plus. No electric- use 5/10 gallon jugs- bath tub – snow melt – outside.

Do not use water for washing cars, boats, driveways, sidewalks, pools, and lawns.

You can purchase a purifying system for \$400-600.

Walmart – Bruns - \$20.00.

If neighbors want this, please chip in for the neighbors that cannot afford it.

Thank you for your concern.



Carolyn Clapp

9/26/11

To Whom It May Concern-

I am a resident on 12 Lexton Drive in Farmington, CT and writing to say that I am AGAINST changing over to city water.

I moved into the neighborhood to be with my grandmother, support her and my mother as well as paying for college. At this time I am an unemployed college student, living at home, paying \$20,000 in college loans and barely making enough to pay the monthly bills. Having to come up with an extra \$4000 to change over to city water is not something I have or am willing to do at this point in time.

This is not the time to be spending extra and unnecessary money to pay for city water installation. The State and US economy is in recession and many people are moving into the low income bracket and do not have enough money to supply food for their families.

Please think of helping those in need, instead of spending money on city water.

-Ashleigh Clapp



9/22/2011

From Daniel & Mary Alteri
17 Lexton Drive
Farmington, CT 06032

To The Attention of Kristine Shaw
District Clerk:

We are writing this letter due to the fact we will be unable to attend the hearing
Being held at the MDC Headquarters on 9/28/2011.

We are both against this project of construction of a public water main in our area.

We have had many unexpected things arise this year, and with less hours at our jobs, and
The rising costs of other things, we simply cannot afford to have this project done as we
feel it would be a big burden on our end.

Sincerely,


Daniel & Mary Alteri

Kristine C. Shaw, District Clerk
The Metropolitan District
555 Main Street, P.O. Box 800
Hartford, CT 06142-0800

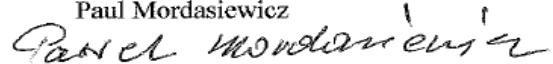
Dear Ms. Shaw:

Please be informed that the undersigned, Paul And Barbara Mordasiewicz, do not want
the proposed construction of a public water main.

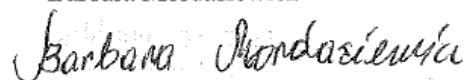
Thank you for the courtesy of your attention to our request.

Yours truly,

Paul Mordasiewicz



Barbara Mordasiewicz



Kelley Ryan
20 Terrie Rd
Farmington, Ct 06032
860.404.2231

September 20, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you in regard to the letter I received informing about the water main that you are proposing to install in my neighborhood. I am very satisfied with my well water and just completed extensive landscaping. I have no intention of hooking up to the water to be provided by your water main. I am also in shock that I am to pay for a water main that I have no intention of hooking up to.

I am not sure why you believe we need to receive MDC water, other then to attain more paying customers. I, for one, see no need for this and this expense would present a hardship on my family with no benefit. I would like my objection to the 'Lexton Drive' project to be noted in your meeting on September 28. Having young children and being a single parent I cannot possibly attend the meeting.

If you have any questions or wish to contact me please do so. Thank you for hearing my concerns.

Sincerely,



Kelley Ryan

39 Lexton Dr.
Farmington, Ct 06032

To:

MDC
555 Main St.
PO Box 800
Hartford CT 06142

To Whom It May Concern:


We are writing this letter to vote **AGAINST** the water main proposal for Lexton Drive.

Below is our reasoning.

1. We have owned this house since the year it was built in 1964 and never had any problems with our well.
2. We enjoy the taste of our well water. We do not want our children drinking water containing CHEMICALS
3. As your assessment only tells the homeowners what the cost would be to install these water lines, you have not included the cost of hook up (street to house) or the cost of repairing our lawns or moving any plants etc. I am assuming that this is going to be another GREAT expense to us.
4. Do you really think that this is an appropriate time to propose this project seeing that our state has a 9% unemployment rate? With the current state of the economy we (as many others) can not afford any additional bills. After experiencing a 16 month unemployment ourselves This will cause yet another bill (\$4,200+) and a regular water charge to us every quarter. This is unacceptable as currently my water is free.

We can not attend this hearing but want to be sure our voice is heard that we vote **AGAINST** the water main in our neighborhood.

Thank you
Brian & Jodi Bilodeau
39 Lexton Dr.
Farmington, CT 06032



Brian Bilodeau

September 23, 2011

Desiree E. Spires-O'Malley
42 Lexton Drive
Farmington, Ct. 06032

To Kristine C. Shaw
District Clerk
The Metropolitan District
555 Main Street, P.O. Box 800
Hartford, Ct 06142

To all concerned:

I would like to make it very clear that we are very happy with our water from our well and have absolutely no desire to change.

I do not wish to participate in a public water supply or the costs that go along with it. I will not be at the meeting as there is nothing more I have to add.

So let me make this very clear I vote **NO!**

Sincerely,



Desiree E. Spires-O'Malley

September 23, 2011

Metropolitan District Headquarter
555 Main Street
Hartford, CT. 06142-0800

Dear Sir/ Madam:

Please be advised that we are the property owners on 44 Lexton Drive, Farmington, CT. 06032 and we purchased the property on April, 2011.

We are against of extending MDC water service onto our street, due to the fact that we have no prior knowledge if this type of project was ever considered before and why it was not done.

There are many unanswered questions that we have:

1. If we do not proceed with the project now, what are our consequences later ? Will we have a chance later to connect to the city water?
2. What will be the cost later?
3. If the project passes will we be liable for our part of the cost in the sum of \$4,200.00?

Please respond to our questions.

Sincerely,



Krystyna Silka
Jan Silka
44 Lexton Drive
Farmington, CT. 06032

September 21, 2011

Kristine C. Shaw
District Clerk
The Metropolitan District
555 Main Street,
Hartford, CT

Dear Kristine:

I would like to send my opinion about proposed construction of public water main. I strongly DISAGREE, OPPOSE and put my full disapproval of that unnecessary and completely senseless project.

All of us struggle with higher taxes, unemployment, rising costs of living and the whole recession. Many of us have problems to cover present expenses, do not think about any extravagances. That proposed project it is an extravagance.

Residents of proposed streets have already wells, installation of it cost thousands of dollars. They work very well, provide high quality water. Why we should finance that senseless project to disconnect those wells?

Proposed offer is cynical and full of hypocrisy for residents like myself, my wife and my neighbors.

Tadeusz Adamski,
Agnieszka Adamska
49 Lexton Drive
Farmington, CT 06032


Handwritten signatures of Tadeusz Adamski and Agnieszka Adamska. The signatures are written in cursive, with 'Tadeusz' and 'Agnieszka' on the left and 'Adamski' and 'Adamska' on the right.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON LAYOUT AND ASSESSMENT FOR WATER
MAINS IN LEXTON DRIVE, TERRIE ROAD AND A PORTION OF PAUL SPRING
ROAD, FARMINGTON

THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
555 Main Street, P.O. Box 800
Hartford, Connecticut

The Metropolitan District will hold a public hearing at the Metropolitan District Headquarters, located at 555 Main Street, Hartford on Wednesday, September 28, 2011 at 5:00 P.M. for the purpose of considering the construction of a public water main in all or portions of Lexton Drive, Terrie Road and a portion of Paul Spring Road, Farmington.

All interested parties, both in favor or against said water main, may appear to be heard.


Kristine C. Shaw
District Clerk

Sept. 21, 2011

Dear Kristine C. Shaw:

Please be advised that my wife, Evelyn, and I, Bernard, are opposed to the water main installation on Paul Spring Road.

Sincerely,
Bernard M. Kowalski
51 Paul Spring Rd.
Farmington, CT

To Whom it may concern Lighthouses 0

I have lived in Farmington
all my life. We have had
well water for 64 years.
I am not in favor of
city water. I like our water
the way it is. I am 70 yrs
old and not in favor of
the proposal. First of all
I cannot afford the expense.
Our water is fine we had
it tested and it is not
contaminated. Therefore I'm
completely against it.

Respectfully

Marie Cillizza

56 Paul Spring Rd



September 24, 2011

Metropolitan District
555 Main St.
P.O.Box 800
Hartford, Ct

Re: 62 Paul Spring Rd Farmington,Ct

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you today as I will not be able to attend the meeting at 5:00 on September 28, 2011.

However, I would like to state my concerns:

My home was built in 1949 and I have old pipes and my concern is when the pressure of the city water hits my pipes, I am afraid that they may burst and if they do, am I responsible for repairs.

I am a senior and do not have a job at the present and you stated in your letter it would cost \$3,990.00 with payments over 15 years.

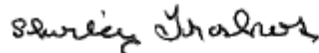
However, I was talking to one of my neighbors and they told me that this price is only for the street. I would have to hire a contractor to connect to my home which will cost over \$4,000.00. I do not have the funds to do this.

So,therefore my vote at this time will have to be:

NO

Thank You

Shirley Traskos



62 Paul Spring Rd
Farmington,Ct 06032

0 Sept 22, 2011

MDC,

I am a resident of Lexton Dr., Farmington, Ct.

I do not want the project of constructing water mains on my street.

I cannot afford the expenses that would incur.

I Like my well water.

I am personally going through difficult times, emotionally and financially. With the recent death of my son and my 12 yr. battle with cancer, the stress created by— with this project would be difficult to bear.

Please do not allow this project to become a reality.

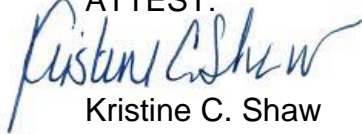
Sincerely,
John R. Varricchione

At the conclusion of the public hearing, Commissioner Curtis announced that Staff will report back to the Water Bureau at their next meeting and statements made by property owners at this hearing would be considered when the staff prepares their recommendation.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 P.M.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kristine C. Shaw", is written over the printed name.

Kristine C. Shaw
District Clerk

November 9, 2011

Date of Approval

**Public Hearing
of
THE WATER BUREAU
The Metropolitan District
555 Main Street, Hartford
Wednesday, September 28, 2011**

Present: Commissioner Timothy Curtis
Christopher R. Stone, Assistant District Counsel
Kristine C. Shaw, District Clerk
Jennifer M. Ottalagana, Manager of Development Services
Cheryl A. Eubanks, Assessment Technician I
Bill Krukowski, Project Engineer
Cynthia A. Nadolny, Executive Assistant

**PUBLIC HEARING ON LAYOUT FOR PROPOSED WATER MAIN IN
NEIPSIC WOODS, GLASTONBURY**

Commissioner Curtis, acting as Hearing Officer, called the public hearing to order at 6:16 P.M.

Commissioner Curtis asked the staff to introduce themselves and instructed the District Clerk to read the hearing notice for the record.

Kristine Shaw, District Clerk, stated that for the record that the required notice of public hearing, as sworn by affidavit, was published in the Hartford Courant as required on September 14, 2011 and September 15, 2011.

The following is the hearing notice as published:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON LAYOUT AND ASSESSMENT FOR WATER
MAINS IN NEIPSIC WOODS, GLASTONBURY**

**THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
555 Main Street, P.O. Box 800
Hartford, Connecticut**

September 14, 2011

The Metropolitan District will hold a public hearing at the Metropolitan District Headquarters located at 555 Main Street, Hartford on Wednesday, September 28, 2011, at 5:30 P.M. for the purpose of considering the construction of a public water main in all or portions of Goodrich Road and Quincey Road, Glastonbury.

All interested parties, both in favor or against said water main, may appear to be heard.

Kristine C. Shaw
District Clerk

Commissioner Curtis read the following general statement concerning the public hearing:

“This is a public hearing to consider the proposal to install a water main in portions of Goodrich Road and Quincey Road, Glastonbury. This Public Hearing is part of the legal procedure that The Metropolitan District is required to follow regarding the installation of water or sanitary service, as mandated by Special Act 511 of the Connecticut General Assembly of 1929. It should be understood that the basic purpose of the hearing is to afford an opportunity for property owners to express their opinions, either for or against the project”

“The plan for this project has been undertaken in response to a petition for water service received from the membership of the Neipsic Woods Water Association.”

“A final decision on this project has not been made and will not be made this evening. Following the hearing, the Water Bureau, along with the Staff, will review all the facts and opinions expressed at the hearing, in the written statements submitted and any input from the local town health official. After this review, the decision to reject or to go forward with the proposal, either in its entirety or in modification will be made and all property owners will be notified of the final decision.”

After Commissioner Curtis briefly outlined the hearing procedure, the property owners in attendance requested that he forgo Agenda Item #6, General Description of Project. For the record, Ms. Ottalagana submitted the following document:

JOB CODE Neipsic Woods, Glastonbury

PROJECT ENGINEER Bill Krukowski

LENGTH AND SIZE OF WATER MAIN 2,400 feet of 8-inch water main and appurtenances in Goodrich Road and Quincey Road, Glastonbury.

NUMBER OF PETITIONERS 23 members of the Neipsic Woods Water Association

RESULTS OF CANVASS (by property owners) MAILED July 10, 2008

IN FAVOR 20

OPPOSED 1

DID NOT REPLY 9

TOTAL 30

STATEMENT FROM TOWN Glastonbury Health Department and CT DPH identified problems with the private well system including elevated nitrate levels, detection of bromomethane and

elevated total coliform and copper levels. The CT DPH strongly recommends the association abandon the existing water supply system and connect to the MDC's public water system. The Glastonbury Town Council, in its July 24, 2007 meeting, formally voted to support the petition.

ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT \$1,000,000

ESTIMATED ASSESSMENT \$148,500

ESTIMATED DEFICIT OR SURPLUS \$851,500

PROJECTED TIME SCHEDULE IF PROJECT PASSES

START CONSTRUCTION Spring, 2012

FINISH CONSTRUCTION Winter, 2012

SPECIAL FEATURES OF PROJECT There are four properties on Lincoln Drive that are members of the water association but are presently served with an existing MDC water main. These properties, although involved in the project, will not be directly assessed, as they can connect to the existing water main at any time and pay the prevailing rates for connection. Since the main on Lincoln Drive is a high service main, the rates for these properties are an additional \$1 per front foot.

BRIEF HISTORY OF HOW PROJECT STARTED Petition received on 9/25/06 from the President of the Neipsic Woods Water Association indicating a unanimous vote to begin the process of abandoning the private system and connect to MDC water.

Commissioner Curtis opened the hearing to comments, questions and opinions from the public.

Sean Peoples, President of the Neipsic Woods Water Association made the following comments for the record:

"Good evening Commissioner. My name is Sean Peoples, I am the president of the Neipsic Woods Water Association. Thank you for having us here tonight. I'm joined by neighbors, many of whom are members of the Neipsic Woods Water Association. I would like to note for the record that there was a unanimous decision of the homeowners association going back to September 2006 to connect to public water. We have maintained this system for fifty years beginning 1961 and it services currently 22 homes along portions of Goodrich Road, Neipsic Road and Quincy Road. We have been operating that system for fifty years, it is near the end of its useful life as we understand it. It's currently being serviced by our provider, Connecticut Water. By pressure by and encouragement by the Department of Public Health we voted unanimously to connect to public water and to disconnect and abandon our system so I'm here to just let the record reflect that on behalf of the neighborhood association that we are unanimously agreed after 5 years of waiting to make this connection. We're happy to be here tonight. Some of my neighbors here may have questions, I'm just going to make a brief statement for the record that we are operating currently under a signed consent order filed in

Superior Court which set an arbitrary date for connection back in December 2009. Now that date was moved back to July 2010 to give us more time and here we are now years later, so we are eager to have this project go forward. We have maintained our system as best we could but its nearing the end of its useful life, it does have some problems but we are unanimously agreed that this project should go forward. We do have support of the Glastonbury town council, we have achieved that, overcome that hurdle. We have support of the Glastonbury Health Department and the Department of Public Health is of course in support of this project. I do not believe there is any opposition, none of the members of the association have voiced any opposition or objection and I don't believe there is any off record. A couple of things I need to raise before I leave this evening: we wanted to petition the Water Bureau to please review the 6% assessed interest. In these economic times and the times being what they are, I know it has been reviewed in the past, I know it's a very cumbersome process to review and change that 6% interest on the assessed financing of the installation, but we would like the Board to consider at least a review of that 6% interest. A question that comes to mind that has been raised in our discussions before the hearing convened was we are contracting or we hope to contract with a private contractor to make the individual connections to tap into the water main to the individual homes and the question is that's been asked of us by the contractors is does the installation of the water main include a curb valve or do they have to actually tap into the main. I don't know the answer to that."

Mr. Krukowski answered:

"The construction, if approved, would include a curb stop on your property line."

Sean Peoples continued:

"The project has been outlined for us, we understand going forward what happens next. Some of my friends here may have questions but unless you have any questions for me, I'd like to be excused."

Sandy O'Leary, Resident of 73 Goodrich Road asked the following questions:

"I'm Sandy O'Leary and I live at 73 Goodrich Road in Glastonbury. I was wondering where is the project actually going to come, is it going to start at Neipsic Road and go down Goodrich and Circle around Goodrich and then Quincy, how is it going to go?"

Mr. Krukowski answered:

"Currently I have a plan to connect from Neipsic Road continuing through Goodrich and connect onto Lincoln Drive, and also from the intersection of Quincy Road and Goodrich Road also to a connection on Lincoln Drive."

Sandy O'Leary replied:

"All right, when you do decide, approve this and go ahead, start to finish, how long would that take approximately?"

Mr. Krukowski answered:

"The construction duration should be about 4 months."

Sandy O'Leary replied:

"4 Months, and I heard that it would be next fall maybe, is that right?"

Ms. Ottalagana answered:

"The completion should be in the fall. We're planning to put bids out over the winter to have a contractor available to start in the spring and be done by this time next year, barring any unforeseen circumstances."

Sandy O'Leary asked:

"Okay, and then our assessments, they're going to stay about the same, right?"

Ms. Ottalagana answered:

"Once the assessments are published they do not change."

Sandy O'Leary responded:

"And I would also like to say that I think everybody would appreciate it if you could consider the interest rate because with the way money is today, and there are a number of people that have bought houses in our neighborhood recently and they've just gotten a mortgage and they expressed a little concern because they can't go back and refinance or do whatever and it's hard for them. And how many years would we be paying this assessment?"

Ms. Ottalagana answered:

"15 years."

Sandy O'Leary responded:

"15 years, yeah. So if we could get a lower interest rate, that would be great. Thank you."

Linda Cimino, Resident of 27 Goodrich Road made the following statement:

"Good Evening, my name is Linda Ciminio, and my partner Doris and I live at 27 Goodrich Road. I just have a question, we were in kind of a different position than our friends here in that our well is a private well. So, we're not a part of the Neipsic Woods Well System. My question is, if we choose not to do it now, the assessment on our house is \$5,330.00, say we don't do it now because everything is fine with our well, we wait 10 years and for whatever

reason we decide to tie in – does the assessment increase over time or is it locked at today's value?"

Ms. Ottalagana answered:

"The frontage amount is what's published, not the actual dollar amount, so if the rate were to change, the frontage would be due at prevailing rates at the time so it could potentially go up if the rate goes up."

Linda Cimino replied:

"So if we do it now, this is the published rate."

Ms. Ottalagana answered:

"The published rate right now is \$41.00 per front foot."

Linda Cimino asked:

"Okay, and if we don't do it now, we could pay more later on when we wanted to do it."

Ms. Ottalagana answered:

"That's correct, the rate, just so you know the \$41 per front foot has been in effect since 1995."

Jeff Greenblat, Resident of 63 Goodrich Road made the following statement:

"I'm Jeff Greenblat at 63 Goodrich. I'd like to go on record of being in favor of the project, but I do have some questions. One question I have is the assessments for the frontage and then the adjusted frontage, how do you decide what gets adjusted and what doesn't get adjusted? I have one of the highest bills here and I'm just curious as to how that number was derived. My lot really isn't any bigger than most, it's probably average if not, a little less."

Ms. Ottalagana answered:

"I'm going to take a look at the assessment listing just so we can compare. Assessments are adjusted if your lot is not rectangular, meaning the frontage of your property is not equal to the rear of your property in length. Therefore, we adjusted based on the Connecticut assessors guide and any property that's larger in the front than it is in the back will be assessed based on that triangle in the front at 60%. If your rear property is larger than the front, you would be assessed that extra footage in the rear with an extra 40% on your frontage. I know it's a little hard to explain without looking at it, but your property, at 63 is a corner lot based on the towns road."

Jeff Greenblat stated:

“The land between myself and 47 is town property. It’s an easement.”

Ms. Ottalagana answered:

“Correct. So being a corner lot, you’re assessed on the shorter side, the frontage along Goodrich Road is 159.31 and we brought it down to 155. If you’d like, we can take another look at it and you can speak with Cheryl Eubanks the Real Estate Assessment Tech if you’d like to look at it in detail but that’s just the shorter explanation.”

Jeff Greenblat asked:

“At this time, or I can follow up with Cheryl.”

Ms. Ottalagana answered:

“You can follow up with Cheryl. And just to give you an overview of how properties are adjusted, the reason why yours is adjusted is because its larger in the front than it is in the back.”

Jeff Greenblat asked:

“Another question, I’m actually chairing the committee that’s been developed to try to collectively find someone to hook us all up and one of the questions that one of the contractors we’ve spoken to had is are there any requirements, I’m not speaking specifically about the well itself, but are there any requirements that you will have at which point they take us off well service and put us on MDC Service? Is there anything that he has to do with the line from the wells bringing water to our house? Cause the well isn’t obviously going to be shut off one day, all the houses can’t be hooked up at the same time.”

Ms. Ottalagana answered:

“Correct. Once the water main is installed, sterilized and approved for connections, we’ll give you permission to start the connections. So you’ll start connecting as it goes along. And as that works out, until the last property is connected to public water, will be the time that the well can be abandoned.”

Jeff Greenblat asked:

“Okay, but he wanted to know if there is something that has to happen where the line from the well comes to my house and no longer brings water to my house because I’m now going to have public water. Does he just tie it off? I’m not an engineer so I don’t even know how to ask the question.”

Ms. Ottalagana answered:

“Okay, you’re looking for the actual specifications as to how to disconnect?”

Jeff Greenblat asked:

“Exactly. Are there specific requirements?”

Ms. Ottalagana answered:

“Not from MDC but from the Health Department there will be.”

Jeff Greenblat asked:

“So I would get that from Glastonbury Health Department.”

Ms. Ottalagana answered: “Right.”

Jeff Greenblat followed up:

“We talked about curb valve. That’s the only questions I have. I’d like to reinforce the fact that we’d really like to see if we can get that interest rate knocked down. There’s not too many people that can say we’re going to pay it all up front. Not that it matters but I had to tie into city water when I bought my house about a year and a half ago because the septic was failed and sewer came down the street in 1986 but the owner choose not to do it, so I had that expense which I wasn’t expecting and I wasn’t even properly informed by either realtor, seller or buyer, that this was going to happen. I didn’t find out until after I closed on the house.

Steve Coakley, Resident of 33 Quincy Road asked:

“I just have one question. My name is Steve Coakley by the way, I’m at 33 Quincy. I do support connecting. My question is, I think it’s a follow up on another question that was asked, will there be a time where we actually don’t have water when we’re in-between connecting or will it be that fast of a connection?”

Mr. Krukowski answered:

“The water main that the MDC installs will be in service when you have the ability to connect. The water to your specific house is an immediate switch or however long it takes the contractor to finish the work.”

Steve Coakley responded:

“Okay, that’s it. One other thing, one of the homeowners on here isn’t listed properly. I don’t know, it’s probably their responsibility to let you know that but I just wanted to kinda give you the heads up, so 100 Goodrich, the letter was sent to the Richard M. Abella Estate. Both of the people that lived in that home past away and the home was sold within the last two months so there is a new owner to that home and I don’t know if they’re on record with the Town of Glastonbury or not, but they know about this because we told them and we gave them a copy but they don’t have this from you.”

Ms. Ottalagana answered:

"We can provide that information to them. We tour the property several times during this process and before final assessments are published we will do it another two times so it's noted and thank you for giving us that information but we'll make sure that it's up to date at the time of publication and everyone will have that information, but we will send this information out to the new owner."

Steve Coakley asked:

"And can I just get your name and phone number so I can follow up with you at a later date?"

Cheryl Eubanks Responded: "Cheryl A. Eubanks. 860.278.7850 X3369."

Steve Coakley replied: "Thank you."

Linda Cimino asked:

"Because we're in a different situation from our neighbors, and I've asked Steve this in a different way, is it possible since we have our own well to tie into the house but maintain the well for outside water or if we choose not to, do we have to find a contractor to shut down our well."

Ms. Ottalagana answered:

"That's correct. The health department can give you guidelines as to how to maintain or shut down the well itself if you want to use it for irrigation purposes but the District will enforce the fact that there can be no cross connection between your personal well and The MDC connection."

Linda Cimino said:

"Then we would be looking at a third cost to shut down the well."

Ms. Ottalagana answered: "That's correct, yes."

Linda Cimino asked:

"I have another question. Will we be experiencing any type of difficulties with when the city water comes with pressure."

Mr. Krukowski answered:

“Pressure ranges between 60 and 75 PSI, which would be within the tolerance of plumbing fixtures but additional measures could be taken at your house to reduce the pressure.”

Ms. Ottalagana added:

“You may have heard that there’s higher pressure on Lincoln Drive because one of the aspects of this project that’s a little bit different is the fact that there are four properties that are a part of your association that are located on Lincoln Drive. They happen to have as their service in their street a high service line, which means its served by a pump station. We are proposing because we have adequate pressure and our gravity line to connect you to Neipsic Road, which is gravity, and then interconnect it with Lincoln Drive but have a gate there that’s closed, so if there’s ever a pressure problem in the future we would be able to open that gate and provide you with higher pressure, however, we would never do that without notification. In this instance, with 60 to 75 PSI, there’s plenty of pressure to serve the second floors of the home with adequate pressure so we choose to design it so it comes from Neipsic without the higher pressure. The difference in assessment is \$1.00 per foot to the homes on Lincoln Drive.”

The following property owners attended, appeared to be heard and registered an opinion in favor of the project:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Address</u> |
|--------------------|--|
| Sean Peoples | President of the Neipsic Woods Water Association |
| Sandy O’Leary | 73 Goodrich Road |
| Jeff Greenblat | 63 Goodrich Road |
| Steve Coakley | 33 Quincy Road |

The following property owners attended, appeared to be heard and did not register an opinion in favor or in opposition to the proposed project:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Address</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Linda Cimino | 27 Goodrich Road |

The following property owners submitted documents in favor of the proposed project:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Address</u> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Leslie and Richard Abrahams | 44 Goodrich Road |

The following correspondence was sent from the Glastonbury Health District:



Town of Glastonbury

2155 MAIN STREET • P.O. BOX 6523 • GLASTONBURY, CONNECTICUT 06033-6523

September 20, 2011

Bill Krukowski, Project Engineer
The Metropolitan District Commission
555 Main Street
P.O. Box 800
Hartford, CT 06142-0800

Re: Neipsic Woods Water Association
Petition for MDC Connection

Dear Mr. Krukowski:

Since September of 2006, the Town of Glastonbury has been aware that the members of the Neipsic Woods Water Association have voted in favor of abandoning their water system and connecting to MDC service. We understand this small system serves 23 homes in the Lincoln Drive area of town, and has provided service for more than forty years.

Recognizing the difficulties inherent in managing and operating a small water system and the proximity of MDC service, the Town of Glastonbury is supportive of the Neipsic Woods Water Association's petition to connect to MDC. We are also aware of the DPH consent order. We hope MDC will be able to move swiftly to complete this expansion.

Please contact me if you require any more detailed information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David W. Boone".

David W. Boone, MPH,RS
Director of Health

c: Richard J. Johnson, Town Manager
Sean M. Peoples, Neipsic Woods Water Association



The following correspondence was sent from the Glastonbury Town Manager :

From: Richard Johnson [richard.johnson@glastonbury-ct.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2011 9:08 AM
To: Shaw, Kristine
Subject: Neipsic Woods

Kris,

Per our discussion, I understand the District will hold a public hearing this evening concerning proposed construction of a public water main to serve the Neipsic Woods area in Glastonbury. The Glastonbury Town Council considered this matter in July of 2007 and at its Tuesday, July 24, 2007 meeting, unanimously supported the petition to extend water service for the Neipsic Woods Water Association. The Council's action was based on the following findings.

- The Neipsic Woods Water Association is a community well system serving 23 homes.
- The community well system has experienced a number of problems as identified by the State Department of Public Health and Glastonbury Department of Public Health including elevated nitrate levels, detection of bromomethane, elevated total coliform and copper.
- A June 2006 State Department of Public Health survey cited the Association with a number of violations including having only one source of water supply, the need to provide water for peak capacity demand, and lack of a site sampling plan.
- Distribution piping within the Neipsic Woods Water Association is over 50 years old and Metropolitan District water service is proximate to the 23 homes.
- The State Department of Public Health is strongly recommending the Association abandon the existing water supply system and is prepared to issue an order requiring connection to Metropolitan District water service.

I will appreciate your making this information available to the appropriate District representatives and part of the public hearing record as applicable.

Should you have any questions, please let me know.

Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager
Town of Glastonbury
P. O. Box 6523
2155 Main Street
Glastonbury, CT 06033
e-mail richard.johnson@glastonbury-ct.gov
telephone 860.652.7500
fax 860.652-7505

The following written correspondence in favor of the project was submitted prior to the public hearing:

44 Goodrich Road
Glastonbury, CT 06033
September 23, 2011

Kristine C. Shaw
District Clerk
MDC

Dear Ms. Shaw:

We are unable to attend the September 28th hearing regarding the construction of a public water main in Goodrich and Quincy Roads in Glastonbury. We support the construction for the following reasons:

1. We are currently getting our water from our private well which provides us with water containing substantial amounts of undesirable minerals. Having MDC water will improve the quality of our water.
2. Our well system is aging and requires ongoing maintenance.
3. Our system is dependent upon a regular supply of electrical power.
IN the event of power outages, we have no water.

The installation of the proposed water main in Goodrich and Quincy Roads would alleviate our above mentioned water concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Abrahams
Leslie Abrahams

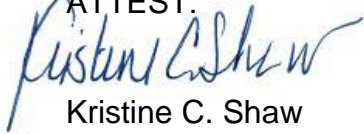
Leslie and Richard Abrahams

At the conclusion of the public hearing, Commissioner Curtis announced that Staff will report back to the Water Bureau at their next meeting and statements made by property owners at this hearing would be considered when the staff prepares their recommendation.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 P.M.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kristine C. Shaw", is written over the printed name.

Kristine C. Shaw
District Clerk

November 9, 2011

Date of Approval

**SPECIAL MEETING
of
THE WATER BUREAU
The Metropolitan District
555 Main Street, Hartford
Wednesday, November 9, 2011**

Present: Commissioners Daniel A. Camilliere, Timothy Curtis, John M. Grottole, Trude H. Mero, James P. Needham, Mark A. Pappa, Pasquale J. Salemi, Michael Seder, Raymond Sweezy and District Chairman William A. DiBella (9)

Absent: Commissioners Joseph Klett, Daniel E. Lilly and Special Representative Michael Carrier (3)

Also

Present: Charles P. Sheehan, Chief Executive Officer
Scott W. Jellison, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Engineering & Operations
John M. Zinzarella, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Business Services
Brendan M. Fox Jr., Assistant District Counsel
David Ryan, District Labor Counsel
Erin Ryan, Assistant District Counsel
Christopher R. Stone, Assistant District Counsel
Kristine C. Shaw, District Clerk
Michael Mancini, Interim Director of Engineering
George Scurlock, Director of Diversity
Robert Zaik, Manager of Labor Relations
Jennifer Ottalagana, Principal Engineer
Cynthia A. Nadolny, Executive Assistant
Richard Goldstein, McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter/PH, LLP

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Curtis called the meeting to order at 5:20 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Commissioner Sweezy and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of May 2, 2011 and the public hearing minutes of September 28, 2011 were approved.

Commissioner Seder abstained.

NEIPSIC WOODS, GLASTONBURY – REPORT OF HEARING AND LAYOUT & ASSESSMENT-Report 4

To: Water Bureau for consideration on November 9, 2011

On September 25, 2006, the District received a petition for water service from the Neipsic Woods Water Association (the “Association”) requesting that public water mains be installed in the area serving the Association. The reason for the request was that the community well system has experienced a number of problems as identified by the Connecticut DPH and Glastonbury Department of Public Health, including elevated levels of contaminants in the water.

The Association is comprised of twenty-three (23) residential homes on separate lots located on Goodrich Road, Quincey Road and Lincoln Drive. The remainder of the homes on these streets have their own private wells. The Association owns and operates its own water well, pump and water distribution system that is over fifty years old. The Association is currently under a consent order from CTDPH to abandon the community well system and connect to a public water supply. Although the homes on Lincoln Drive are part of the community well system, they have immediate access to an existing Class I water main located on Lincoln Drive, and will therefore not be directly assessed as part of this project. These homes will be assessed a water connection charge as they connect to that main.

On August 8, 2007, the District received a letter from Richard Johnson, Town Manager of Glastonbury, endorsing the Association’s petition for water service, and stating that “The Glastonbury Town Council at its meeting of Tuesday, July 24, 2007 formally voted to support the NWWA petition.” He also stated that a “June 2006 State Department of Public Health survey cited the Association with a number of violations including having only one source of supply, the need to provide water for peak capacity demand, and lack of a site sampling plan.”

On July 10, 2008, the District canvassed the twenty-three Neipsic Woods Water Association members and additional homeowners on Goodrich Road, Quincey Road and a portion of Lincoln Drive in the Town of Glastonbury. The canvass results were twenty (20) in favor, zero (0) opposed and ten (10) did not reply; for a total of 30 homes.

The District received a letter dated September 20, 2011, from David W. Boone, MPH, RS, Director of Health for the Town of Glastonbury expressing support for the water main extension. Upon completion of this project, the Neipsic Woods Water Association will be able to cease operations.

On Wednesday, September 28, 2011, the District held a public hearing at The Metropolitan District Headquarters, 555 Main Street, Hartford at 5:30 PM, chaired by Commissioner Timothy Curtis. A total of four (4) residents from the project area attended the hearing and spoke in favor of the project. One of the residents, Sean Peoples, President of the Association, spoke on behalf of the Association, stating that it was a unanimous decision of the membership to connect to public water. Mr. Peoples also stated that the well system is

nearing the end of its life and with DPH they made the decision to connect to MDC water. They have a consent order from DPH and have the support from the Glastonbury Town Council, Glastonbury Health Department and the DPH. Mr. Peoples also asked if the MDC could review its 6% interest rate in light of the current economy. In total, both in responses to the canvass and the opinions received as part of the hearing, twenty-six (26) were in favor, zero (0) were opposed and four (4) did not respond.

District staff and the Commissioner present at the hearing recommend that this project be approved due to the current age and depleted status of the existing private water system in this area, the opinions of the DPH and local Health Department, the request by the Association and the favorable opinions expressed at the hearing.

The estimated cost and benefit summary for this project is as follows:

ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST:

2,400 Feet 8 inch water main (@ \$371.78/ft.) \$892,270
Contingency @ 10% of construction \$ 89,230

Total Estimated Construction Cost \$981,500

ESTIMATED OTHER COSTS:

Legal Advertising \$ 2,500
Blueprints, Maps and Charts \$ 1,000
Soil Borings and Investigations \$ 15,000

Total Estimated Other Costs \$ 18,500

TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST: \$1,000,000

The source of funding summary is as follows.

Estimated direct customer assessments to be
accrued to the Assessable Water Fund \$ 148,500

Deficit to be collected from the non member capital
improvement surcharge or reimbursed by the
Town of Glastonbury \$ 851,500

TOTAL ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST: \$ 1,000,000

As the Bureau is aware, Ordinance W1f requires that any deficits incurred on capital improvements in non-member towns be added as a surcharge to each user's water bill in that non-member town. Therefore, the estimated deficit of \$851,500 will be incurred by the ratepayers in the Town of Glastonbury, or by the Town of Glastonbury itself if the Town so chooses, before the end of the District's fiscal year during which construction takes place.

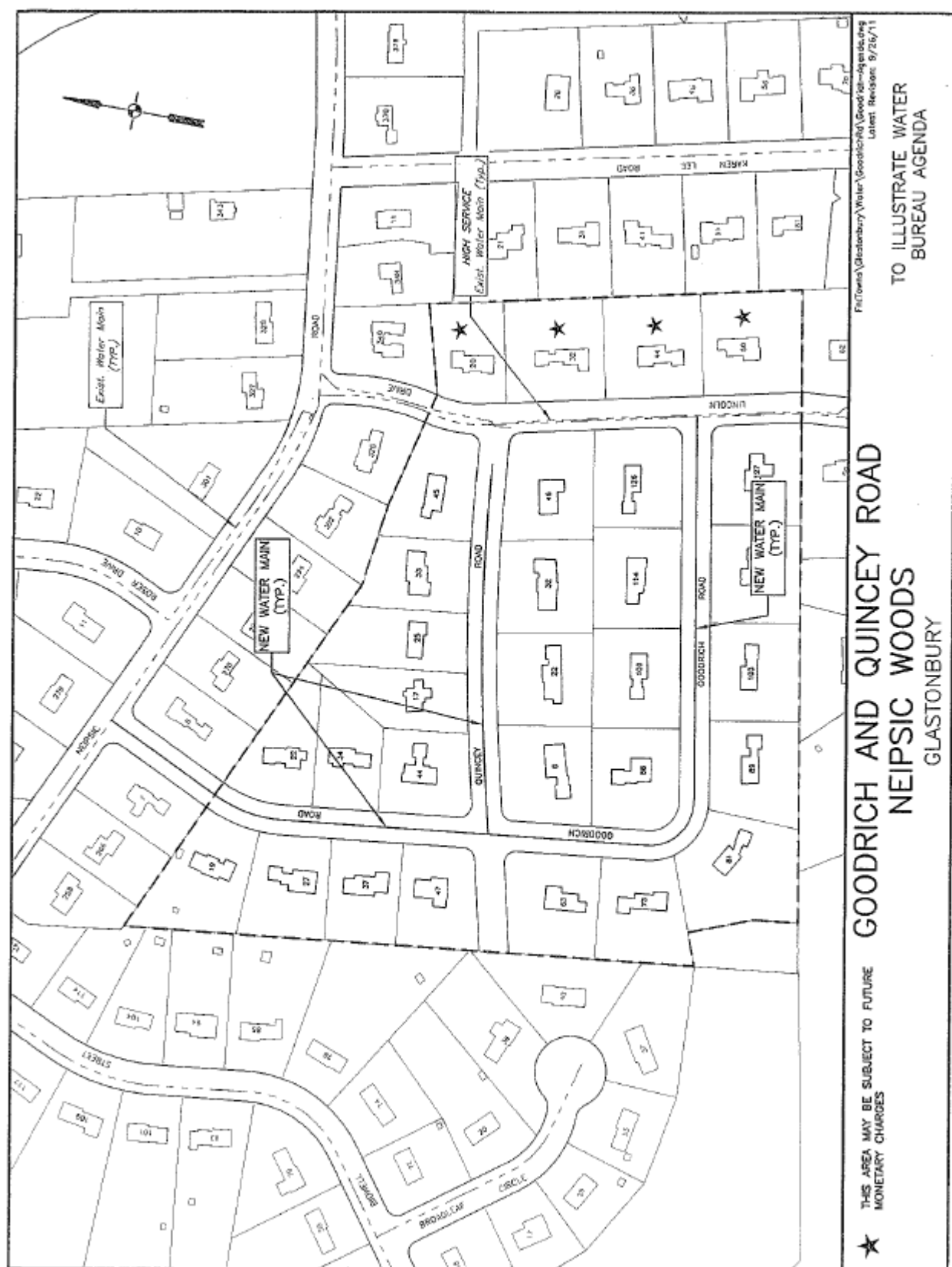
After consideration of the above and any other comments by the Commissioner present at the public hearing, it is RECOMMENDED that it be

VOTED: That the Water Bureau approve the installation of approximately 2,400 linear feet of 8-inch water main in Goodrich Road and Quincey Road, Glastonbury, as a Class II water main.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles P. Sheehan
Chief Executive Officer

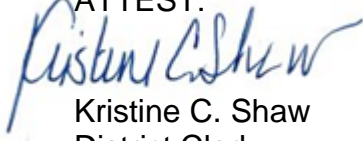
***On motion made by Commissioner Mero and duly seconded,
the report was received and resolution adopted by unanimous
vote of those present.***



ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 P.M.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kristine C. Shaw", is written over the printed name.

Kristine C. Shaw
District Clerk

December 6, 2011

Date of Approval

**Public Hearing
THE WATER BUREAU
The Metropolitan District
555 Main Street, Hartford
Monday, December 5, 2011**

Present: Commissioner Allen Hoffman
Commissioner Pasquale J. Salemi
Commissioner Michael Seder
Citizen Member William Cibes
John M. Zinzarella, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Business Services
R. Bartley Halloran, District Counsel
Robert Constable, Manager of Budgeting & Analysis
Kristine C. Shaw, District Clerk
Kerry E. Martin, Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer
Cynthia A. Nadolny, Executive Assistant

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2012 METROPOLITAN DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY
ORDINANCES**

Commissioner Salemi, acting as Chairman, called the public hearing to order at 5:06 P.M.

At the direction of the Chairman, the District Clerk read the hearing notice that was published in the Hartford Courant on November 22 and 23, 2011 and November 29 and 30, 2011 and also made available to all Town Clerk's within The Metropolitan District's member municipalities into the record.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED REVISIONS TO
METROPOLITAN DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY ORDINANCES**

**The Metropolitan District
555 Main Street
Hartford, Connecticut**

November 29, 2011

Pursuant to Special Act 01-3, as adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, and Section 2-14 of the Charter of The Metropolitan District, the Water Bureau of The Metropolitan District will hold a public hearing on proposed revisions to The District's Water Supply Ordinances as they apply to the water rates for the fiscal year 2012. The hearing will be held in the Board Room at Metropolitan District Headquarters, 555 Main Street, Hartford, Connecticut, on **MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2011 at 5:00 P.M.**

Proposed changes to the rates stipulated under the following sections of the Water Supply Ordinances will be considered:

Section W1aWater Used Charge (Treated Water)

Section W1bCustomer Service Charge

Section W1cSurcharge Outside The Metropolitan District

Section W1dCharges for Untreated Water

Section W6fCharges for Private Fire Protection Service

The proposed ordinances are available for inspection at the Office of the District Clerk of The Metropolitan District, 555 Main Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

All interested parties from The Metropolitan District's member municipalities may appear to be heard.

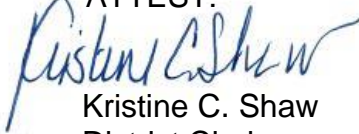
Kristine C. Shaw
District Clerk

Chairman Salemi then opened the floor to any individuals from the District's member municipalities who wished to speak relative to the proposed Metropolitan District Water Supply Ordinances.

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 P.M.

ATTEST:



Kristine C. Shaw
District Clerk

July 9, 2012

Date Approved

**Public Hearing
THE WATER BUREAU
The Metropolitan District
555 Main Street, Hartford
Monday, December 5, 2011**

Present: Commissioner Allen Hoffman
Commissioner Pasquale J. Salemi
Commissioner Michael Seder
Citizen Member William Cibes
John M. Zinzarella, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Business Services
R. Bartley Halloran, District Counsel
Robert Constable, Manager of Budgeting & Analysis
Kristine C. Shaw, District Clerk
Kerry E. Martin, Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer
Cynthia A. Nadolny, Executive Assistant

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2012 METROPOLITAN DISTRICT WATER RATES

Commissioner Salemi, acting as Chairman, called the public hearing to order at 5:07 P.M.

At the direction of the Chairman, the District Clerk read the hearing notice that was published in the Hartford Courant on November 22 and 23, 2011 and November 29 and 30, 2011 and also made available to all Town Clerk's within The Metropolitan District's member municipalities into the record.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2012
METROPOLITAN DISTRICT WATER RATES**

**The Metropolitan District
555 Main Street
Hartford, Connecticut**

November 29, 2011

A public hearing on The Metropolitan District's proposed Fiscal Year 2012 Water Rates will be held by the District's Water Bureau in the Board Room at Metropolitan District Headquarters, 555 Main Street, Hartford, Connecticut, on **MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2011 at 5:00 P.M.**

All interested parties from The Metropolitan District's member municipalities may appear to be heard.

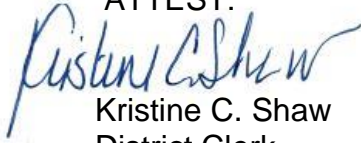
Kristine Shaw
District Clerk

Chairman Salemi then opened the floor to any individuals from the District's member municipalities who wished to speak relative to the proposed Metropolitan District Water Rates for the fiscal year 2012.

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 P.M.

ATTEST:



Kristine C. Shaw
District Clerk

July 9, 2012

Date Approved

**SPECIAL MEETING
of
THE WATER BUREAU
The Metropolitan District
555 Main Street, Hartford
Tuesday, December 6, 2011**

Present: Commissioners Daniel A. Camilliere, Timothy Curtis, John M. Grottole, Daniel E. Lilly, James P. Needham, Mark A. Pappa and Michael Seder (7)

Absent: Commissioners Joseph Klett, Trude H. Mero, Pasquale J. Salemi, Raymond Sweezy and Special Representative Michael Carrier (5)

Also

Present: Charles P. Sheehan, Chief Executive Officer
Scott W. Jellison, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Engineering & Operations
John M. Zinzarella, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Business Services
R. Bartley Halloran, District Counsel
Kristine C. Shaw, District Clerk
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Jennifer Ottalagana, Principal Engineer
Kerry E. Martin, Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer
Cynthia A. Nadolny, Executive Assistant
Richard Goldstein, McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter/PH, LLP

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Curtis called the meeting to order at 5:31 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

***On motion made by Commissioner Lilly and duly seconded,
the meeting minutes of November 9, 2011 were approved.***

**LEXTON DRIVE, FARMINGTON-REPORT OF HEARING AND LAYOUT & ASSESSMENT –
Report 4.**

To: Water Bureau for consideration on December 6, 2011

On September 27, 2005, the District received a petition from Dolores Harrington requesting that public water service be provided to her residence, located at 19 Lexton Drive, Farmington. The reason for the request was the presence of bacteria in the well water. Property owners in the area were canvassed in May of 2008, but the results at the time were opposed to the water main extension.

On March 23, 2010, Russell Arnold, Farmington Town Engineer, requested MDC contact the homeowners of this area again to see if they would be interested in having the water main extended to serve their properties. This request was in an effort to coordinate the Town's paving efforts with a potential utility installation.

On April 13, 2010, the District re-canvassed the affected property owners on Lexton Drive, Gail Road, Petemont Drive, Terrie Road and Paul Springs Road, Farmington, as a result of the request from the Town. The latest canvass results are twenty-seven (27) in favor, fifty (50) opposed, one (1) neither in favor or opposed, and thirty-two (32) did not reply; for a total of one hundred ten (110) properties. In an effort to serve only those areas that were mostly in favor of the extension, the layout was reduced to serve only Lexton Drive, Terrie Road and a portion of Paul Spring Road, which had canvass results of twenty-one (21) in favor, sixteen (16) opposed, and twelve (12) did not reply, for a total of forty-nine (49) properties.

On September 28, 2011, a public hearing was held at MDC Headquarters, chaired by Commissioner Curtis. Thirteen of the forty-nine property owners that could be served by the proposed water main extension appeared at the hearing.

Of those, seven (7) spoke in favor of the project, while six (6) spoke in opposition. Those in favor stated the need due to low well water quality and dirty water during rain events. Those in opposition cited their objection to being burdened by an assessment for District water service which they believe is unnecessary due to the acceptable quality of their present drinking water, provided by existing on-site wells.

Thirty-four property owners also submitted written correspondence in lieu of attending the hearing. Of those, seventeen (17) wrote in favor of the project and twelve (12) wrote in opposition. In total, the following are the latest opinions of the forty-nine (49) property owners involved: twenty-four (24) in favor, twenty-one (21) opposed, and four (4) did not respond.

The Town of Farmington's Health Department was contacted prior to the public hearing and stated that they are not aware of any imminent health hazards associated with well water supplies in the Lexton Drive area, although they support the extension of public water into the neighborhood.

Farmington's Town Manager Kathy Eagen was also contacted prior to the public hearing and she stated that the Town of Farmington is neutral on this project. She also stated that the Town does not have \$1,278,600 for this water project.

Water customers in a non-member town pay a general surcharge and a capital improvement surcharge designed to recover the full cost of building an assessable water project in a non-member town: and these charges are in addition to the normal rate charges that are paid by all MDC water customers.

This project consists of approximately 3,400 linear feet of new water main at an estimated construction cost of \$1,500,000. Staff has completed an estimated assessment list which totals \$221,400; leaving an estimated project deficit of \$1,278,600. The balance of the \$1,278,600 would be borne by either the Town itself or by a non-member capital improvement surcharge, levied on all the ratepayers in the Town of Farmington over a twenty year period, as requested by the Town. By virtue of the fact that the Town has not stated a position of support, it also has not indicated the method of recovery for this project.

In consideration of the mixed opinions expressed by the property owners attending the hearing, the lack of any imminent health issues associated with the wells in this area and the fact that the Town of Farmington has not stated its position on this project, the Commissioner present at the hearing and your staff recommend that layout and assessment proceedings for his project, as proposed, not be initiated at this time.

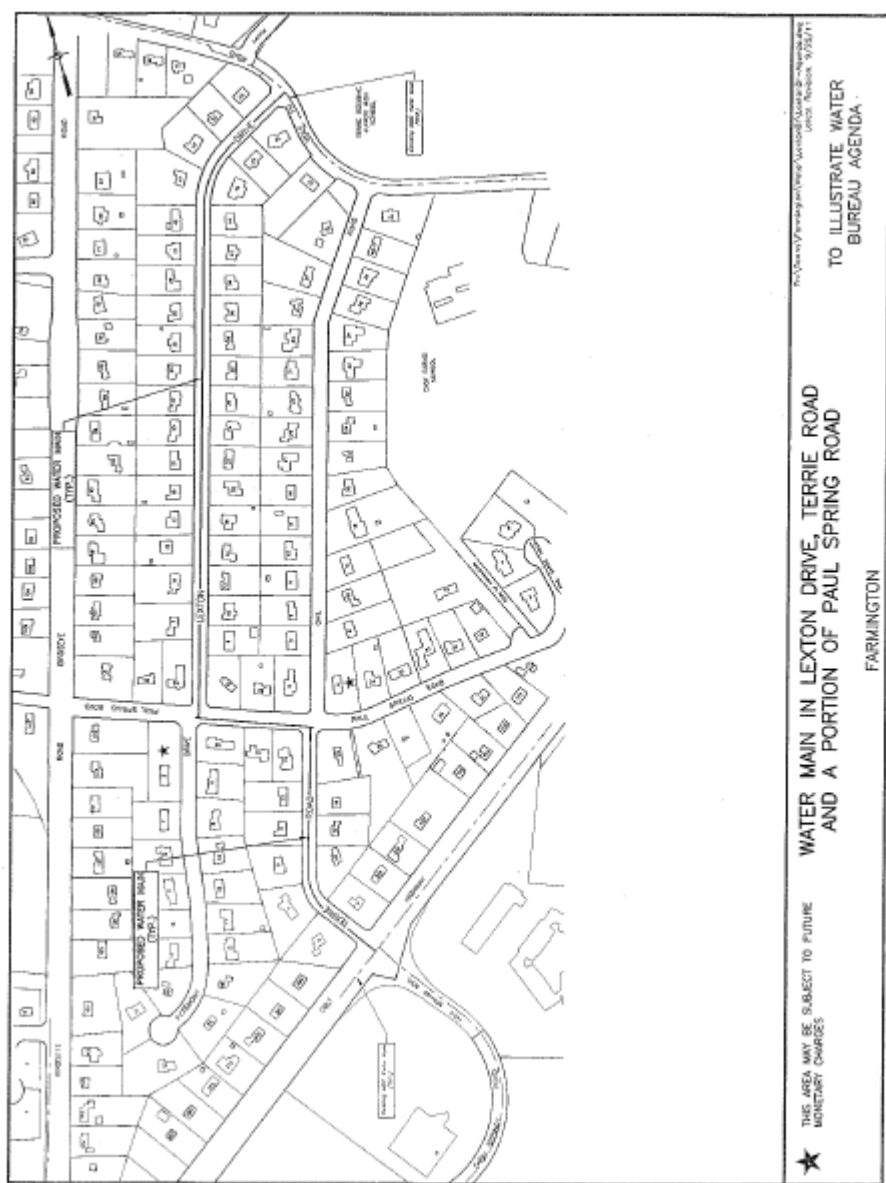
It is therefore RECOMMENDED that it be:

VOTED: That no further action by the Water Bureau take place until the Town of Farmington indicates the need or its support of this water main extension on Lexton Drive, Terrie Road and a portion of Paul Spring Road, the method of cost recovery is selected by the Town, and the District Clerk be instructed to write to the property owners affected and to Town of Farmington officials, informing them of this action by your Bureau.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles P. Sheehan
Chief Executive Officer

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



report: Prior to considering Agenda Items 5 & 6, John Zinzarella presented the following

The Metropolitan District

Water Bureau
December 2011



FY 2012 Budget – Key Rate Assumptions

- Customer Service Charge
 - Changed methodology of charge to cover fixed costs
 - Rate to be increased gradually over several years until 100% of fixed costs are covered
- Water Use Charge
 - Increased from \$2.35/CCF to \$2.43/CCF



FY 2012 Budget – Customer Service Charge

■ Member Rate Changes

| Meter Size | 2011 Qtrly Charge | 2012 Qtrly Charge |
|------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 5/8" | \$ 15.30 | \$ 39.30 |
| 3/4" | \$ 15.30 | \$ 39.30 |
| 1" | \$ 15.30 | \$ 39.30 |
| 1 1/2" | \$ 40.90 | \$ 82.50 |
| 2" | \$ 40.90 | \$ 82.50 |
| 3" | \$ 350.26 | \$ 535.26 |
| 4" | \$ 350.26 | \$ 535.26 |
| 6" | \$ 350.26 | \$ 535.26 |
| 8" | \$ 350.26 | \$ 535.26 |
| 12" | \$ 350.26 | \$ 535.26 |

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FY 2012 Budget – Customer Service Charge

■ Non-Member Rate Changes

| Meter Size | 2011 Qtrly Charge | 2012 Qtrly Charge |
|------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 5/8" | \$ 13.17 | \$ 39.54 |
| 3/4" | \$ 17.91 | \$ 42.96 |
| 1" | \$ 22.44 | \$ 55.32 |
| 1 1/2" | \$ 39.57 | \$ 71.19 |
| 2" | \$ 57.24 | \$ 114.30 |
| 3" | \$ 106.14 | \$ 433.08 |
| 4" | \$ 159.99 | \$ 541.35 |
| 6" | \$ 301.32 | \$ 842.10 |
| 8" | \$ 491.79 | \$ 1,142.85 |
| 12" | \$ 812.10 | \$ 1,774.44 |

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FY 2012 Budget – Member Billing Example

Quarterly Billing Comparison

| Charge Description | CCFs | 2011 Rates | 2011 Billing | 2012 Rates | 2012 Billing |
|------------------------------------|------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Water Use Charge | 25 | \$2.35 | \$59.00 | \$2.43 | \$61.00 |
| Special Sewer Service Surcharge | 25 | \$1.40 | \$35.00 | \$1.90 | \$48.00 |
| Customer Service Charge | | \$15.30 | \$15.30 | \$39.30 | \$39.30 |
| Total Bill | | | \$109.30 | | \$148.30 |
| Quarterly Change | | | | | \$39.00 |



Scenario based upon standard 5/8" meter rates

FY 2012 Budget – Non-Member Billing Example

Quarterly Billing Comparison

| Charge Description | CCFs | 2011 Rates | 2011 Billing | 2012 Rates | 2012 Billing |
|---|------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Water Use Charge | 25 | \$2.35 | \$58.75 | \$2.43 | \$60.75 |
| Customer Service Charge | | \$15.30 | \$15.30 | \$39.30 | \$39.30 |
| General Surcharge Outside the District | | \$13.17 | \$13.17 | \$39.54 | \$39.54 |
| Total Bill | | | \$87.22 | | \$139.59 |
| Quarterly Change | | | | | \$52.37 |



Scenario based upon standard 5/8" meter rates

REVISIONS TO DISTRICT WATER RATES – Report 5.

To: Water Bureau for consideration on December 6, 2011

The 2012 budget in support of Water Operations calls for a 3.4% water use rate increase from \$2.35 to \$2.43 per hundred cubic feet (CCF). The peripheral charges associated with the delivery and sale of water have been increased to cover a portion of the fixed operating, maintenance and debt costs. The water rate increases are attributable to 3.4% expenditure increase in the 2012 budget which increases the revenue required from the water rates to support the budget. The increases will become effective January 1, 2012.

A discussion of the several rates that comprise the proposed schedule for 2012 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 increase from \$2.35 per CCF to \$2.43 per CCF. The increase for fiscal year 2012 would increase the current water rate by \$0.08 cents per hundred cubic feet (CCF).

The recommended rate for treated water, based on actual metered consumption, is:

| <u>WATER USAGE</u> | <u>CURRENT RATE</u> | <u>PROPOSED RATE</u> |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| All Customers | \$2.35/100 Cu. ft. | \$2.43/100 Cu ft. |

Customer Service Charge

Revenues from this customer service charge have been revised for 2012 to support a portion of the fixed operating, maintenance and debt costs associated with water operations. The increase to the customer service charge in the residential category (5/8", 3/4", and 1" meters) will increase by \$24.00, from \$15.30 to \$39.30, per quarter. Recommended increases for larger size meters range from \$41.60 to \$185.00 per quarter.

Surcharge Outside The Metropolitan District

A fixed "surcharge" rate is 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. Revenues from this charge have been revised to for 2012 to support operating, maintenance and debt costs, are derived from approximately 7,200 accounts outside the District's eight member municipalities. This proposed adjustment will result in increases ranging from \$26.37 per quarter on the smallest residential account to \$962.34 per quarter on the largest industrial metered service.

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 \$0.99 per hundred cubic feet of consumption. It is recommended that the charge for untreated water remain at the rate of \$0.99 cents per hundred cubic feet.

Private Fire Protection Charge

Rates for private fire protection are charged to all fire service accounts based on the size of the service connection. Staff recommends a 3.4% increase to all rates for private fire protection.

Conclusion

Staff believes that the foregoing rate change 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.

After reviewing the information contained herein

It is **RECOMMENDED** that it be

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, 2012, as set forth in the following “REVISIONS TO WATER SUPPLY ORDINANCES.”

Further Voted: That following the public hearing held on December 5, 2011, as required by Special Act 01-3, as adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, and Section 2-14 of the 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 ORDINANCES” by the enactment of said proposed ordinances. (Additions are indicated by underscoring and deletions are crossed out).

REVISIONS TO WATER SUPPLY ORDINANCES**W-1 WATER RATES****SEC. W1a WATER USED CHARGE (TREATED WATER)**

The WATER USED CHARGE is the quantity of water used as read at the meter, as follows:

| BILLS RENDERED | RATE |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| MONTHLY AND QUARTERLY | \$2.35 per 100 Cubic Feet |
| <u>BILLS RENDERED</u> | <u>RATE</u> |
| <u>MONTHLY AND QUARTERLY</u> | <u>\$2.43 per 100 Cubic Feet</u> |

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:

| Size of Meter | Monthly Billing | Quarterly Billing |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 5/8" | 13.00 | 15.30 |
| 3/4" | 13.00 | 15.30 |
| 1" | 13.00 | 15.30 |
| 1 1/2" | 21.48 | 40.90 |
| 2" | 21.48 | 40.90 |
| 3" | 124.72 | 350.26 |
| 4" | 124.72 | 350.26 |
| 6" | 124.72 | 350.26 |
| 8" | 124.72 | 350.26 |
| 12" | 124.72 | 350.26 |

| <u>Size of Meter</u> | <u>MONTHLY BILLING</u> | <u>QUARTERLY BILLING</u> |
|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 5/8" | <u>13.10</u> | <u>39.30</u> |
| 3/4" | <u>13.10</u> | <u>39.30</u> |
| 1" | <u>13.10</u> | <u>39.30</u> |
| 1 1/2" | <u>27.50</u> | <u>82.50</u> |
| 2" | <u>27.50</u> | <u>82.50</u> |
| 3" | <u>178.42</u> | <u>535.26</u> |
| 4" | <u>178.42</u> | <u>535.26</u> |
| 6" | <u>178.42</u> | <u>535.26</u> |
| 8" | <u>178.42</u> | <u>535.26</u> |
| 12" | <u>178.42</u> | <u>535.26</u> |

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, as follows:

| SIZE OF METER | MONTHLY BILLING | QUARTERLY BILLING |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 5/8" | 4.39 | 13.17 |
| 3/4" | 5.97 | 17.91 |
| 1" | 7.48 | 22.44 |
| 1 1/2" | 13.19 | 39.57 |
| 2" | 19.08 | 57.24 |
| 3" | 35.38 | 106.14 |
| 4" | 53.33 | 159.99 |
| 6" | 100.44 | 301.32 |
| 8" | 163.93 | 491.79 |
| 12" | 270.70 | 812.10 |

| SIZE OF METER | MONTHLY BILLING | QUARTERLY BILLING |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| <u>5/8"</u> | <u>13.18</u> | <u>39.54</u> |
| <u>3/4"</u> | <u>14.32</u> | <u>42.96</u> |
| <u>1"</u> | <u>18.44</u> | <u>55.32</u> |
| <u>1 1/2"</u> | <u>23.73</u> | <u>71.19</u> |
| <u>2"</u> | <u>38.10</u> | <u>114.30</u> |
| <u>3"</u> | <u>144.36</u> | <u>433.08</u> |
| <u>4"</u> | <u>180.45</u> | <u>541.35</u> |
| <u>6"</u> | <u>280.70</u> | <u>842.10</u> |
| <u>8"</u> | <u>390.95</u> | <u>1,142.85</u> |
| <u>12"</u> | <u>591.48</u> | <u>1,774.44</u> |

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 remain at the rate of \$0.99 cents per hundred cubic feet.

SEC. W6f CHARGES FOR PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE

Charges for connections to water mains supplying water for fire protection, metered, or unmetered, shall be in accord with the following table:

~~SIZE OF CONNECTION~~~~MONTHLY CHARGE~~

| | |
|----------------|-------------------|
| 2" | 13.36 |
| 3" | 17.39 |
| 4" | 26.12 |
| 6" | 43.77 |
| 8" | 65.81 |
| 10" | 110.23 |
| 12" | 154.99 |

SIZE OF CONNECTIONMONTHLY CHARGE

| | |
|------------|---------------|
| <u>2"</u> | <u>13.81</u> |
| <u>3"</u> | <u>17.98</u> |
| <u>4"</u> | <u>26.99</u> |
| <u>6"</u> | <u>45.26</u> |
| <u>8"</u> | <u>68.05</u> |
| <u>10"</u> | <u>113.96</u> |
| <u>12"</u> | <u>160.27</u> |

Respectfully submitted,

Charles P. Sheehan
Chief Executive Officer

On motion made by Commissioner Lilly and duly seconded the report was received. After discussion, and on motion to amend Section W1d, Charges for Untreated Water, made by Commissioner Seder and duly seconded, the main motion was amended to increase the rate of \$0.99 per hundred cubic feet to the rate of \$1.00 per hundred cubic feet by majority vote of those present. Commissioners Camilliere, Grottole and Lilly voted no.

On motion made by Commissioner Lilly and duly seconded, the amended resolution was received and recommend to the District Board through the Committee on MDC Government.

Commissioner Camilliere abstained.

REVISIONS TO WATER ASSESSMENT RATES AND OTHER RELATED CHARGES AND SPECIAL WATER RULES AND CHARGES – Report 6.

To: Water Bureau for consideration on December 6, 2011

In support of the annual water operating budget, staff is submitting these rates in conjunction with the revisions to the proposed Fiscal Year 2012 water rates and other peripheral charges associated with the delivery and sale of water as part of the annual budget adoption process. The only change for 2012 is an increase for the Emergency Inspection fee. This fee has been increased to \$250.00 for unplanned inspections.

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

Water Assessment Rates and Other Related Charges:

| | <u>Current</u> | <u>Proposed</u> |
|---|----------------|-----------------|
| Main Pipe Assessment | \$41.00/ft | \$41.00/ft |
| Service Pipe Taps (Does not include materials) | | |
| 1" Service Tap | \$400.00 | \$400.00 |
| 1-1/2" & 2" Service Taps | \$400.00 | \$400.00 |
| 4", 6", & 8" Service Taps | \$621.00 | \$621.00 |
| Hydrants | | |
| Installed after the main | \$8,800.00 | \$8,800.00 |
| Hydrant Maintenance | \$80.00 | \$80.00 |

Special Meter Charges and Deposits:

| | <u>Current</u> | <u>Proposed</u> |
|--|----------------|-----------------|
| Hydrant Meters | | |
| Non-refundable administrative and meter reading fee - includes \$100 minimum water use | \$250.00 | \$250.00 |
| Hydrant Meter Fee | actual cost | actual cost |
| Connection / Inspection Fee | \$750.00 | \$750.00 |
| Subsequent re-inspection and testing fee, if backflow prevention device required | \$50.00 | \$50.00 |
| Frozen, Lost or Damaged Meters | | |
| 5/8" meter | \$126.00 | \$126.00 |
| 3/4" meter | \$142.00 | \$142.00 |
| 1" meter | \$164.00 | \$164.00 |

| | | |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Radio transmitter unit | \$100.00 | \$100.00 |
| Repair meter larger than 1" | actual cost + overhead | actual cost + overhead |
| Replace meter larger than 1" | Replacement cost + handling | Replacement cost + handling |
| Spacer Charges | | |
| 5/8", 3/4", 1" | \$59.00 | \$59.00 |
| 1-1/2" | \$98.00 | \$98.00 |
| 2" & larger | \$115.00 | \$115.00 |
| Damaged Hydrant Charge | | |
| Replacement | actual cost + overhead | actual cost + overhead |
| Repair | actual cost + overhead | actual cost + overhead |
| Release of Water Use Lien | \$13.00 | \$13.00 |
| Checks Returned for Insufficient Funds | \$40.00 | \$40.00 |
| Shut-Off for Non-Payment | \$75.00 | \$75.00 |
| Emergency Inspection | no charge | \$250.00 |
| Scheduled Overtime Inspections | \$190.00 | \$190.00 |
| Off and On Within 12 Months | \$81.00 | \$81.00 |
| Install Permanent Meter | \$81.00 | \$81.00 |
| Backflow Prevention Device Testing | \$50.00 | \$50.00 |
| Check reading & leaks (no problem found) | \$81.00 | \$81.00 |

It is **RECOMMENDED** that it be:

Voted: That the Water Bureau recommends to the District Board adoption of the following schedule of fees effective January 1, 2012:

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Main Pipe Assessment, per foot | \$41.00 |
| 1" Service Tap | \$400.00 |
| 1-1/2" & 2" Service Taps | \$400.00 |
| 4", 6" & 8" Service Taps | \$621.00 |
| Per hydrant after a main installation | \$8,800.00 |
| Public and private hydrant maintenance charges | \$80.00 |
| Hydrant meter administrative fee | \$250.00 |
| Hydrant Meter Fee | actual cost |
| Connection/Inspection Fee | \$750.00 |
| Re-inspection and testing of backflow prevention device for hydrant meter | \$50.00 |

| | | |
|--|-----------------------------|----------|
| Frozen, Lost or Damaged Meters: | | |
| 5/8" meter | | \$126.00 |
| 3/4" meter | | \$142.00 |
| 1" meter | | \$164.00 |
| Radio transmitter | | \$100.00 |
| Repair of meters larger than 1" | actual cost + overhead | |
| Replacement of meters larger than 1" | replacement cost + handling | |
| Meter Spacers | | |
| 5/8", 3/4", 1" | | \$59.00 |
| 1-1/2" | | \$98.00 |
| 2" & larger | | \$115.00 |
| Damaged Hydrants | | |
| Repair/replacement | actual cost + overhead | |
| Release of Water Use Lien | | \$13.00 |
| Checks Returned for Insufficient Funds | | \$40.00 |
| Shut-Off for Non-Payment | | \$75.00 |
| Emergency Inspection | | \$250.00 |
| Scheduled Overtime Inspections | | \$190.00 |
| Off and On within 12 months | | \$81.00 |
| Install Permanent Meter | | \$81.00 |
| Backflow Prevention Device Testing | | \$50.00 |
| Check reading & leaks (no problem found) | | \$81.00 |

Respectfully submitted,

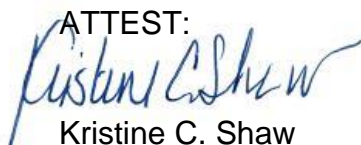
Charles P. Sheehan,
Chief Executive Officer

***On motion made by Commissioner Lilly and duly seconded,
the report was received and resolution adopted by unanimous
vote.***

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 P.M.

ATTEST:


Kristine C. Shaw
District Clerk

July 9, 2012

Date of Approval

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