



**WATER BUREAU  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026  
4:00 PM**

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**Location**

Board Room  
District Headquarters  
555 Main Street, Hartford

Dial in #: (415)-655-0001  
Access Code: 2310 908 4285#

[Meeting Video Link](#)

**Commissioners**

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

Quorum: 7

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS**
3. **INDEPENDENT CONSUMER ADVOCATE COMMENTS & QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS**
4. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF:**
  - A. **SPECIAL MEETING OF MARCH 2, 2026**
  - B. **PUBLIC HEARING OF MARCH 4, 2026 & MARCH 16, 2026**
5. **CONSIDERATION AND POTENTIAL ACTION RE: REPORT OF HEARING AND LAYOUT & ASSESSMENT - CHAPEL ROAD, SOUTH WINDSOR**
6. **DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION RE: TUNXIS CLUB LEASE**
7. **DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION RE: COLEBROOK CONSERVATION EASEMENT**
8. **DISCUSSION RE: PASSIVE RECREATION AT LAKE MCDONOUGH**
9. **REPORT RE: SUMMARY OF WATER MAIN BREAKS**
10. **REPORT RE: YEAR-TO-DATE WATER REVENUE**
11. **OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**
12. **COMMISSIONER REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
13. **ADJOURNMENT**

**CHAPEL ROAD, SOUTH WINDSOR  
REPORT OF HEARING AND LAYOUT & ASSESSMENT AND  
CLOSEOUT OF WATER PETITION**

To: Water Bureau for consideration on April 27, 2026

On February 19, 2025, the District received a petition from Doug Gugino and Susan C. Belanger requesting that public water service be provided to their residences, located at 55 and 71 Chapel Road, respectively, South Windsor. The reason for the request was because the properties along Chapel Road presently use private well water systems and were interested in connecting to a water utility. It was also noted that there are no fire hydrants along that portion of Chapel Road and the Town of South Windsor is currently in the process of designing improvements to Chapel Road including drainage upgrades and road reconstruction.

On April 24, 2025, and May 22, 2025, the District canvassed the affected property owners on the section of Chapel Road between Main Street and Route 5, John Fitch Boulevard, in South Windsor. The canvass results were 7 in favor, 8 opposed, and 10 did not reply; for a total of 25 homes.

On March 4, 2026, and March 16, 2026, public hearings were held at 555 Main Street, Hartford chaired by Commissioner Pane. Fourteen (14) of the twenty-five (25) property owners that could be served by the proposed water main extension stated their opinions at the hearings, whether in person, virtually, or in writing.

Of those, two (2) spoke in favor of the project, while twelve (12) stated their opposition. Those in favor stated the need due to improved water quality, less maintenance of their existing well water systems, the benefit of having fire hydrants along the street, increased property value, and lower pH levels to prevent corrosion of plumbing, fittings and appliances. Those in opposition cited their objection to being financially burdened by an assessment and by the water service installation, and some property owners recently paid to replace their existing well water systems.

Including the public hearing and canvass responses, twenty (20) of the twenty-five (25) properties have registered an opinion for the proposed project. A total of six (6) properties are in favor and fourteen (14) opposed, which is a greater than 2:1 opposition to the project.

The Town of South Windsor's Health Department was contacted prior to the public hearing and stated that there are no known public health concerns or reported issues related to the existing well water quality or potability in the Chapel Road area.

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. These charges are in addition to the normal rate charges that are paid by all MDC water customers.

This project consists of approximately 2,500 linear feet of new water main at an estimated construction cost of \$1,909,853. Staff have completed an estimated assessment list; which totals \$249,353; leaving an estimated project deficit of \$1,660,500. The balance of the \$1,660,500 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 South Windsor over a twenty-year period. By virtue of the fact that the Town has not stated a position of need, it also has not indicated the method of recovery for this project.

In consideration of the mixed opinions (mostly negative) expressed by the property owners attending the hearing and the lack of any imminent health issues associated with the wells in this area, staff recommend that layout and assessment proceedings for this project, as proposed, not be initiated.

Staff is also recommending the closure of the water petition for Chapel Road, South Windsor.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that it be:

VOTED: The Water Bureau approves passage of the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That, in accordance with Section W4a and W4b of the District Ordinances, the water petition request for Chapel Road, South Windsor previously received on May 28, 1998, and again on February 19, 2025, shall hereby be closed.

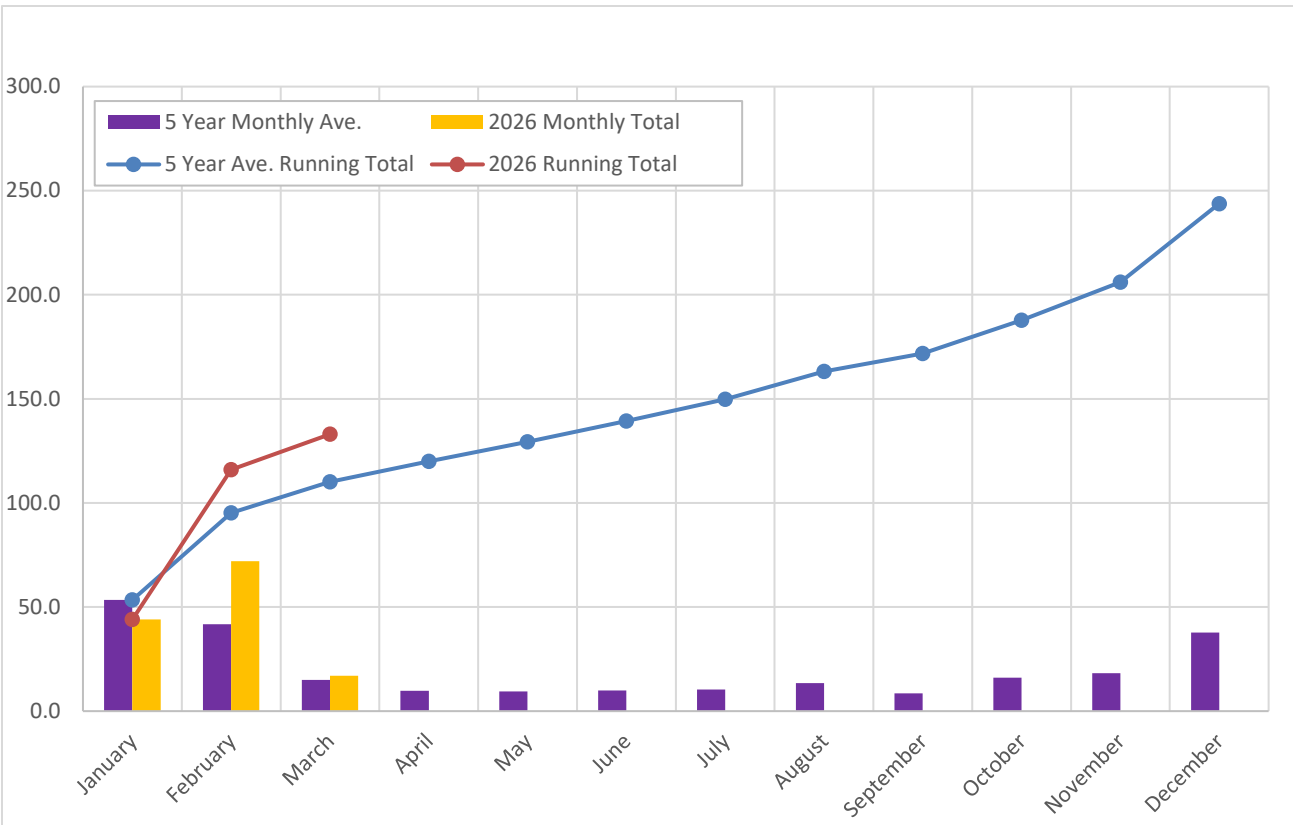
Respectfully submitted,

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John S. Mirtle  
District Clerk

### Water Main Leaks – March 2026

Month	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	5 Year Average	2026
January	56	62	18	47	84	53.4	44
February	79	42	24	22	42	41.8	72
March	25	12	10	10	18	15.0	17
April	13	7	5	16	8	9.8	
May	17	12	9	6	3	9.4	
June	11	12	11	8	8	10.0	
July	9	5	12	15	11	10.4	
August	10	17	16	10	14	13.4	
September	7	4	5	15	12	8.6	
October	6	18	20	21	15	16.0	
November	21	17	23	13	17	18.2	
December	21	47	23	58	40	37.8	
Annual Total	275	255	176	241	272	236.8	133



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**WATER UTILITY REVENUE REPORT**

February 2026 YTD

Feb YTD is 17.9% of the full year

WATER UTILITY FUND 1120	February 2026			February 2025		
	Full Year Budget	YTD Actuals	% VAR	Full Year Budget	YTD Actuals	% VAR
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	\$ 126,784,825	\$ 22,637,986	17.9%	\$ 119,702,948	\$ 20,767,650	17.3%
<b>Sale of Water</b>	\$ 98,265,957	\$ 14,461,859	14.7%	\$ 96,863,796	\$ 13,986,741	14.4%
416110 Water-Domestic	\$ 46,462,909	\$ 6,859,710	14.8%	\$ 45,986,289	\$ 6,651,867	14.5%
416120 Water-Domestic/Religious	\$ 16,030	\$ 13,217	82.5%	\$ 160,698	\$ 12,416	7.7%
416130 Water-Domestic/Agriculture	\$ 120,034	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 38,709	\$ -	0.0%
416210 Water-Commercial	\$ 15,963,475	\$ 2,189,927	13.7%	\$ 15,491,938	\$ 2,054,784	13.3%
416220 Water-Commercial/Religious	\$ 40,272	\$ 81,291	201.9%	\$ 1,208,952	\$ 81,394	6.7%
416230 Water-Commercial/Agriculture	\$ 837,898	\$ 7,274	0.9%	\$ 33,625	\$ 6,232	18.5%
416310 Water-Industrial	\$ 3,424,319	\$ 442,510	12.9%	\$ 3,431,748	\$ 418,535	12.2%
416410 Water-Municipal	\$ 2,399,135	\$ 174,996	7.3%	\$ 2,748,683	\$ 175,575	6.4%
416420 Water-Municipal/Housing	\$ 744,842	\$ 122,259	16.4%	\$ 684,238	\$ 117,342	17.1%
416810 Water-Resale Treated	\$ 1,671,887	\$ 189,911	11.4%	\$ 1,895,927	\$ 252,609	13.3%
416820 Water-Resale Raw	\$ 30,000	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 10,000	\$ -	0.0%
416900 Water-General Surcharge	\$ 2,314,900	\$ 373,508	16.1%	\$ 2,184,300	\$ 366,704	16.8%
416910 Water-Capital Improvement Surcharge	\$ 892,956	\$ 147,862	16.6%	\$ 848,389	\$ 145,879	17.2%
417110 Cust Service Charges-Domestic	\$ 19,365,000	\$ 3,184,907	16.4%	\$ 18,409,000	\$ 3,044,255	16.5%
417120 Cust Service Charges-Domestic/Religious	\$ 39,400	\$ 6,532	16.6%	\$ 37,600	\$ 6,373	16.9%
417130 Cust Service Charges-Domestic/Agriculture	\$ 2,900	\$ 488	16.8%	\$ 2,900	\$ 487	16.8%
417210 Cust Service Charges-Commercial	\$ 2,703,700	\$ 460,473	17.0%	\$ 2,570,200	\$ 447,564	17.4%
417220 Cust Service Charges-Commercial/Religious	\$ 155,900	\$ 25,773	16.5%	\$ 147,800	\$ 25,373	17.2%
417230 Cust Service Charges-Commercial/Agriculture	\$ 4,200	\$ 903	21.5%	\$ 3,900	\$ 745	19.1%
417310 Cust Service Charges-Industrial	\$ 262,300	\$ 47,770	18.2%	\$ 249,600	\$ 46,899	18.8%
417410 Cust Service Charges-Municipal	\$ 582,400	\$ 96,917	16.6%	\$ 515,000	\$ 95,868	18.6%
417420 Cust Service Charges-Municipal Housing	\$ 140,200	\$ 23,786	17.0%	\$ 134,100	\$ 23,980	17.9%
417810 Cust Service Charges-Resale Treated	\$ 71,300	\$ 8,052	11.3%	\$ 65,200	\$ 8,060	12.4%
417820 Cust Service Charges-Resale Raw	\$ 20,000	\$ 3,794	19.0%	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,799	76.0%
<b>Other Operating Revenues</b>	\$ 17,777,879	\$ 7,080,204	39.8%	\$ 13,197,065	\$ 4,542,983	34.4%
411040 Property Change of Ownership Admin Fee	\$ 501,600	\$ 46,530	9.3%	\$ 528,000	\$ 48,070	9.1%
413040 Employer Fund Contributions	\$ 5,469,113	\$ 5,469,113	100.0%	\$ 3,389,800	\$ 3,389,800	100.0%
419110 Hydrant Maintenance-Private	\$ 163,540	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 168,465	\$ 125	0.1%
419120 Hydrant Maintenance-Public	\$ 1,741,310	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 1,687,455	\$ -	0.0%
419130 Fire Protection Service	\$ 9,296,000	\$ 1,391,565	15.0%	\$ 6,032,000	\$ 1,052,064	17.4%
419400 Bill Jobs	\$ 143,810	\$ 127,626	88.7%	\$ 217,220	\$ 4,047	1.9%
419410 RRB-DOT Normal Labor	\$ 105,846	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 105,846	\$ -	0.0%
419430 RRB - Materials/Material Handling	\$ 24,780	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 37,027	\$ -	0.0%
419510 RRB-DPA Labor ST	\$ 42,450	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 467,844	\$ 381	0.1%
419520 RRB-DPA Labor OT	\$ 1,920	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
419540 RRB-DPA Equipment	\$ 46,280	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 6,522	\$ 148	2.3%
419550 RRB-DPA Contracts	\$ 111,230	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 363,602	\$ 7,681	2.1%
419610 RRB-DPA Labor Additive Overhead	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 93,284	\$ 537	0.6%
419910 Fees: Water Tapping	\$ 130,000	\$ 45,370	34.9%	\$ 100,000	\$ 40,130	40.1%
<b>Non-Operating Revenues</b>	\$ 10,740,989	\$ 1,095,922	10.2%	\$ 9,642,087	\$ 2,237,926	23.2%
421290 IGR-Misc. Charges To Govt Agencies	\$ 750,000	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
423100 Interest Income - Investment	\$ 5,196,556	\$ 741,208	14.3%	\$ 5,600,000	\$ 864,235	15.4%
423300 Rental Revenue	\$ 125,000	\$ 35,965	28.8%	\$ 119,977	\$ 20,410	17.0%
429200 Rebates & Reimbursements	\$ -	\$ 93	0.0%	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
429210 Collections & Liens	\$ 220,000	\$ 10,900	5.0%	\$ 220,000	\$ 15,086	6.9%
429220 Late Payment Charge	\$ 900,000	\$ 132,497	14.7%	\$ 1,275,862	\$ 138,014	10.8%
429230 Returned Check Fees	\$ 30,000	\$ 360	1.2%	\$ 60,000	\$ 600	1.0%
429260 Legal Recovery	\$ 350,000	\$ 44,931	12.8%	\$ 300,000	\$ 34,571	11.5%
431010 Recreational Sales	\$ 20,000	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 20,000	\$ -	0.0%
431020 Forestry Sales	\$ 112,500	\$ 20,736	18.4%	\$ 256,000	\$ 16,650	6.5%
431210 Misc Revenue	\$ 200,000	\$ 40,125	20.1%	\$ 250,000	\$ 79,314	31.7%
431230 Vendor Discount Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 100	\$ -	0.0%
431240 Sale Of Material & Equipment	\$ 250,000	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 250,000	\$ 4,057	1.6%
431280 Cross-Connection/BackWater Fee	\$ 350,000	\$ 64,786	18.5%	\$ 230,400	\$ 60,240	26.1%
453000 Main Pipe Assessments	\$ 20,000	\$ 4,320	21.6%	\$ 55,000	\$ -	0.0%
432005 Bond Premiums	\$ 2,216,933	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
440040 Fund Contributions	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 1,004,748	\$ 1,004,748	100.0%

**WATER BUREAU  
SPECIAL MEETING**  
555 Main Street, Hartford  
Monday, March 2, 2026

**Present:** Commissioners Andrew Adil, Alberto Cortes, John Gale, Peter Gardow, Diane Lewis, Jackie Mandyck, Dominic Pane, Chris Tierinni, Edwin Vargas and District Chairman Donald M. Currey (10)

**Remote**

**Attendance:** Commissioners Avery Buell, Dimple Desai and Pasquale J. Salemi (3)

**Absent:** Commissioners Kyle Anderson and New Britain Representative Michael Carrier (2)

**Also**

**Present:** Commissioner William A. DiBella  
Scott W. Jellison, Chief Executive Officer  
Christopher Stone, District Counsel  
John S. Mirtle, District Clerk  
Christopher Levesque, Chief Operating Officer  
Kelly Shane, Chief Administrative Officer  
Susan Negrelli, Director of Engineering  
Robert Schwarm, Director of Information Systems (Remote Attendance)  
Thomas Tyler, Director of Facilities  
Carrie Blardo, Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer  
Ray Baral, Manager of Water Treatment  
Chief Henry Martin, District Patrol Commander  
Lindsay Strole, Senior Project Manager  
Andrew Hubbard, Natural Resources Administrator  
Mike Curley, Manager of Engineering  
Jason Waterbury, Assistant Manager of Engineering Services  
David Banker, Assistant Manager of Engineering Services  
Victoria Escoriza, Assistant Administrative Officer and Special Assistant  
Kevin Sullivan, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)  
Elizabeth Tavelli, Independent Consumer Advocate

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by District Counsel Stone at 4:34 PM

**ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**

District Counsel Stone called for the election of the Chairperson. Commissioner Mandyck placed Commissioner Dominic Pane's name in nomination, the nomination was duly seconded by Commissioner Gardow.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed. Commissioner Pane was elected Chairman of the Water Bureau for 2026 and 2027 by unanimous vote of those present. Chairperson Pane assumed the Chair and thanked the Water Bureau.

**ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON**

Chairman Pane called for the election of the Vice Chairperson. Commissioner Vargas placed Commissioner John Gale's name in nomination, the nomination was duly seconded by Commissioner Mandyck.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed. Commissioner Gale was elected Vice Chairman of the Water Bureau for 2026 and 2027 by unanimous vote of those present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS**

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

**INDEPENDENT CONSUMER ADVOCATE COMMENTS & QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS**

Independent Consumer Advocate Elizabeth Tavelli spoke regarding the Operation Fuel agenda item. She said she had spoken with Operation Fuel and had some thoughts that she wanted to convey. She stated that if the age in the documentation section was changed to "over the age of 17", Operation Fuel would have to revise their database which would take time and money. She stated that one third of the applications denied so far this year have been due to owning a multifamily home. She asked the Commissioners to ask Operation Fuel to come in and present to the Water Bureau.

***At 4:40 PM, Commissioner Cortes, who had been attending the meeting remotely, entered the meeting in person.***

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

***On motion made by Commissioner Adil and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of January 7, 2026 were approved.***

**ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT – FARMINGTON WOODS DISTRICT  
43 HERITAGE DRIVE, AVON**

To: Water Bureau for consideration March 2, 2026

In a letter dated December 16, 2025, Joseph J. Samolis, General Manger, for the Farmington Woods District/ Farmington Woods Master Association ("Farmington Woods" or "FWD") the current owners of 43 Heritage Drive in Avon (the "Property"), has requested permission from The Metropolitan District ("MDC" or "District") to encroach on the MDC's existing Nepaug Pipe Lines one-hundred-foot-wide (100') easement or right-of way, containing an existing cast-iron 42-inch raw water supply line and an existing reinforced concrete 36-inch raw water supply line, situated on the Property (the "ROW") for the purpose of replacing and installing irrigation improvements for and in connection with existing golf course, as shown on the attached map (the "Map").

The proposed scope of work entails: (i) conducting an initial survey within the ROW utilizing various non-excavation techniques including Ground Penetrating Radar and other noninvasive metal detecting equipment to determine the location and depth of existing irrigation pipelining and MDC raw water supply lines; (ii) installing new HDPE irrigation system piping, communication cables, and appurtenances including sprinkler heads, valves and fittings of various types and sizes including 1-1/2", 2", 3", 4" and 6"; and (iii) installing surface restoration consisting of landscaping including shrubs and grass within the ROW as shown on the Map (collectively, the "Improvements"). Proposed work will impact up to 20 locations within the ROW that impacts an area approximately 5.2 acres in size. Any existing irrigation lines and appurtenances that will not be used as part of this project will be drained, removed or abandoned in place. New irrigation piping will be buried no more than 24-inches deep.

The proposed lines will be installed above the MDC's existing forty two-inch ("42") and thirty six-inch ("36") pipelines and its appurtenances situated within the ROW (collectively, the "Mains") with a minimum of one foot (1') of vertical clearance between such Mains and such appurtenances, and proposed grades will not impede access to these Mains. Existing Mains were built in 1914 and 1942, respectively, and the ROW was acquired by the MDC and filed on the land records of the Town of Avon in Volume 13 at Page 431 and in the Town of Farmington land records in Volume 8 at Page 344.

MDC staff has concluded that the Improvements will not be a detriment to the District's Mains as a result.

Farmington Woods has agreed to the following conditions in order to satisfy the District's concerns for protection of these Mains and to maintain accessibility along the length of the ROW:

1. Care must be taken during the performance of work for the Improvements or any maintenance, repair or replacement of the same not to disturb existing Mains. All heavy construction equipment must be located outside of the limits of the ROW when not in use. Any earth moving equipment that will be utilized on the ROW over and adjacent to these Mains shall be reviewed and approved by District staff prior to mobilization to the site. Any damage to these Mains caused by any construction, maintenance, repair, replacement or associated activities by or on behalf of Farmington Woods for or in connection with the Improvements within this ROW shall be the responsibility of Farmington Woods.
2. No additional permanent improvements, other than the proposed Improvements, shall be located within this ROW.
3. The District shall not be held liable for any damage caused to any structure listed above, located within or adjacent to the ROW in the event of an emergency supply line repair. The District will make every effort feasible to minimize damage to these structures; however, the cost of repairs to such structures shall be the responsibility of Farmington Woods or the property owner at the time.

4. The District reserves the right to remove Improvements within this ROW at any time if so required for installation, maintenance, repair, or replacement of existing supply lines or any part thereof. Farmington Woods or the property owner at the time shall bear any additional maintenance, repair or replacement costs necessitated by the presence of Improvements within this ROW, including any such costs incurred by the District.
5. An MDC inspector must be on the job site whenever work is being performed within the ROW, and Farmington Woods shall be responsible for the cost and expense of such inspector. Any construction of the Improvements as well as any subsequent construction, maintenance, repair or replacement of the Improvements shall conform to District standards, and forty-eight (48) hours advance notice must be given to the District prior to commencing any such activities within the ROW.
6. Farmington Woods shall at all times indemnify, defend and save harmless the District, any municipality included therein, and the State of Connecticut for any damages caused to the Row or the MDC infrastructure located or to be located therein, resulting from the installation, operation, repair, maintenance, or replacement of the irrigation system and the Encroachment Agreement, and shall maintain the District's standard form of requisite insurance as stipulated in the MDC's most current Guidance Manual for Developers' Permit Agreements, which insurance shall remain in force and effect during the performance of any work, including but not limited to the installation, operation, repair, maintenance, or replacement of the Improvements within the ROW.
7. Farmington Woods shall be responsible for obtaining any and all federal, state, or local approvals necessary for installing the Improvements, including but not limited to the removal and construction of the same.

Staff has reviewed this request and considers it feasible.

A formal encroachment agreement shall be executed between Farmington Woods and MDC and consistent with current practice involving similar requests, and filed on the Town land records of Avon and Farmington.

It is **RECOMMENDED** that it be:

**VOTED:** That the Water Bureau recommends to the District Board passage of the following resolution:

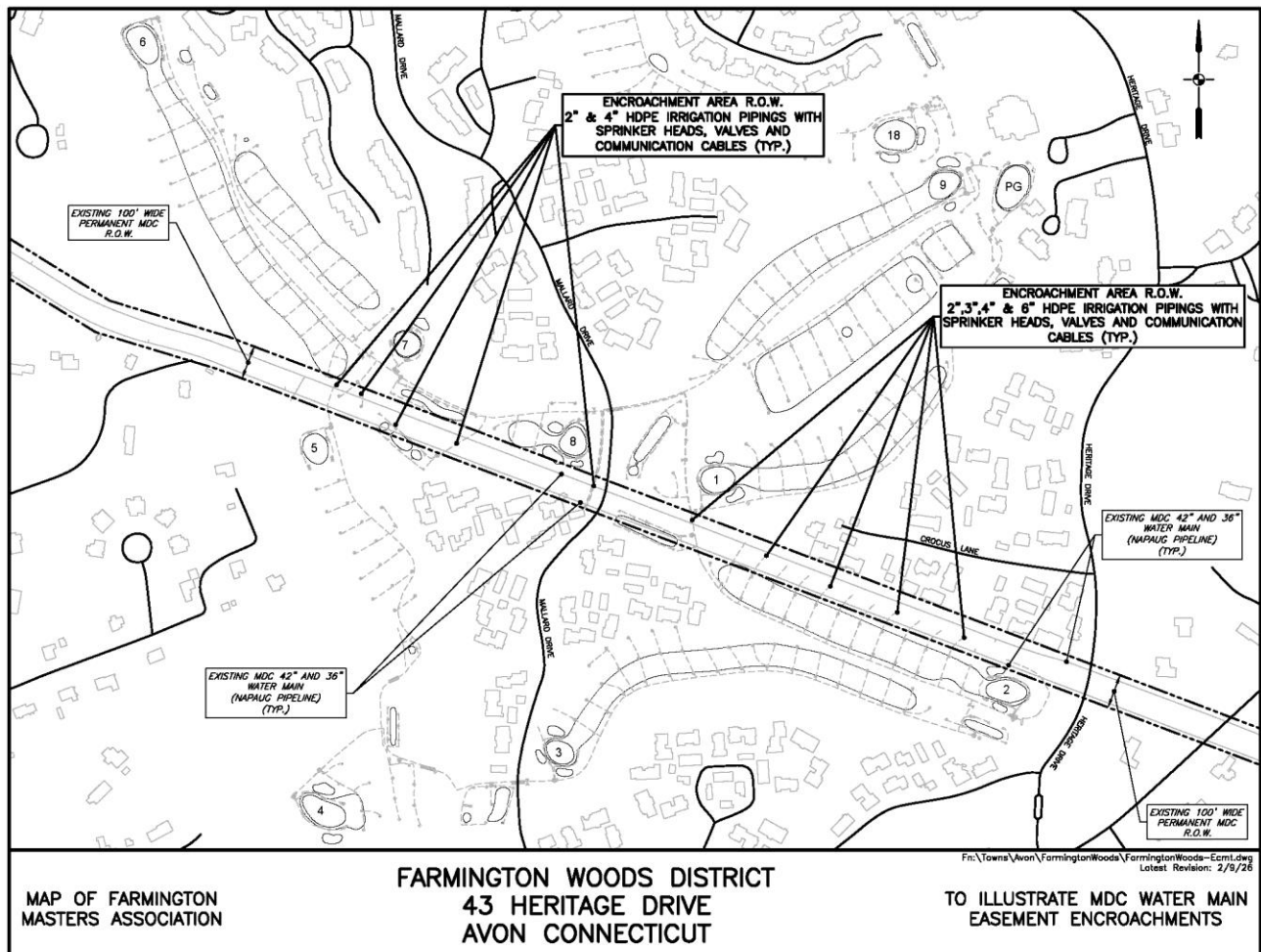
**RESOLVED:** That the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the District Board be authorized to execute an agreement, incorporating the terms and conditions set forth above, and subject to approval of form and content by District Counsel, granting permission to Farmington Woods to encroach upon both MDC existing one hundred-foot-wide (100') Mains ROW situated on the Property in order to: (i) perform the work of the Improvements in connection with the planned repairs to the Property as shown on plans submitted by TPC Turf Products, entitled, "Replacement of Farmington Woods Golf Course Irrigation System", Sheets IR-1, IR-2, and IR-3, Farmington Woods Avon, Connecticut, and (ii) maintain, repair and replace such Improvements, provided that: (a) the District shall not be held liable for any cost or damage of

any kind and be indemnified from any claims from the present and in the following years as a result of any encroachment authorized hereby, (b) Farmington Woods shall obtain all required approvals and reimburse MDC for any attorney fees and other costs incurred by MDC in enforcing the encroachment agreement, and (c) such agreement shall not be effective until fully executed by the District and Farmington Woods, and recorded on the Town Land Record of the of Avon and Farmington. In the event that such full execution and recording does not occur within four (4) months of the date this resolution is passed by the District Board, then such resolution shall be null and void, and of no further force and effect.

Respectfully submitted,

*John Mirtle*

John S. Mirtle  
District Clerk



FARMINGTON  
*Woods* DISTRICT

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Michael Curley  
Manager of Technical Services  
Engineering and Planning  
MDC  
555 Main Street, PO BOX 800  
Hartford, CT 06142-0800

December 16, 2025

Dear Mr. Curley,

The Farmington Woods District (FWD), a Quasi-Municipal Special Taxing District located in Farmington and Avon, Connecticut, is preparing to replace its current Golf Course Irrigation System. Our current irrigation system is original to the course and in desperate need of replacement.

To facilitate this new irrigation system, FWD proposes to encroach upon the existing MDC easement in locations where our irrigation is currently located within the easements. We will use Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) and metal detecting to find our existing lines within the easement and assess replacing the existing water lines with new piping and communication cables (See attachments). The proposed new mainline piping will be not be more than 24 inches below the finished grade. There are no known conflicts with MDC or other utilities within the easement area. Impacts to the easement area will be minimal, and the site will be restored to its original condition.

We anticipate starting this project at the beginning of March, with an expected completion by the end of July.

Please find attached our detailed drawings and additional schematics to help delineate the areas of encroachment. Further survey and engineering drawings are being completed at the time of this application and will be forwarded immediately once received.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need additional information. We would like to thank the MDC for considering this vital request to our community. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have additional questions or requirements.

Sincerely,

Joseph J. Samolis AICP, CMCA  
General Manager

Farmington Woods District/Farmington Woods Master Association  
200 Byron Drive  
Avon, CT 06001



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

**WATER BUREAU  
CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE GRANTS ADMINISTERED BY OPERATION FUEL**

To: Water Bureau for consideration March 2, 2026

In March 2018, the District Board created a Customer Assistance Program to be administered by Operation Fuel to provide customers with assistance to pay delinquent water bills. The Customer Assistance Program has provided grants towards many customers' water bills since its creation. Eligibility guidelines and criteria were last updated on December 9, 2024. A contract modification will be executed to extend the term of the agreement and update the company name because Operation Fuel now does business as "Generation Power CT." Staff is recommending one clarification of the eligibility guidelines for customer grants.

It is **RECOMMENDED** that it be:

**VOTED:** That the Water Bureau of The Metropolitan District recommends to the District Board approval of the following resolution:

**RESOLVED:** That the eligibility guidelines for the District's Customer Assistance Program, administered by Operation Fuel d/b/a Generation Power CT, be updated as follows:

**QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES**

Operation Fuel d/b/a Generation Power CT ("**Contractor**") will administer a water assistance program for MDC customers in member and non-member towns who need aid with meeting their water utility needs. This program will be for households **living earning** up to 75% of state median income, based on the verification standards defined by Operation Fuel d/b/a Generation Power CT. There will not be an assets test. The maximum grant amount will be **up to** \$400. When the District's program funding is expired, the Contractor will cease accepting new applications for assistance.

To qualify for water utility assistance, customers must have received an MDC shut-off notice, currently have no water utility service, **must** need assistance with making a required payment in order to prevent a water shut-off, or have a past due balance of 30 days or more.

**Grant Amount**

The maximum value of a once-per year customer grant is \$400 per household; The grant amount shall not exceed the total amount due on the customer's water account at the time of grant award.

**\*All final approvals will be made by Operation Fuel d/b/a Generation Power CT staff**

**Eligibility Guidelines**

- Assistance is not available to customers **with accounts** assigned to an attorney for collections.

- Customer must have made a total of 4 separate monthly payments of at least 50% of the current charges within the previous 12-month period to which the customer is applying. Customers without 4 separate monthly payments within 12 months, but who have made substantial payment(s) on their account within the past year, may be eligible for assistance subject to District review.
- Grant assistance is not available to tenants ~~of MDC property owners~~ with no exceptions.
- **Owners of multi-family residential buildings (duplex, triplex, etc.) are not eligible for grant assistance, with no exceptions.**

### Documentation

- Applicant must provide water utility shut off notice or most recent MDC water utility bill that demonstrates a balance that is at least 30 days past due
- Applicant must provide MDC payment history to demonstrate payment eligibility guidelines. If unavailable to the applicant, this information may be provided by the District to expedite the grant award process
- Documentation of all household members **over the age of 17 21** with income (last 4 weeks of income), or an alternative acceptable to Operation Fuel d/b/a Generation Power CT including current CEAP (Connecticut Energy Assistance Program) and SSI (Supplemental Security Income) award letters.
- Applicant name must match the name on the MDC invoice.

Respectfully submitted,



John S. Mirtle  
District Clerk

***Commissioner Gale made a motion to amend the resolution, as shown above in blue. The amendment was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote of those present.***

***On motion made by District Chairman Currey and duly seconded, the report was received and resolution adopted, as amended, by unanimous vote of those present.***

**WATER BUREAU  
REFERRAL OF DRAFT ORDINANCE ADDITION TO COMMITTEE ON MDC GOVERNMENT  
RE: RESERVED SAFE YIELD AGREEMENTS**

To: Water Bureau for consideration March 2, 2026

It is **RECOMMENDED** that it be:

**VOTED:** That the Water Bureau recommends to the Committee on MDC Government the following:

**RESOLVED:** That a new Water Supply Ordinance, W1g “Reserved Safe Yield Agreements,” be adopted as follows:

**[NEW ORDINANCE] - SEC. W1g          RESERVED SAFE YIELD AGREEMENTS**

Any agreement entered into by the District with any water company, as defined in Conn. Gen. Stat. § 25-32a, a municipality, or other entity, that provides water outside the District’s exclusive service area and includes provisions reserving any portion of the District’s water supply safe yield for the benefit of such water company, municipality or other entity, shall require payment of a rate established by the District Board, which shall be known as the “Reserved Safe Yield Rate”. The Reserved Safe Yield Rate shall apply to any unused portions of contracted available daily quantities. The Reserved Safe Yield Rate shall not apply to quantities of treated water actually purchased or within the take-or-pay minimum of the water company, municipality or other entity.

The District Board shall establish the Reserved Safe Yield Rate based on the calculated budgetary cost for the maintenance and protection of its water supply reservoir system. The Reserved Safe Yield Rate shall be a fixed rate per million gallons per day of water which rate may be modified annually by the District Board. The Reserved Safe Yield Rate shall be applied to the difference between the contracted safe yield quantity and the annual average daily water purchased.

The primary function of the District’s safe yield is to ensure an adequate supply of water for customers within the District’s established service area. The District shall reserve a minimum of fifteen percent (15%) in addition to the existing water usage within the District’s service area for future use. Safe yield assignments and reserves shall be reviewed by the District Board prior to the District entering any new water supply contracts which include reserved safe yield.

This ordinance shall not apply to any agreement in effect as of the effective date of this ordinance but shall apply to any future renewal or amendment of any such agreement.

Respectfully submitted,



John S. Mirtle  
District Clerk

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

**PASSIVE RECREATION AT LAKE MCDONOUGH**

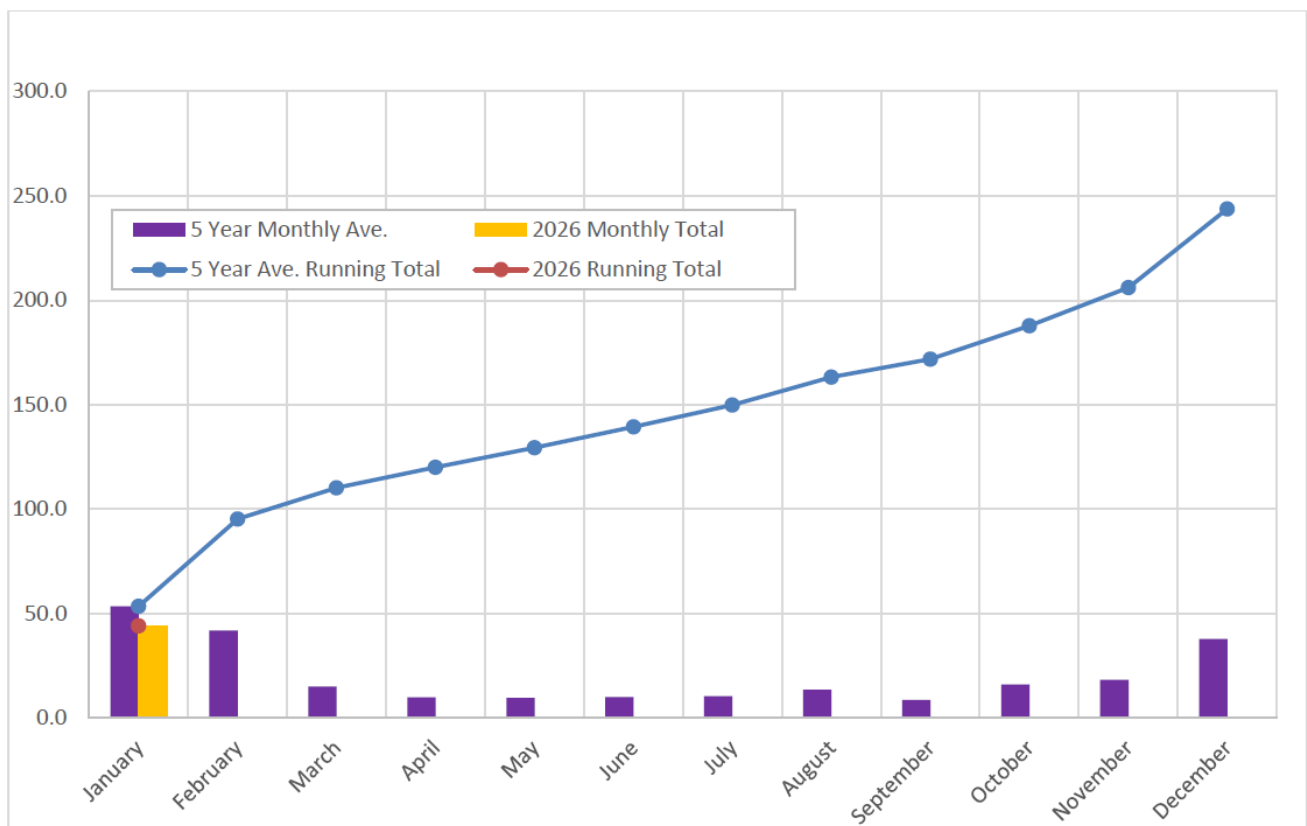
Andrew Hubbard led a discussion on passive recreation at Lake McDonough.

***Without objection, Commissioner Pane asked that this be added to the next agenda.***

**SUMMARY OF WATER MAIN BREAKS**

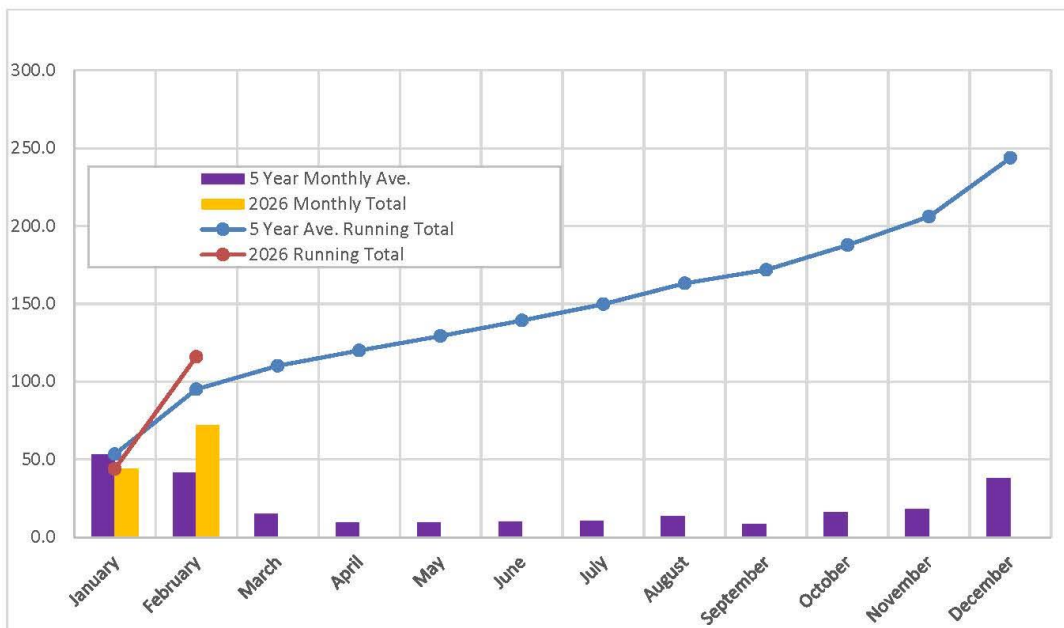
Monthly Water Main Leak Summary – January 2026

Month	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	5 Year Average	2026
January	56	62	18	47	84	53.4	44
February	79	42	24	22	42	41.8	
March	25	12	10	10	18	15.0	
April	13	7	5	16	8	9.8	
May	17	12	9	6	3	9.4	
June	11	12	11	8	8	10.0	
July	9	5	12	15	11	10.4	
August	10	17	16	10	14	13.4	
September	7	4	5	15	12	8.6	
October	6	18	20	21	15	16.0	
November	21	17	23	13	17	18.2	
December	21	47	23	58	40	37.8	
Annual Total	275	255	176	241	272	236.8	44



**Water Main Leaks – February 2026**

Month	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	5 Year Average	2026
January	56	62	18	47	84	53.4	44
February	79	42	24	22	42	41.8	72
March	25	12	10	10	18	15.0	
April	13	7	5	16	8	9.8	
May	17	12	9	6	3	9.4	
June	11	12	11	8	8	10.0	
July	9	5	12	15	11	10.4	
August	10	17	16	10	14	13.4	
September	7	4	5	15	12	8.6	
October	6	18	20	21	15	16.0	
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Water Bureau - 03.02.26 Regular Meeting  
**WATER UTILITY REVENUE REPORT**  
 January 2026 YTD

Jan YTD is 10.8% of the full year

WATER UTILITY FUND 1120	January 2026			January 2025		
	Full Year Budget	YTD Actuals	% VAR	Full Year Budget	YTD Actuals	% VAR
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	\$ 124,567,892	\$ 13,489,418	10.8%	\$ 119,702,948	\$ 9,198,184	7.7%
<b>Sale of Water</b>	\$ 98,265,957	\$ 7,114,375	7.2%	\$ 96,863,796	\$ 6,955,892	7.2%
416110 Water-Domestic	\$ 46,462,909	\$ 3,428,002	7.4%	\$ 45,986,289	\$ 3,428,543	7.5%
416120 Water-Domestic/Religious	\$ 16,030	\$ 6,305	39.3%	\$ 160,698	\$ 6,215	3.9%
416130 Water-Domestic/Agriculture	\$ 120,034	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 38,709	\$ -	0.0%
416210 Water-Commercial	\$ 15,963,475	\$ 1,043,142	6.5%	\$ 15,491,938	\$ 1,031,343	6.7%
416220 Water-Commercial/Religious	\$ 40,272	\$ 37,415	92.9%	\$ 1,208,952	\$ 39,044	3.2%
416230 Water-Commercial/Agriculture	\$ 837,898	\$ 3,509	0.4%	\$ 33,625	\$ 3,143	9.3%
416310 Water-Industrial	\$ 3,424,319	\$ 213,034	6.2%	\$ 3,431,748	\$ 98,260	2.9%
416410 Water-Municipal	\$ 2,399,135	\$ 82,243	3.4%	\$ 2,748,683	\$ 82,215	3.0%
416420 Water-Municipal/Housing	\$ 744,842	\$ 60,114	8.1%	\$ 684,238	\$ 60,076	8.8%
416810 Water-Resale Treated	\$ 1,671,887	\$ 79,791	4.8%	\$ 1,895,927	\$ 96,391	5.1%
416820 Water-Resale Raw	\$ 30,000	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 10,000	\$ -	0.0%
416900 Water-General Surcharge	\$ 2,314,900	\$ 184,224	8.0%	\$ 2,184,300	\$ 183,223	8.4%
416910 Water-Capital Improvement Surcharge	\$ 892,956	\$ 73,054	8.2%	\$ 848,389	\$ 74,901	8.8%
417110 Cust Service Charges-Domestic	\$ 19,365,000	\$ 1,568,942	8.1%	\$ 18,409,000	\$ 1,522,671	8.3%
417120 Cust Service Charges-Domestic/Religious	\$ 39,400	\$ 3,240	8.2%	\$ 37,600	\$ 3,184	8.5%
417130 Cust Service Charges-Domestic/Agriculture	\$ 2,900	\$ 244	8.4%	\$ 2,900	\$ 244	8.4%
417210 Cust Service Charges-Commercial	\$ 2,703,700	\$ 228,459	8.4%	\$ 2,570,200	\$ 224,416	8.7%
417220 Cust Service Charges-Commercial/Religious	\$ 155,900	\$ 12,844	8.2%	\$ 147,800	\$ 12,686	8.6%
417230 Cust Service Charges-Commercial/Agriculture	\$ 4,200	\$ 459	10.9%	\$ 3,900	\$ 373	9.6%
417310 Cust Service Charges-Industrial	\$ 262,300	\$ 23,588	9.0%	\$ 249,600	\$ 22,678	9.1%
417410 Cust Service Charges-Municipal	\$ 582,400	\$ 48,108	8.3%	\$ 515,000	\$ 48,230	9.4%
417420 Cust Service Charges-Municipal Housing	\$ 140,200	\$ 11,735	8.4%	\$ 134,100	\$ 12,139	9.1%
417810 Cust Service Charges-Resale Treated	\$ 71,300	\$ 4,026	5.6%	\$ 65,200	\$ 4,022	6.2%
417820 Cust Service Charges-Resale Raw	\$ 20,000	\$ 1,897	9.5%	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,896	37.9%
<b>Other Operating Revenues</b>	\$ 17,777,879	\$ 6,199,286	34.9%	\$ 13,197,065	\$ 570,921	4.3%
411040 Property Change of Ownership Admin Fee	\$ 501,600	\$ 23,540	4.7%	\$ 528,000	\$ 24,200	4.6%
413040 Employer Fund Contributions	\$ 5,469,113	\$ 5,469,113	100.0%	\$ 3,389,800	\$ -	0.0%
419110 Hydrant Maintenance-Private	\$ 163,540	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 168,465	\$ 125	0.1%
419120 Hydrant Maintenance-Public	\$ 1,741,310	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 1,687,455	\$ -	0.0%
419130 Fire Protection Service	\$ 9,296,000	\$ 620,608	6.7%	\$ 6,032,000	\$ 524,991	8.7%
419400 Bill Jobs	\$ 143,810	\$ 40,655	28.3%	\$ 217,220	\$ 4,047	1.9%
419410 RRB-DOT Normal Labor	\$ 105,846	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 105,846	\$ -	0.0%
419430 RRB - Materials/Material Handling	\$ 24,780	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 37,027	\$ -	0.0%
419510 RRB-DPA Labor ST	\$ 42,450	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 467,844	\$ 381	0.1%
419520 RRB-DPA Labor OT	\$ 1,920	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
419540 RRB-DPA Equipment	\$ 46,280	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 6,522	\$ 148	2.3%
419550 RRB-DPA Contracts	\$ 111,230	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 363,602	\$ 7,681	2.1%
419610 RRB-DPA Labor Additive Overhead	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 93,284	\$ 537	0.6%
419910 Fees: Water Tapping	\$ 130,000	\$ 45,370	34.9%	\$ 100,000	\$ 8,810	8.8%
<b>Non-Operating Revenues</b>	\$ 8,524,056	\$ 175,758	2.1%	\$ 9,642,087	\$ 1,671,372	17.3%
421290 IGR-Misc. Charges To Govt Agencies	\$ 750,000	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
423100 Interest Income - Investment	\$ 5,196,556	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 5,600,000	\$ 474,659	8.5%
423300 Rental Revenue	\$ 125,000	\$ 10,939	8.8%	\$ 119,977	\$ 10,205	8.5%
429210 Collections & Liens	\$ 220,000	\$ 5,920	2.7%	\$ 220,000	\$ 7,332	3.3%
429220 Late Payment Charge	\$ 900,000	\$ 66,382	7.4%	\$ 1,275,862	\$ 67,355	5.3%
429230 Returned Check Fees	\$ 30,000	\$ (360)	-1.2%	\$ 60,000	\$ 420	0.7%
429260 Legal Recovery	\$ 350,000	\$ 25,447	7.3%	\$ 300,000	\$ 19,011	6.3%
431010 Recreational Sales	\$ 20,000	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 20,000	\$ -	0.0%
431020 Forestry Sales	\$ 112,500	\$ 45	0.0%	\$ 256,000	\$ -	0.0%
431210 Misc Revenue	\$ 200,000	\$ 30,645	15.3%	\$ 250,000	\$ 53,480	21.4%
431230 Vendor Discount Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 100	\$ -	0.0%
431240 Sale Of Material & Equipment	\$ 250,000	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 250,000	\$ 4,057	1.6%
431280 Cross-Connection/BackWater Fee	\$ 350,000	\$ 32,327	9.2%	\$ 230,400	\$ 30,106	13.1%
453000 Main Pipe Assessments	\$ 20,000	\$ 4,320	21.6%	\$ 55,000	\$ -	0.0%
440040 Fund Contributions	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 1,004,748	\$ 1,004,748	100.0%

**OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC**

No one from the public appeared.

**COMMISSIONER REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Commissioner Adil stated that the independent consumer advocate has some concerns on water meter pits and he'd like to discuss them at a future meeting.

Commissioner Gardow asked for a report on the industrial rate, to determine if we are selling more water and if it is still the right thing to do.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle  
District Clerk

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Date of Approval

\*\*Video of the full March 2, 2026 Water Bureau meeting is available at  
<https://www.youtube.com/@MetropolitanDistrictCommission> \*\*

**WATER BUREAU  
PUBLIC HEARING**

555 Main Street, Hartford

Wednesday, March 4, 2026 and Monday, March 16, 2026

**Present:** Commissioner Dominic Pane (1)**Also****Present:** John S. Mirtle, District Clerk  
Christopher Levesque, Chief Operating Officer  
Susan Negrelli, Director of Engineering  
David Banker, Assistant Manager of Engineering Services  
Jessica Coelho, Senior Project Manager  
Annie Dengler, Project Engineer 1  
Victoria Escoriza, Assistant Administrative Officer and Special Assistant  
Kevin Sullivan, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)**CALL TO ORDER**

The public hearing was called to order by Water Bureau Chairman Dominic Pane at 5:30 PM

Commissioner Pane stated that mailings for tonight's public hearing were delayed by the US Postal Service, most likely due to the recent snow storms, and there will be a second public hearing regarding Chapel Road, South Windsor scheduled on Monday, March 16th at 5:30 PM. Certified mail letters for the March 16th public hearing were mailed out property owners today, and flyers will be delivered in the neighborhood as well.

The public hearing notice will be posted in the Hartford Courant tomorrow, March 5th as well as March 11th, and is also available on our website [www.themdc.org](http://www.themdc.org)

Commissioner Pane read the following into the record: "This is a public hearing to consider the proposal to construct a public water main in portions of Chapel Road, South Windsor. This public hearing is part of the legal procedure that The Metropolitan District is required to follow regarding the installation of water mains, as mandated by Special Act 511 of the Connecticut General Assembly of 1929. The plan for this project has been undertaken in response to a petition for a public water main received from two property owners. A final decision on this project has yet to be made. That decision will take into account what is said at this hearing, along with other information, including any information that the Town provides regarding the need for this project from the standpoint of public health.

Victoria Escoriza read the following statement:

"The following hearing notice was published in the Hartford Courant on February 20, 2026 and February 27, 2026"

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON LAYOUT AND ASSESSMENT FOR PUBLIC WATER  
MAIN INSTALLATION FOR CHAPEL ROAD SOUTH WINDSOR  
THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

555 Main Street  
Hartford, Connecticut  
February 20, 2026

The Metropolitan District will hold a public hearing in the Board Room, 555 Main Street, Hartford, on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 5:30 P.M. for the purpose of notification of the construction of a public water main in a portion of Chapel Road, South Windsor.

Members of the public that would like to participate remotely may call into the public hearing at 415-655-0001, Access Code 2305 270 6766# or via WebEx Link available on the District's website.

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

John S. Mirtle, Esq.  
District Clerk"

Commissioner Pane introduced District staff in attendance and stated the rules and procedures for the public hearing.

Senior Project Manager Jessica Coelho and Project Engineer Annie Dengler provided an overview of the Chapel Road, South Windsor project and property assessments.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Doug Gougino of 55 Chapel Road, South Windsor spoke in favor of the project.

Vincent Brown of 70 Chapel Road, South Windsor spoke in favor of the project.

Robert Lavoie of 81 Chapel Road, South Windsor spoke in opposition of the project.

Paolo Cianci of 112 Chapel Road, South Windsor spoke in opposition of the project.

Joyce Jurgelas of 115 Chapel Road, South Windsor spoke in opposition of the project.

Marc Jarvis of 160 Chapel Road, South Windsor spoke in opposition of the project.

**Victoria Escoriza read the following public comment into the record, submitted by Sally Sanborn of 44 Chapel Road, South Windsor:**

“To whom it may concern,

I am sending this email as I am unable to attend the meeting on March 4, 2026 and to advise you that I am opposing the water main being installed on Chapel Rd in South Windsor CT.

I recently had to install a brand new well which cost me \$15,000, I am and 85 year old woman on a fixed income & do not want the water main being installed.

Thank you,  
Sally Sanborn

Victoria Escoriza read the following letter from the South Windsor Director of Health into the record:



August 4, 2025

Annie Dengler, E.I.T.  
The Metropolitan District  
555 Main Street  
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Chapel Road, South Windsor- Request for Public Water Extension

Dear Ms. Dengler,

Our Health Department is in receipt of a letter from your office, dated July 1, 2025, in response to two resident requests for the extension of public water to serve 55 and 71 Chapel Road in South Windsor.

After reviewing the request, the South Windsor Health Department has no known public health concerns in this residential area that would hinder this proposal from going forward or that would warrant additional consideration at this time. There are no reported issues related to the existing well water quality or potability in the area of the proposed extension.

Should any new information arise or if you require further input as the project progresses, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

  
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Trishanna S. Branford, MPH  
Director of Health

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:22pm, the public hearing was adjourned until Monday, March 16, 2026 at 5:30 PM

**RECONVENED**

The public hearing was reconvened by Commissioner Dominic Pane at 5:30 PM

**Present:** Commissioners Dominic Pane and Christopher Tierrini (2)

**Also**

**Present:** Commissioner Alberto Cortes (Remote Attendance)  
Citizen Member Awet Tsegai  
John S. Mirtle, District Clerk  
Christopher Levesque, Chief Operating Officer (Remote Attendance)  
Susan Negrelli, Director of Engineering  
David Banker, Assistant Manager of Engineering Services (Remote Attendance)  
Jessica Coelho, Senior Project Manager  
Annie Dengler, Project Engineer 1  
Victoria Escoriza, Assistant Administrative Officer and Special Assistant  
Kevin Sullivan, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)  
Matthew McAuliffe, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)

Commissioner Pane stated that certified mail letters with notice of the March 4<sup>th</sup> public hearing were mailed out on February 18, 2026, and a notice was published in the Hartford Courant on February 20, 2026 and February 27, 2026. He stated that certified mail letters with notice of the March 16<sup>th</sup> public hearing were mailed out on March 4<sup>th</sup> 2026. A notice was also published in the Hartford Courant on March 5, 2026 and March 11, 2026. He also stated that flyers were delivered to the area on March 6, 2026.

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Victoria Escoriza read the following statement:

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John S. Mirtle, Esq.  
District Clerk

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Marc Jarvis of 160 Chapel Road, South Windsor spoke in opposition of the project.

Roderick Dube of 80 Chapel Road, South Windsor spoke in opposition of the project.

Paolo Cianci of 112 Chapel Road, South Windsor spoke in opposition of the project.

Jon Valles of 22 Chapel Road, South Windsor spoke on behalf of Virginia Valles and Gina Valles, in opposition of the project.

Joseph Kerr of 178 Chapel Road, South Windsor spoke in opposition of the project.

***Victoria Escoriza read the names and address for the following individuals that submitted written public comment. The written comments are as follows:***

Nadine Loveland of 80 Chapel Road, South Windsor in opposition to the project:

“Hi, my name is Nadine Loveland and I live at 80 Chapel Rd. South Windsor along with Rod Dube. We would like it to be known that we oppose the installation of a water main line on our street. This would cause us a great hardship. Please consider not installing the water line.

Thank you.  
Sincerely,  
Nadine Loveland”

Emily Parrish-Mulliken and Cullen Mulliken of 140 Chapel Road, South Windsor in opposition to the project:

“Hi, We are the homeowners of 140 Chapel Rd, South Windsor, CT 06074. We are emailing to state that we are opposed to the water main installation. Thank you for your time.

Best,  
Emily Parrish-Mulliken  
Cullen Mulliken”

Ann Pellegatto of 128 Chapel Road, South Windsor in opposition to the project:

“Property lot 21-15 Chapel Road South Windsor. Vote No I am not in favor to put in water line.

Ann Pellegatto 128 Chapel Road.”

Amy Rittlinger of 35 Chapel Road, South Windsor in opposition to the project.

“Hello, I Amy Rittlinger oppose, the plan for a water Main. Please mark me down as NOT in favor.

Thank you,  
Amy Rittlinger”

Vincent Brown of 70 Chapel Road, South Windsor in favor to the project:

“Dear Attorney Mirtle,

70 Chapel Rd. South Windsor procured a well water test dated November 21, 2025. The property was built in 1961. It was not a period of heavy rain runoff. Tests at different times of year could provide different results.

Test results:

PH 5.83 is acidic and can corrode plumbing, fittings and appliances. I am not aware of any homes that have done additional tests for lead or copper... as recommended for acidic well water. All I have spoken to have visual signs of what could be copper in water as evident by blue green stains in sink basins. Nitrate Nitrogen tested at 8.80 mg/L which is close to the maximum contamination level of 10 mg/L. All homes are in close proximity to agriculture and possible run off. This area also has a high concentration of private septic systems that also pose risk of nitrogen contamination. Iron and Manganese tested at 0.34 mg/L and 0.07 mg/L respectively which is above the staining level creating a reddish brown, sometimes slimy stain from water as it sits.

Additionally, this section of Chapel Rd. is approximately 2,600 ft long with the nearest hydrants located at the intersection of Chapel Rd. and Route 5 or Chapel Rd. and Main St. Any and all consideration to approve a water main would be greatly appreciated.

Regards,  
Vincent Brown”

***The following written public comment was submitted after the public hearing:***

Jon Valles, on behalf of Virginia Valles and Gina Valles, of 22 Chapel Road, South Windsor in opposition of the project:

“I attended the meeting by phone and weblink. Speaking on behalf of my mother and wife who are the property owners, we are opposed to the project. I voiced this over the phone and I’m sending an email also. Thank you.

Jon Valles”

Commissioner Pane reminded property owners in attendance to register their opinions with the District Clerk if they have not spoken at the Public Hearing.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:14 pm, the public hearing was adjourned.

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle  
District Clerk

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Date of Approval

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