

**BUREAU OF PUBLIC WORKS
SPECIAL MEETING
555 Main Street, Hartford
March 30, 2026**

Present: Commissioners John Avedisian, John Bazzano, Richard Bush, David Drake, Gary Johnson, Calixto Torres and James Woulfe (7)

Remote

Attendance: Commissioners Byron Lester and Maureen Magnan (2)

Absent: Commissioners William DiBella, Joan Gentile, James Healy, Bhupen Patel, Alvin Taylor and District Chairman Donald Currey (6)

Also

Present: Commissioner John Gale
Commissioner Dominic Pane
Commissioner Christopher Tierinni
Commissioner Edwin Vargas
Citizen Member Awet Tsegai
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
Jonathan Perugini, Chief Financial Officer/Director of Finance
Dave Ruty, Director of Operations
Robert Schwarm, Director of Information Systems
Tom Tyler, Director of Facilities
Michael Curley, Manager of Engineering
Carrie Blardo, Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer
Victoria Escoriza, Assistant Administrative Officer and Special Assistant
Dylan Pecego, Helpdesk Coordinator (Remote Attendance)
Matt McAuliffe, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)
Elizabeth Tavelli, Independent Consumer Advocate (Remote Attendance)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Torres called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM

PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

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

Independent Consumer Advocate Elizabeth Tavelli did not have any comments or questions relative to agenda items.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

On motion made by Commissioner Drake and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of January 28, 2026 were approved.

**335 SOUTH MAIN STREET, WEST HARTFORD
ABANDONMENT OF SEWER**

To: Bureau of Public Works for consideration on March 30, 2026

On March 20, 2026, the District received a letter from Megan Miller of Civil 1 of Cornerstone Professional Park, Suite D-101, 43 Sherman Hill, Woodbury, Connecticut 06789, representing, James A. and Evangiline O. Kammerer, Property Owner, requesting that The Metropolitan District abandon a portion of the existing 8-inch sanitary sewers and appurtenances and Right-of Way (ROW) within the property of 335 South Main Street, West Hartford, as shown on the accompanying map. The purpose of this request is to allow the construction of a new single family house.

The proposal submitted includes the abandonment of approximately 33 feet of 8-inch tile sewer and a manhole structure (built in 1972), including abandonment of approximately 362 square feet of ROW. Other improvements required include the installation of a new manhole along the existing 8-inch sanitary sewer, the relocation of existing 6-inch sewer lateral and installation of new cleanout serving 333 South Main Street, as shown on the aforementioned map.

The existing 8-inch sewer system runs along private lands and ultimately outlets to West Point Drive. The Town of West Hartford built the sewer to serve all residences located along the west side of South Main Street including the newly subdivided property of 333 South Main Street. The layout of the ROW was acquired by the Town of West Hartford and is described in an easement filed on the Town of West Hartford land records at Volume 501 Page 62.

From an engineering standpoint, the abandonment of the existing sanitary sewers and relocation of the existing sewer lateral will not have a negative impact on the sewer collection system, and no hardship or detriment would be imposed on others.

It is therefore recommended that it be

Voted: That the Bureau of Public Works recommends to the District Board passage of the following resolution:

Resolved: That the existing 8-inch sanitary sewer and manhole within the property of 335 South Main Street, West Hartford, as shown on the accompanying map, be disconnected from the District's sewer system and abandoned in place.

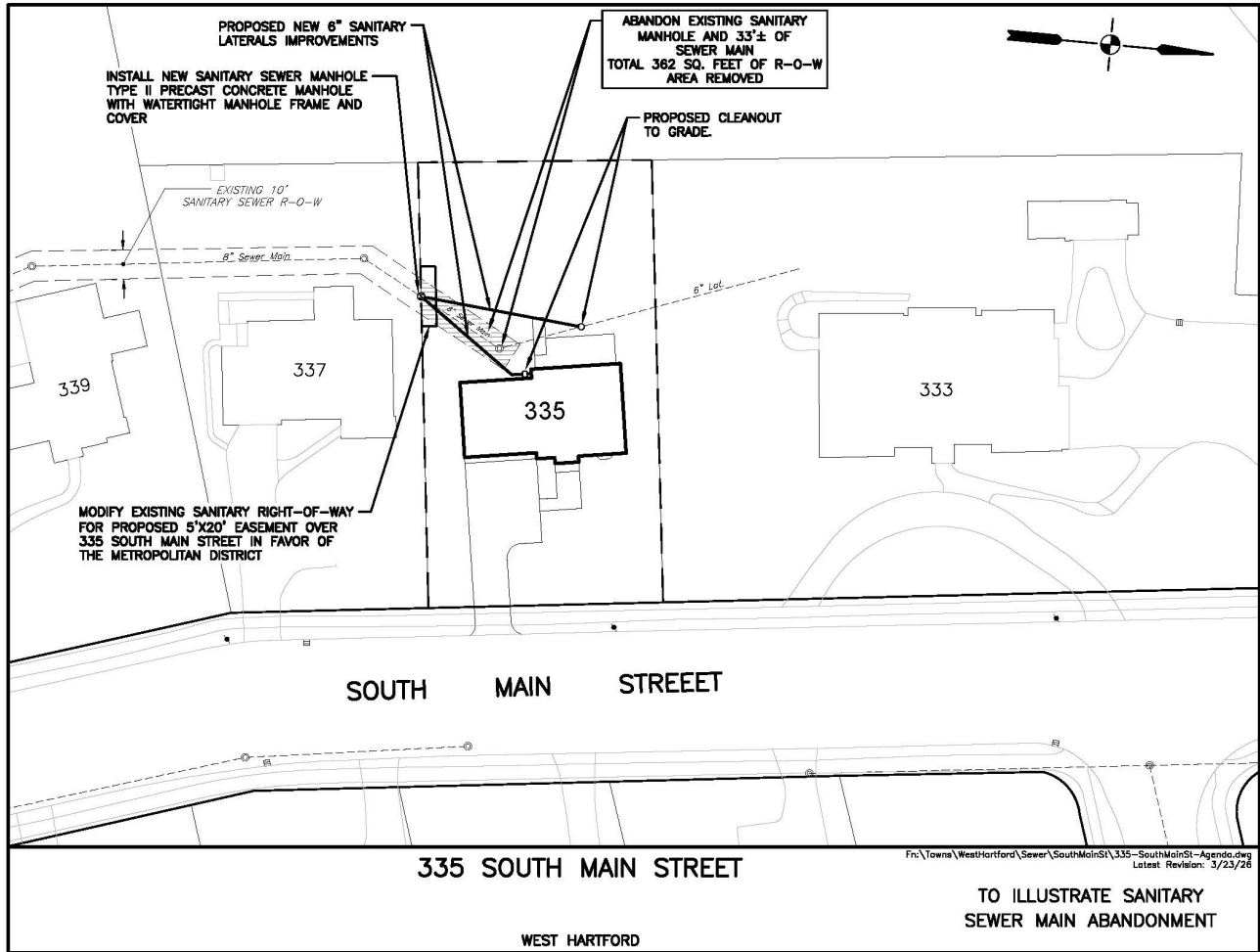
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Resolved: That the Chairman or Vice Chairman is authorized to execute a release of the portion of the easement for the abandoned sewer.

Respectfully submitted,



John S. Mirtle
District Clerk





March 20, 2026

The Metropolitan District
555 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Bureau of Public Works and District Board members,

On behalf of the owners of 335 South Main Street, please find the following request for modification and abandonment of portions of the existing sanitary sewer main and easement as well as proposed sanitary lateral connections as shown on the design plans enclosed plans entitled "335 South Main Street; Site Development Plans", dated 6/12/2025 revised 3/9/2026 prepared by Civil 1.

Existing Conditions:

The parcel located at 335 South Main Street (MBL:F13/5095/335) in West Hartford is currently undeveloped and consists of lawn and wooded areas that slope from east to west, away from South Main Street towards the rear parcel line where it abuts the property of Rockledge Golf Club which is a public golf course owned by the Town of West Hartford. The property currently contains an 8" PVC sewer main and sanitary right-of-way which crosses the property about midway through the lot and terminates at an existing sanitary sewer. An existing 6" sanitary sewer lateral connects into the existing sanitary manhole and travels north towards the adjacent property, 333 South Main Street. An easement for the existing 333 sanitary lateral is not in place at this time. Please see the current site conditions on Sheet S-1.1 of the plan set, the Zoning Location Survey.

Proposed Conditions:

The property at 335 South Main Street is to be developed for a single family home with a rear deck, associated grading, retaining walls, driveway, drainage and utilities. The project is projected to start construction upon obtaining Town of West Hartford land use and MDC permits.

Due to the size of the property and building setbacks, the proposed building was situated adjacent to the existing sanitary right-of-way. However, due to the existing topography of the site, regrading of land as well as stormwater and footing drain utilities would be required **within the** sanitary main easement area. The plans were reviewed and discussed with MDC **staff and it was determined** that a relocation of the existing sanitary manhole and **abandonment** of a portion of the existing sanitary main located on the property would be the **best solution** for the development and future maintenance needs of the property. As such, a **new modification** of the sanitary sewer easement and main as well as the existing sanitary **lateral serving** the northern abutting property has been proposed for your consideration on the

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submitted design plans. The proposed plans show a new terminus of the existing sanitary sewer main at a new manhole located at the southern property line of 335 South Main Street. Modification of the existing sewer easement for a 20'x5' area is to be located along the existing southern property line. The existing sanitary manhole and piping would be abandoned as well as the sanitary sewer main and portions of the existing 333 sanitary lateral. New 6" sanitary laterals will be connected to the proposed sanitary manhole which will serve 335 and 333 South Main Street. A new 10' wide easement in favor of 333 South Main Street will be centered on the proposed lateral. These modifications are shown on Sheet C-3.1 of the plan set.

Upon approval of the enclosed plans, the owner will coordinate with the respective land use offices for recording of the required easements and satisfy any comments from MDC. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out of me at megan@civil1.com or at 203-266-0778 ext 108

Best Regards,


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

**POTENTIAL PROGRAM FOR STORMWATER CONNECTIONS IN
SEPARATED MEMBER TOWNS**

Chief Executive Officer Scott Jellison and Chief Operating Officer Chris Levesque led a discussion on a potential program for stormwater connections in member towns.

Commissioner Avedisian exited the meeting at 6:15PM

Commissioner Woulfe exited the meeting at 6:34PM

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Independent Consumer Advocate Elizabeth Tavelli asked if there are maps available to show where member towns have fully separated storm sewers. She also asked where the stormwater goes that comes from the existing separated storm sewers, and inquired if it flows into the combined system in Hartford, or if it flows into the waterways. She also asked if the inflow of stormwater from the separated storm systems of the seven member towns surrounding Hartford contribute to flooding in Hartford.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle
District Clerk

Date of Approval

**Video of the full March 30, 2026 Bureau of Public Works meeting is available at <https://www.youtube.com/@MetropolitanDistrictCommission> **