

**WATER BUREAU
SPECIAL MEETING**
555 Main Street, Hartford
Monday, April 27, 2026

Present: Commissioners John Gale, Peter Gardow, Diane Lewis, Jackie Mandyck, Dominic Pane, Chris Tierinni and District Chairman Donald M. Currey (7)

Remote

Attendance: Commissioners Andrew Adil and Alberto Cortes (2)

Absent: Commissioners Kyle Anderson, Avery Buell, Dimple Desai, Pasquale J. Salemi, Edwin Vargas and New Britain Representative Michael Carrier (6)

Also

Present: Commissioner Richard Bush (Remote Attendance)
Commissioner Joan Gentile (Remote Attendance)
Commissioner Byron Lester (Remote Attendance)
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
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
Lindsay Strole, Assistant Manager of Water Treatment and Supply
Mike Curley, Manager of Engineering
Jason Waterbury, Assistant Manager of Engineering Services
David Banker, Assistant Manager of Engineering Services
Janet Murphy, Controller (Remote Attendance)
Diana Phay, Treasury Manager (Remote Attendance)
Nick Salemi, Communications Administrator
Victoria Escoriza, Assistant Administrative Officer and Special Assistant
Dylan Pecego, Helpdesk Coordinator (Remote Attendance)
Kevin Sullivan, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)
Matthew McAuliffe, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)
Elizabeth Tavelli, Independent Consumer Advocate (Remote Attendance)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pane at 4:04 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

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

Independent Consumer Advocate Elizabeth Tavelli did not have any comments or questions.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Without objection, Chairman Pane consolidated approval of the meeting minutes for: March 2, 2026, and public hearing minutes of March 4, 2026 and March 16, 2026.

On motion made by Commissioner Gale and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of March 2, 2026, as well as the public hearing minutes of March 4, 2026 and March 16, 2026 were approved.

**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 his 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,



John S. Mirtle
District Clerk

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

TUNXIS CLUB LEASE

District Counsel Christopher Stone briefed the Water Bureau on the expiration of the Tunxis Club lease and its potential renewal.

Commissioner Vargas entered the meeting remotely at 4:19 PM

COLEBROOK CONSERVATION EASEMENT

District Counsel Christopher Stone briefed the Water Bureau on the status of negotiations of the Colebrook conservation easement.

PASSIVE RECREATION AT LAKE MCDONOUGH

Chief Operating Officer Chris Levesque provided a presentation on passive recreation at Lake McDonough.

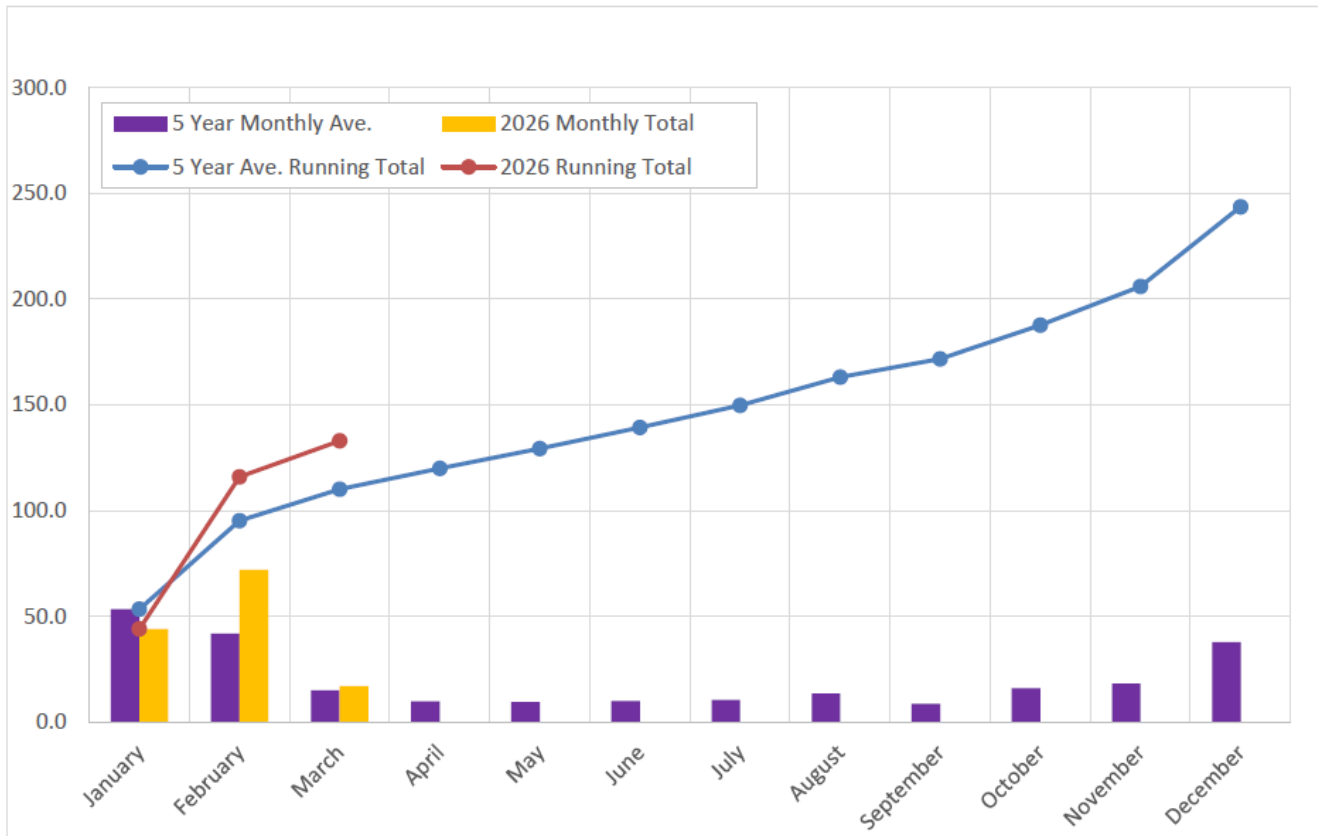
Commissioner Gale made a motion for the MDC to ban swimming at Lake McDonough and at the same time, open up Lake McDonough for more passive recreation as was presented tonight, to include walking trails, boating and fishing for the public. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote of those present.

SUMMARY OF WATER MAIN BREAKS

Chief Operating Officer Chris Levesque provided a summary of water main breaks in March 2026.

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



YEAR-TO-DATE WATER REVENUE

Chief Financial Officer Jonathan Perugini provided a report on the year-to-date water revenue.

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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
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 126,784,825	\$ 22,637,986	17.9%	\$ 115,702,948	\$ 20,767,660	17.3%
Sale of Water	\$ 98,265,967	\$ 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%
Other Operating Revenues	\$ 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%
Non-Operating Revenues	\$ 10,740,989	\$ 1,096,922	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	\$ 44,531	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%

Feb 2026 YTD Water Revenue

3/23/2026 10:39 AM

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC

Independent Consumer Advocate Elizabeth Tavelli stated that it's in the best interests of consumers to open Lake McDonough for passive recreation.

COMMISSIONER REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Adil asked for a discussion regarding meter pits on a future agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle
District Clerk

Date of Approval

**Video of the full April 27, 2026 Water Bureau meeting is available at
<https://www.youtube.com/@MetropolitanDistrictCommission> **