

Minutes of the Town of Farmington
Elected Officials Workshop
September 13, 2016

Present:

Dan Kleinman	Economic Development Commission
Nancy Nickerson	Town Council
Jay Fraprie	Town Plan and Zoning Commission
Christine Arnold	Board of Education
Chris Fagan	Board of Education
Sharon Mazzochi	Zoning Board of Appeals
Guy Wolf	Conservation Inland Wetland Commission
Barbara Brenneman	Town Plan and Zoning Commission
Peter Bagdigian	Water Pollution Control Authority
Bill Beckert	Board of Education
Philip Dunn	Town Plan and Zoning Commission
John Vibert	Town Council
Chris Forster	Zoning Board of Appeals
Kathy Eagen	Town Manager
Kathy Greider	Superintendent of Schools
Bruce Charette	Town Plan and Zoning Commission
Diane Tucker	Town Plan and Zoning Commission
Katy Perry	Zoning Board of Appeals
Liz Fitzsimmons	Board of Education
Meredith Trimble	Town Council
Mark Blore	Board of Education
Peter Mastrobattista	Town Council
Amy Suffredini	Town Council
Jim Foote	Water Pollution Control Authority
Gary Palumbo	Town Council
Paula Ray	Town Clerk

Nancy Nickerson called the workshop to order at 6:02 p.m. Richard Roberts and Kenneth Slater, Jr. attorneys at Halloran & Sage gave a presentation on the Freedom of Information Act regarding meetings and records and Parliamentary Procedure related to small bodies. After the presentation there was a 10 minute question and answer session. The workshop adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Paula B. Ray, Clerk

Minutes of the Town of Farmington
Regular Town Council Meeting
September 13, 2016

Present:

Nancy W. Nickerson, Chair
Peter M. Mastrobattista
Gary Palumbo
Amy Suffredini
Meredith A. Trimble
John Vibert

Kathy Eagen, Town Manager
Paula B. Ray, Town Clerk

A. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Council and members of the public recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The Chair recognized the 15th Anniversary of the 9/11 attack on the United States. She thanked the first responders that had given their lives, the first responders that spent time at the site after the attack and members of the public that were good neighbors to each other at that time. She suggested that everyone over the next year thank someone in uniform for their service. She then called for a moment of silence for all that had lost their lives that day.

C. Presentations and Recognitions

1. Proclamation - Nick Bonino

There was no action taken on Agenda Item C-1.

2. Proclamation- Senior Center Month

The Chair presented the following proclamation to Nancy Parent, Director of Community and Recreational Services and Andrea Bouchard, Program Assistant at the Senior Center.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the month of September is National Senior Center month, and;

WHEREAS, this year's theme highlights the many ways individuals find balance and whole person wellness at senior centers. The balance found at senior centers is directly connected to the whole person wellness programming that senior centers strive to achieve, and;

WHEREAS, the Farmington Senior Center is a focal point for our Town's senior residents and;

WHEREAS, the Farmington Senior Center provides a wide variety of programs to provide education, information, support, wellness, recreation and socialization, and;

WHEREAS, the Farmington Senior Center provides services and programs in the four focus categories of the national celebration: Fitness, Learning, Purpose and Friendship, and;

WHEREAS, the Farmington Senior Center is home to at least a 100 seniors a day and offers over 100 programs monthly, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Town of Farmington celebrates the Senior Center for all its diverse and varied programming as part of the Farmington Community & Recreational Services Department and thanks the staff, volunteers and active participants for all their good work and positive influence in the community.

Dated this 13th day of September 2016 at Farmington, Connecticut.

Nancy W. Nickerson

Chair Farmington Town Council

D. Public Hearing

There were no public hearings held.

E. New Items

There were no new items added to the Agenda.

F. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

G. Reading of Minutes.

1. July 12, 2016 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2016 Regular Town Council Meeting.

Adopted unanimously.

H. Reading of Communications and Written Appeals

1. Charles Baumgartner Correspondence- Sewer Use Special Bill (attachment)
2. Sewer Use Special Bill-Town Manager Correspondence (attachment)
3. Metropolitan District Commission – Kilkenny Transmission Main Project (attachment)
4. Metropolitan District Commission- Town Manager Correspondence (attachment)

5. Metropolitan District Commission-Town Manager Correspondence
(attachment)

The Manager reviewed that the communications and written appeals had dealt with sewer use special bills and MDC issues, which are recorded with these minutes as Agenda Items H-1 through H-5.

I. Report of Committees

1. UCONN Committee(s)
2. Land Acquisition Committee
3. Green Efforts Committee

There were no reports for Agenda Items I-1 through I-3.

4. Joint Town of Farmington/City of Hartford Committee

The Chair reported the Hartford City Council was meeting in September to act on some of the proposals. The Committee was going to meet, after the Hartford City Council acted, to move forward on the project.

5. Bicycle Advisory Committee

Mr. Vibert reported the Committee reviewed some of the streets where signage had been put up and were targeting other roads for sharrows or signs.

6. Farmington Gateway Committee

Mr. Mastrobattista reported the Committee was meeting the following Thursday at 5:00 p.m. B&L Companies was submitting results on the Marketing Study and the Environmental Report. The Committee was also going to review some of the upgrades to the Route 4 project. Mr. Mastrobattista encouraged everyone that had interest to attend the meeting.

7. Web Page Sub-Committee

There was no report for Agenda Item I-7.

8. Farmington High School Renovation Committee

Mrs. Trimble reported the Committee was scheduled to take a tour the next day of a high school in Massachusetts that had been completed by the architectural firm chosen by the Committee for the project. They were in the process of hiring an owner's representative and construction managers. The architectural firm was in the process of holding visioning workshops for all the stakeholders from students to the general public.

J. Report of the Council Chair and Liaisons

1. Chair Report

The Chair reported that at the Farmington Valley Collaborative meeting discussion of regionalizing of service was discussed due to both current judicial and legislative actions. It was discussed that there could possibly be reductions in promised grant funding from the State of Connecticut for this fiscal year and concern for what could happen next fiscal year because of the fiscal deficits the State was facing.

2. Board of Education Liaison Report

The Chair reported the schools had opened without any problems, and the Teacher of the Year for Farmington was Melissa Dale, a second grade teacher at Union School. She had taught in the Farmington schools for 20 years serving as a team leader and math resource teacher. It was reported that contract negotiations with the teachers was underway.

3. Unionville Village Improvement Association Liaison Report

Mrs. Trimble reported the Unionville Festival was coming up on September 25th from noon to five.

4. Town Plan and Zoning Liaison Report

There was no report for Agenda Item J-4.

5. Water Pollution Control Authority Report

Mrs. Trimble reported the renovations were going well, and the supervision of the project included monthly meeting of C.H. Nickerson the general contractor for the project; Wright Pearce, the design engineering firm for the project; the Department of Environmental and Energy Protection for the State of Connecticut and the Town staff as well as daily supervision by Town staff and Wright Pearce. The project had benefited from the excellent weather for construction during the spring and summer of 2016. Approximately \$500,000 in project credits had been found as of September 2016.

6. Economic Development Commission Liaison Report

Mr. Palumbo reported the Commission was holding a Business Breakfast the next morning with reservations for slightly over 200 attendees at which representatives of the new Mormon Church were to be the speakers.

7. Human Relations Commission Report

Mrs. Suffredini reported the Commission was very pleased with the new sidewalks, but a new concern with the back door at McDonalds had arisen. Teenagers in the area had been kicking the automatic door opener prompting McDonalds to lock the back door. She asked the public to report any improper activities in the area.

8. Chamber of Commerce Report

The Chair reported there was a Business After Hours meeting the following evening.

9. Other Liaison Reports

There were no other liaison reports.

K. Report of Town Manager

Sub Edge Farm Lease

The Manager discussed her findings on different types of leases that could be considered for the farm. After discussion and questions the Manager was charged with having more information for the second September meeting with plans to have an action item ready for the first October meeting.

Local Families Support Farmington Police Department in “Blue Bag Challenge”

The Manager reported the Blore, Tabor and Rand families had organized a Blue Bag Challenge. The families grew vegetables in their gardens and sold vegetables to raise money to pay for the contents for the bags. Seven children ranging from ages of 3 to 12 years old took it upon themselves to complete this gesture of support. Each bag contained a hand written note from one of the families which included the police officer’s prayer.

Hartford Temple Tours

The Manager reminded the Council of their scheduled tours and reported public tours were being held September 30-October 22, 2016 with the exception of Sundays and October 1st.

Recreation Division Relocation to Depot Place

Reported the renovations at Depot Place were underway and that the Town’s Recreation offices would be moving from the Stone House in with the Board of Education’s EXCL and Continuing Education programs at Depot Place. The Manager reported strategizing on the best use of the Stone House was being done but the space would continue to be used for town and public activities.

P.S.A. Update

The Manager reported UCONN Health was relinquishing the Paramedic Primary Service Area Responder designation for the Town of Farmington effective October 1, 2016 and the Town was in negotiations with AMR to replace them.

Live Fire Training Facility Grand Opening

The Manager reported the grand opening for the Farmington and Avon Live Fire Training Facility was planned for November 5, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. and there would be tours for the public.

Senior Center Month

The Manager reminded the public about Senior Center Month and reported the Farmington Senior Center was offering numerous celebrations throughout the month to highlight all our many opportunities for information, support, wellness, recreation and socialization. The Farmington Senior Center offers over 75 programs a month and at least 100 seniors enter the building on a daily basis.

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) to accept the Town Manager’s report.

Adopted unanimously.

L. Appointments

1. Plainville Area Cable TV Advisory Council (R)
2. Plainville Area Cable TV Advisory Council (R)
3. North Central Regional Mental Health Board, Inc. (Wienke) (R)

There was no action taken on Agenda Items L-1 through L-3.

4. Building Code Board of Appeals

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) that Todd Langston be appointed to the Building Code Board of Appeals beginning immediately for the balance of a five-year term and ending September 30, 2019.

Adopted unanimously.

5. Building Code Board of Appeals (Hammerberg) (D)

6. Unionville Historic District and Properties Commission Alternate (Meyer) (D)

There was no action taken on Agenda Items L-5 or L-6.

7. Human Relations Commission

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) that Toni Berlandy be appointed to the Human Relations Commission for the balance of a two-year term beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2018.

Adopted unanimously.

8. Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) that Paul Amato be appointed to the Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission for a four-year term beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2020.

Adopted unanimously.

9. Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) that Mark Simpson be appointed to the Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission for a four-year term beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2020.

Adopted unanimously.

10. Economic Development Commission

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) that Augusto Russell be appointed to the Economic Development Commission for a two-year term beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2018.

Adopted unanimously.

11. Economic Development Commission (Connolly) (D)

12. Economic Development Commission (Karowski) (D)

There was no action taken on Agenda Items L-11 or L-12.

13. Farmington Historic District Commission

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) that Dorothy Haviland be appointed to the Farmington Historic District Commission for five-year term beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2021.

Adopted unanimously.

14. Farmington Historic District Commission

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) that Holley Holden be appointed to the Farmington Historic District Commission for a five-year term beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2021.

Adopted unanimously.

15. Farmington Historic District Commission Alternate (Haviland) (R)

There was no action taken on Agenda Item I-14.

16. Housing Authority

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) that Sally Hatzenbuhler be appointed to the Housing Authority for a five-year term beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2021.

Adopted unanimously.

17. Housing Authority

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) that Cheryl Lawless be appointed to the Housing Authority for five-year term beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2021.

Adopted unanimously.

18. Housing Authority (Mason) (D)

19. Water Pollution Control Authority (Bagdigian) (D)

20. Unionville Historic District and Properties Commission (Forster) (R)

There was no action taken on Agenda Items L-18 through L-20.

21. Veterans Memorial Commission

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) that Paul Krause be appointed to the Veterans Memorial Commission for a six-year term beginning immediately and ending September 2022.

Adopted unanimously.

22. Veterans Memorial Commission

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) that Justin Bernier be appointed to the Farmington Veterans Memorial Commission for a six-year term beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2022.

Adopted unanimously.

23. Veterans Memorial Commission

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) that Tyson Belanger be appointed to the Veterans Memorial Commission for a six-year term beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2022.

Adopted unanimously.

M. Old Business

There was no old business conducted.

N. New Business

1. To authorize the Town Manager to execute the required documentation for the Neglected Cemetery Account Grant Program Award for the Scott Swamp Cemetery located at 8784 Scott Swamp Road, Route 6.

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) to authorize the Town Manager to execute the required documentation for the Neglected Cemetery Account Grant Program Award for the purpose of straightening and repair of memorial stones, repair fences and walls, clear weeds, briars and bushes, leaf clean-up and provide periodic maintenance as needed for the Scott Swamp Cemetery located at 8784 Scott Swamp Road, Route 6.

Adopted unanimously.

2. To award Bid #248 for Fire Apparatus & Utility Vehicle Maintenance.

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) to award Bid# 248, Fire Apparatus & Utility Vehicle Maintenance to First Line Emergency Services, 10 Progress Drive, Middletown, CT and Freightliner of Hartford, Inc. dba Five Star Fire, 222 Roberts Street, East Harford, CT.

Adopted unanimously.

3. That KeyBank, N.A. of Albany, NY be added to the list of depositories for town funds and investments.

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) that KeyBank, N.A. of Albany, NY be added to the list of depositories for town funds and investments.

Adopted unanimously.

4. To approve property tax refunds.

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) to approve the following property tax refunds:

NAME	REASON	AMOUNT
1)Albany Road Farmington I LLC	Overpayment	\$1,463.44
2)Vikki Allen	Assessor's adjustment	\$70.45
3)Ari Fleet	Assessor's adjustment	\$748.48
4)James Arsenault	Assessor's adjustment	\$11.58
5)Robert Balboni	Assessor's adjustment	\$11.94
6) Maryann Baldyga	Assessor's adjustment	\$55.43
7)Jeanine Barrett	Assessor's adjustment	\$9.26
8)Alfred Bauer	Assessor's adjustment	\$38.67
9)Bayview Loan Svc	Assessor's adjustment	\$592.19
10)Paul Bisaccia	Assessor's adjustment	\$50.20
11)Kim Rye Bok	Assessor's adjustment	\$12.89
12)Matthew Cambi	Assessor's adjustment	\$1,033.26
13)W & E Case	Assessor's adjustment	\$21.32
14)Kenneth Clark	Assessor's adjustment	\$33.03
15)Megan Clerkin	Assessor's adjustment	\$315.00
16)Peter Cobin	Assessor's adjustment	\$235.00
17)Corelogic	Overpayment	\$1,664.36
18)M & E Costello	Assessor's adjustment	\$550.00
19)Stephen Crowe	Assessor's adjustment	\$82.36
20)Marilyn Cruz-Aponte	Overpayment	\$315.00
21)A. Cuadrado	Assessor's adjustment	\$43.83
22)Daimler Trust	Assessor's adjustment	\$495.56
23)Larry Douville-Graves	Assessor's adjustment	\$7.63
24)Andrzej Duer	Assessor's adjustment	\$27.64
25)A & J Dumais	Assessor's adjustment	\$174.15
26)Farmington Displays	Assessor's adjustment	\$979.64
27)Tracy Fillian-Shea	Assessor's adjustment	\$11.08
28)Financial Service Veh	Assessor's adjustment	\$938.21
29)Henry French	Assessor's adjustment	\$70.71
30)Samuel Garro	Assessor's adjustment	\$11.86
31)Mark Gelinias	Assessor's adjustment	\$45.73
32)William Gerace	Double payment	\$315.00
33)M & D Gondek	Assessor's adjustment	\$75.00
34)Richard Graham	Assessor's adjustment	\$151.10
35)The hair company	Assessor's adjustment	\$39.19
36)Hatworld	Overpayment	\$873.90
37)G & V Hemphill	Assessor's adjustment	\$26.34
38)Honda Lease Trust	Assessor's adjustment	\$812.82
39)Alison Howard	Assessor's adjustment	\$9.80
40)Hyundai Lease	Assessor's adjustment	\$47.41

41)Wongil Hyung	Assessor's adjustment	\$62.85
42)K & N Jensen	Assessor's adjustment	\$78.78
43)Katarzyna Kaoud	Assessor's adjustment	\$56.56
44)Peter Kapushinski	Assessor's adjustment	\$21.71
45)Judy Kim	Assessor's adjustment	42.20
46)Tae Kim	Assessor's adjustment	\$38.87
47)Marjorie King	Assessor's adjustment	\$89.90
48)Leonard Kostek	Assessor's adjustment	\$33.88
49)L & L Kristiansen	Assessor's adjustment	\$129.35
50)Nicole Lehman	Assessor's adjustment	\$12.27
51)Chung Liang	Assessor's adjustment	\$36.17
52)Thomas Libonate	Assessor's adjustment	\$12.89
53)Norman Liu	Assessor's adjustment	\$81.98
54)M & J Bus Inc	Assessor's adjustment	\$68.76
55)Timothy Machado	Assessor's adjustment	\$23.28
56)Michael Mahonski	Assessor's adjustment	\$125.87
57)Donald & Janet Martin	Assessor's adjustment	\$125.97
58)Waltereb Martucci	Assessor's adjustment	\$45.91
59)Joan Merrill	Assessor's adjustment	\$95.29
60)Liam Mitchell	Assessor's adjustment	\$90.90
61)Michael Mitsou	Assessor's adjustment	\$24.16
62)C & M Modha	Assessor's adjustment	\$66.42
63)N & S Modi	Over payment	\$3,715.42
64)Motorlease Corp.	Assessor's adjustment	\$517.09
65)S Natarajan & S Sengodan	Double payment	\$315.00
66)Barbaraagnes Oemcke	Assessor's adjustment	\$34.06
67)Marita Orourke	Assessor's adjustment	\$20.31
68)Sabina Pachocka	Assessor's adjustment	\$120.06
69)R & D Palen	Assessor's adjustment	\$36.86
70)Gary Palumbo	Assessor's adjustment	\$125.29
71)M & H Papernik	overpayment	\$624.80
72)Christopher Parsons	Assessor's adjustment	\$22.83
73)Judith & Richard Phelon	Assessor's adjustment	\$63.52
74)Protector Mission LLC	Assessor's adjustment	\$49.62
75)D & J Quisenberry	Assessor's adjustment	\$51.84
76)William Rabinowitz	Assessor's adjustment	\$261.15
77)Janet Rafaniello	Assessor's adjustment	\$13.02
78)R & J Rodriguez	Assessor's adjustment	\$50.37
79)Christopher Rose	Assessor's adjustment	\$13.66
80)Ira Roy	Assessor's adjustment	\$38.67
81)Raisa Sacharny	Assessor's adjustment	\$45.14
82)Helmuth Schultze	Assessor's adjustment	\$134.95
83)Mona Shahriari	Assessor's adjustment	\$123.23
84)Patricia Sharasheff	Assessor's adjustment	\$15.88
85) J & B Sobczyk	Assessor's adjustment	\$183.15

86)R & J Sohovich	Assessor's adjustment	\$22.48
87)Teresa Spyrzynski	Assessor's adjustment	\$184.58
88)Frances Starkey	Assessor's adjustment	\$455.02
89)Curtiss Stella	Assessor's adjustment	\$10.13
90)John & Jane Stroh	Assessor's adjustment	\$15.85
91)Lynn Summers	Overpayment	\$315.00
92)Matthew Sweeney	Assessor's adjustment	\$7.48
93)June Szegda	Assessor's adjustment	\$25.86
1894)Joy Taylor	Assessor's adjustment	\$91.05
95)Bruce Till	Assessor's adjustment	\$368.66
96)Toyota Lease Trust	Assessor's adjustment	\$241.82
97)Vault Trust	Assessor's adjustment	\$244.90
98)V W Credit Leasing LTD	Assessor's adjustment	\$44.37
99)Emberlee Wackelin	Assessor's adjustment	\$16.63
100)Deanna Walsh	Assessor's adjustment	\$38.33
101)Alicia Welch	Assessor's adjustment	\$54.76
102)Wells Fargo Home	Assessor's adjustment	\$100.00
103) Pamela Wertheim	Double payment	\$7,231.81
104)R & M Winkel	Assessor's adjustment	\$80.24
105)Victor Yeleovich	Assessor's adjustment	\$57.93
106)Maria Zavala-Ardon	Assessor's adjustment	\$17.92
107)Neil Zlatereva	Assessor's adjustment	\$32.02
	TOTAL:	\$30,067.19

Adopted.

Voting yes were Nickerson, Mastrobattista, Suffredini, Trimble and Vibert.
Mr. Palumbo abstained. It was noted his name was on the list for a refund.

O. Executive Session

1. Collective Bargaining

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) to move to Executive Session at 8:08 p.m. with the Town Council and Town Manager in attendance for the discussion of records, reports and statements of strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining.

The Council returned to Open Session at 8:15 p.m.

2. Land Acquisition

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) to move to Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. with the Town Council and Town Manager in attendance for the discussion of the selection of a site or the lease, sale or purchase of real estate.

The Council returned to Open Session at 8:30 p.m.

P. Adjournment

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Adopted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paula B. Ray".

Paula B. Ray, Clerk

Agenda Item H-7

Kathy Eagen

From: Charles Baumgartner <imaginationinplay@mac.com>
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2016 11:16 AM
To: Kathy Eagen
Cc: Kevin@Deminginsurance.com; johnvibert@aol.com; Meredith Trimble; Amy Suffredini; Gary Palumbo; Peter Mastrobattista; Jon Landry; Nancy Nickerson
Subject: Sewer Use Special Bill

Dear Ms. Eagen,

I am writing to request a simple change that will financially help a significant portion of citizens in the town of Farmington. For years I have been paying my regular real-estate taxes and a Special Service Bill for the use of the sewage treatment system. This latter assessment I am forced to pay simply because I am hooked up to the sewage treatment plant. Both the Tax Collector and Erica, the Asst. Town Manager say that those who are not connected to the Sewage Treatment plant do not have to pay, because they do not use the services, therefore it is only right not to burden them with any cost for services they do not or cannot use. That is a logical statement, and I would agree with that if not for the lack of that policy being standardized across the board for all town services. By that I mean, if taxpayers had the option to not pay for services they do not use, then it should apply to all services not just this one sewer use fee. For example, I don't have children, yet I pay for the taxes to educate the children of Farmington. Since this is nearly 50% of the town budget I would be able to save a significant amount of money each year by not having to pay for services I don't use, never have used, and never will use, just like the Special Services Bill for Sewer use. I'd love to opt out of the education portion of the tax bill under the same logic the tax collector and your Asst. Town Manager cited.

Why does Farmington have a discriminatory policy on taxation/fees that allows people who don't use a service to not pay for those services that the entire community might have as an option to use, if only they would pay for the hookup sewer lines to the town's system?

I would like to propose that Single/Married households having no children using the school system be provided with a significant discount on taxes since I do not use this service, just as those that do not use the Sewer don't pay. After all this is fair treatment that aligns with the logic that both the Tax Collector and Asst. Town Manager explained to me. Now I know this is a ridiculous request, but as a Disabled retiree with fixed income, and having recently had my Retiree Health Benefits rescinded by my company (GE), I am financially constrained, and seek to save every penny I can since next year, I am being forced to pay for my own supplemental health insurance coverage that was part of a promised pay package by GE for having worked there for 30 years. That is an additional 4,000 dollars that I will now need to pay, and with the lack of COLA's for Social Security Disability Income, I would hope the town will work with citizens to reduce their chances of having to lower their standard of living, reduce the risk of not having money to pay for medications, etc., and putting their financial future at risk due to unfair and discriminatory practices that are current Farmington policy. I also don't use any of the town's social services or financial assistance programs, yet I pay for them.

Now I do understand fully the need for a community to act as a community, and the need for everyone to step up as a civilized society and pay for services that benefit the community as a whole, such as Police Services, Government, Education, Social Services, and all the other things that help a society treat each other humanely. I happily pay my taxes for these services since it is a good thing to educate our children, protect the citizens when you call the police, help those less fortunate by providing housing and food support to those in need. This is the way society should work. We all should share in the expenses that make Farmington a great community in which to live.

So while my request to have my taxes reduced because I don't use the school system is foolish, it is by town standards a fair request as evidenced by the Sewer Usage fee. Barring that request from being implemented, and I expect that it would never be enacted anyway, as it is not the right thing to do for our community. So there is a second option, one that would benefit many in the community while keep the income for Sewer Services intact, and perhaps even grow access to the sewers by adding monies to town coffers to increase sewage use. Either add this to the normal town budget and tax everyone equally for the service, regardless if used or not, since it encourages others to join in the system and can lower the bill since everyone is sharing the cost for this community benefit, much the same as the education system. Barring that from being passed, and I don't think this option would pass either because it seems there may be some well connected politically motivated people who are not on the sewer lines, the easiest and really fair way to handle this, is to call this Sewer Use Fee a Sewer Use TAX and add it to the Real Estate Tax bill as a separate line item, so we can deduct this from our Taxable income, and save everyone about 100 dollars per year. This solution does not harm the town, and helps the citizens, and makes the discriminatory practice a bit more palatable. Please help us seniors on the border of going broke, and give us a tax break since this is an essential town service just like the Education system, and not everyone uses the education system.

I would be happy to come to the next town council meeting to propose these options along with your support, and that of the town council members. Before I do this, I'd welcome a discussion so that I can understand the process of proposing town statute modification and polices, with the end goal of getting this issue onto this year's ballot as a referendum to change the rules and have it become fair to citizens. Currently it's an unfair policy.

I welcome a call to discuss.

Charles Baumgartner, C.P.M.

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Agenda Item H-2

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INCORPORATED 1645



July 29, 2016

emailed 7/29/16

Mr. Charles Baumgartner
66 Wellington Drive
Farmington, CT 06032
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Dear Mr. Baumgartner,

This letter is in response to your recent email regarding the Sewer Use Special Bill.

It is my understanding that you are requesting a modification to the special service charges for use of the sewage treatment plant that will provide relief to financially constrained seniors.

I appreciate many of your comments and the public policy debate on those topics.

The Town of Farmington must follow all applicable federal, state and local laws regarding sewer assessments. According to Town Ordinance Section 156-50, "Sewers" the general taxpayer is responsible for upgrades to the treatment Plant, new pumping stations and other collection system improvements. These costs are part of the annual Town budget and are included in an annual tax bill that is distributed to every resident and business in town.

Users of the system are responsible for daily operation and maintenance of the treatment plant which is part of the Water Pollution Control Budget. A yearly sewer fee bill is distributed only to users of system.

It is my understanding that under federal law, taxpayers can claim an itemized deduction for state and local real estate taxes. However, these taxes are only deductible if they are based on the assessed value of the real property and charged uniformly against all property under the jurisdiction of the taxing authority; fees for services such as trash collection and water mains, sewer lines and other improvements are not deductible.

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I am not sure if you are aware of the Town of Farmington Property Tax Relief for Elderly homeowners or some of our other State and Local Programs. I have attached information for you to review to see if you may qualify.

If you have questions on these programs please feel free to contact Chris Barta, Town Assessor at bartac@Farmington-ct.org

Thank you for your letter and interest in the Town of Farmington.

Sincerely,

Kathleen A. Eagen
Town Manager

/Attachments

CC:

- ✓ Town Council members
- ✓ Russ Arnold, Director of Public Works
- ✓ File



Date: October 30, 2015

To: Assessors and Municipal Agents

From: Patrick Sullivan, Fiscal Administrative Officer, IGP

Subject: QUALIFYING INCOME-PROGRAM YEAR 2015

The following tables show the levels of qualifying income for the Elderly and Totally Disabled Tax Relief Program applications to be filed in the year 2016. These levels are to be used for the 2015 Grand List Homeowner and Renter applications, 2016 Grand List Additional Veteran's applications and may be used for any local option programs.

PLEASE NOTE: Homeowner applications that were taken for the 2014 G/L (RENEWALS) are calculated for the 2015 G/L using the 2014 qualifying income schedule, NOT the schedule below. Also please be aware that the Renters Rebate application period has been expanded to April 1st through October 1st.

Homeowners
Income and Grant Information -2015 Benefit Year
Filing period February 1 - May 15, 2016

Income		Tax Credit %		Tax Credit Maximum		Tax Credit Minimum	
Over	To	Married	Unmarried	Married	Unmarried	Married	Unmarried
\$-0-	\$17,600	50%	40%	\$1,250	\$1,000	\$400	\$350
17,600	23,600	40	30	1,000	750	350	250
23,600	29,500	30	20	750	500	250	150
29,500	35,200	20	10	500	250	150	150
35,200	42,900	10	-0-	250	-0-	150	-0-
*41,200	48,900						

Renters
Income and Grant Information - 2015 Benefit Year
Filing period April 1 - October 1, 2016

*Income limit for Farmington

Income		Maximum Credit		Minimum Credit	
Over	To	Married/Single		Married/Single	
\$-0-	\$ 17,600	\$900	\$700	\$400	\$300
17,600	23,600	700	500	300	200
23,600	29,500	500	250	200	100
29,500	35,200	250	150	100	50
35,200	42,900	150	-0-	50	-0-

(Over)

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Homeowners' Tax Relief Program - 2015 Grand List

Dear Homeowner:

Per your request, enclosed is the application for the Homeowners' program.

Please fill out the application and return to the Assessor's Office on or before **May 15, 2016**.

INCOME INFORMATION

Qualifying income limits:

Single - \$41,200

Married - \$48,900

Required documentation of income:

- Social Security Statement for 2015 (Form SSA -1099)
- Federal Income Tax Return for 2015 (if filed).
- **If no Federal Income Tax Return is filed**, proof of all forms of income – pension income, annuity income, interest, etc.

If you have any questions or need any assistance with filing, please feel free to contact or come in to the Assessor's Office. Tel: 860 675-2370



PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

M-35H Rev. 12/2013

STATE OF CONNECTICUT - OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT
APPLICATION FOR TAX CREDITS
ELDERLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED HOMEOWNER

OWNER
GRAND LIST

IMPORTANT: Read instructions available at Assessor's office
FILING PERIOD: FEBRUARY 1st through MAY 15th

1. NAME (Last) (First) (Middle Initial) YOUR BIRTH DATE (Mo. Day, Yr) YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NO.
2. SPOUSE'S NAME (Last) (First) (Middle Initial) SPOUSE'S BIRTH DATE (Mo. Day, Yr) SPOUSE'S SOCIAL SECURITY NO.
3. MAILING ADDRESS (No. and Street) CITY OR TOWN (Don't Abbreviate) STATE ZIP CODE

4. PROPERTY ADDRESS (No. and Street) CITY OR TOWN STATE ZIP CODE OTHER NAME ON PROPERTY
ONLY IF DIFFERENT FROM 3. ABOVE

5. FILING STATUS: [] CIVIL UNION
CHECK ONLY ONE: [] MARRIED [] UNMARRIED SURVIVING SPOUSE (AGE 50 TO 65) PROOF REQUIRED

IF SPOUSE IS A RESIDENT OF A HEALTH CARE OR A NURSING HOME FACILITY IN CT AND ON TITLE XIX CURRENT PROOF REQUIRED CHECK HERE: []
IF APPLICANT IS TOTALLY DISABLED CURRENT PROOF REQUIRED CHECK HERE: []

6. DID OR WILL YOU FILE A FEDERAL TAX RETURN FOR THE GRAND LIST YEAR? [] YES (Attach Copy) [] NO

7. CT QUALIFYING INCOME RECEIVED DURING LAST CALENDAR YEAR:
A. GROSS INCOME - Includes: Federal Gross Income or its equivalent. Such as, but not limited to wages, lottery winnings, pensions, IRA withdrawals, interest, dividends and net rental income (excluding depreciation). A.\$
B. NON-TAXABLE INTEREST - Example: Interest from Tax Exempt Government Bonds B.\$
C. SOCIAL SECURITY OR RAILROAD RETIREMENT INCOME - Add Medicare premiums (Attach SSA 1099) C.\$
D. ANY OTHER INCOME NOT REFLECTED IN THE ABOVE - Examples: Federal Supplemental Security Income, State of Connecticut public assistance payments, Veteran's Disability Pensions, and any other income not listed above. D.\$
E. TOTAL Add lines 7A through 7D E. \$

8. APPLICANT'S/ AUTHORIZED AGENT'S AFFIDAVIT
The applicant or authorized agent deposes that the above statements are true and complete and claims tax relief under provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes. The property for which tax relief is claimed, is the permanent residence/domicile of the applicant. He/she is not receiving State Elderly tax benefits under section 12-129b or section 12-170d, in any town. The penalty for making a false affidavit is the refund of all credits improperly taken and a fine of \$500.00 or imprisonment for one year, or both. Your signature signifies that this affidavit has been read and understood.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT OR AUTHORIZED AGENT Date signed (Mo, Day, Yr) APPLICANT'S or AGENT'S PHONE NO. AGENT'S RELATIONSHIP
X () (INCL. AREA CODE)

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9. Date Application Received: 10. Total percentage of property (in fee or in life use) owned by this applicant %
PROPERTY'S GROSS ASMT:\$ APPLICANT'S GROSS ASMT: \$ - *
Subtract Exemptions for: .Blind -
Disabled -
* Based on % of ownership Veteran's -
Local Options -
Add'l Vets -
11. Net Assessment (based on APPLICANT'S GROSS ASMT. minus total exemptions) (MUST agree with the continuation sheet) \$
14. Allowable Table Percentage: %
15. Credit Maximum:
a. Line 13 or **13a X Line 14 \$
b. Table Ceiling X Line 10 \$
16. a. Lesser of Line 15a or 15b \$
b. Minimum Grant \$
17. CREDIT AMOUNT \$
Greater of 16a or 16b

12. Mill Rate: 13. Amount of Property Tax: or **13a. Amount of Frozen Tax: **NOTE: If local option freeze program is offered by municipality you must enter frozen tax amount in Box 13a and Box 15a

ASSESSOR'S AFFIDAVIT
- I am satisfied that the above named applicant meets all the necessary statutory requirements
- This claim is disallowed for the following reason:
Please see the instructions at the Assessor's Office for appeal information

SIGNATURE OF ASSESSOR OR MEMBER OF ASSESSOR'S STAFF Date signed (Mo.,Day,Yr.)

TOTALLY DISABLED TAX EXEMPTION

Prepare in Triplicate
Original - Assessor
Copy - Applicant
Copy - OPM

IMPORTANT
Check At Least
One Box

TO: ASSESSOR, Town of _____

I hereby apply for the \$1,000 tax exemption (off my assessed value) as provided for in Connecticut General Statute Sec. 12-81(55):

NAME(Last)	(First)	(Middle Initial)	BIRTHDATE	SOCIAL SECURITY #
ADDRESS	(No., Street, Town or City)	(State)	(Zip Code)	APPLICANT'S TELEPHONE #

Document(s) attached:

Proof of eligibility, in accordance with applicable federal regulations, to receive Permanent Total Disability benefits under Social Security,

- or -

If the applicant has not been engaged in employment covered by Social Security and accordingly has not qualified for benefits thereunder:

Proof of eligibility for Permanent Total Disability benefits under any federal, state or local Government retirement or disability plan, including the Railroad Retirement Act and any Government-related teacher's retirement plan, determined by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management to contain requirements in respect to qualification for such permanent Total Disability benefits that are comparable to such requirements under Social Security,

-or-

Proof that the applicant has attained the age of sixty-five (65) or over and would be eligible in accordance with applicable federal regulations to receive permanent total disability benefits under Social Security or any such federal, state or local government retirement or disability plan as described above.

CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY UNDER THE PENALTIES OF FALSE STATEMENT THAT I MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTE Sec. 12-81(55) AND AM ENTITLED TO THE TAX EXEMPTION PROVIDED FOR THEREIN.

Applicant's Signature

Date

APPROVED

Assessor's Signature

Date



Additional Veteran's Exemption – 2016 Grand List

INCOME INFORMATION

Qualifying income limits:

Single - \$35,200

Married - \$42,900

Required documentation of income:

- Social Security Statement for 2015 (Form SSA -1099)
- Federal Income Tax Return for 2015 (if filed).
- **If no Federal Income Tax Return is filed**, proof of all forms of income – pension income, annuity income, interest, etc.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Assessor's Office at 675-2370.



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT
APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL VETERAN'S EXEMPTION
FILE BIENNIALLY
FILING PERIOD FEB. 1 - OCT. 1

GRAND LIST

1. NAME (Last) (First) (Middle Initial)			YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NO.
2. SPOUSES NAME (Last) (First) (Middle Initial)			SPOUSES SOCIAL SECURITY NO.
3. PROPERTY LOCATION (No. and Street)		CITY OR TOWN	STATE ZIP CODE
MAILING ADDRESS (If different from above)			TELEPHONE NO.

4. MARITAL STATUS: MARRIED UNMARRIED (Single, Divorced, Widow/Widower, or Legally Separated)

5. QUALIFYING INCOME (INCOME FROM ALL SOURCES FOR LAST CALENDAR YEAR):

NOTE: VETERANS' DISABILITY PAYMENTS ARE NOT CONSIDERED INCOME FOR THIS PROGRAM.

- a. GROSS INCOME - Examples: Wages, Bonuses, Commissions, Fees, Gratuities, Payment for Jury Duty (excluding travel allowance), Lottery winnings, Taxable portion of Annuities and Pensions (including Veteran's), Taxable portion of IRA's, Interest, Dividends, Net rent or proceeds from sales of property, etc. If you are required to file a Federal Income Tax Return, enter the amount of Adjusted Gross Income Plus any other income and attach a copy of the return to this application. a. \$ _____
- b. NON-TAXABLE INTEREST - Example: Interest from Tax Exempt Government Bonds b. \$ _____
- c. SOCIAL SECURITY OR RAILROAD RETIREMENT INCOME - (GROSS AMOUNT) Exclude only if 100% disabled by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. c. \$ _____
- d. ANY INCOME NOT REFLECTED IN THE ABOVE - Examples: Federal Supplemental Security Income, State of Connecticut public assistance payments, General Assistance, Veteran's Pensions, and any other income not listed above. d. \$ _____
- e. TOTAL Add lines 5a through 5d e. \$ _____

6. Are you presently receiving a 100% disability rating from the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs? Yes No

7. APPLICANT'S AFFIDAVIT: The Applicant herein claims a property tax exemption under provisions of the General Statutes, deposes that the above statements are true and complete and that he/she is not receiving a State exemption in accordance with Section 12-81g in any other town or city. The signature below indicates that this affidavit has been read and understood.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT OR AUTHORIZED AGENT
X

Date signed (Mo, Day, Yr)
____/____/____

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8. THE APPLICANT IS RECEIVING THE FOLLOWING VETERAN'S EXEMPTION ("A" Code):

Amount \$ _____

9. ADDITIONAL EXEMPTION ALLOWED ("B" Code):
(If less than full additional exemption used, NOTE FULL EXEMPTION here \$ _____) \$ _____

10. ADDITIONAL EXEMPTION ALLOWED: PUBLIC ACT 13-224 MUNICIPAL OPTION
(If less than full additional exemption used, NOTE FULL EXEMPTION HERE \$ _____) \$ _____

11. EXEMPTION APPLIED TO: Real Estate Motor Vehicle Personal Property Supplemental Motor Vehicles

12. ASSESSOR'S AFFIDAVIT: - I am satisfied that the above named applicant meets all the necessary statutory requirements
 - This claim is disallowed for the following reason: _____

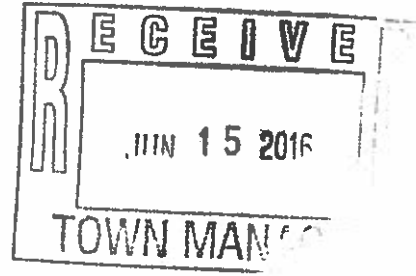
SIGNATURE OF ASSESSOR OR MEMBER OF ASSESSOR'S STAFF

Date signed (Mo., Day, Yr.)
____/____/____



The Metropolitan District
water supply • environmental services • geographic information

Agenda Item H-3
MDC
cc: file
AC: Russ
Matt



June 9, 2016

Ms. Kathleen A. Eagen,
Farmington Town Manager
Farmington Town Hall
1 Monteith Drive
Farmington, CT 06032

Re: **Kilkenny Transmission Main North and South – Farmington and West Hartford, CT**

Ms. Eagen:

This is to inform you that the Metropolitan District (District) plans to construct a new water transmission main located in Farmington and West Hartford within our "Kilkenny Service Area" (refer to the attached figure). The District serves 445+ customers in Farmington, including the University of Connecticut Health Center (UCHC), and 470+ customers in West Hartford within this area that are dependent on a pump station and storage tank connected by a 16-inch diameter transmission main to maintain system pressure. The existing main was installed in 1967 and is now undersized for current potable hydraulic system demands. The new 30-inch transmission main, located primarily along the existing main, is an important component in an overall master plan to increase system pressure, capacity, and provide a redundant means to convey water to our customers in this service area. Please note that in addition, our plan is to execute two additional capital improvement projects within the next five years that will, in conjunction with this project, improve the overall system pressures under peak flow conditions and allow for future development within the service area.

As we have clarified in the past, the MDC's principal and primary role is to provide drinking water to its customers; our ordinances are clear in that MDC does not guarantee fire flow like some other water utilities. Flows for fire protection are only provided when the system, as designed, can provide such flows without endangering public health. **Other utilities that do guarantee fire flow increase the size of their infrastructure to support the occasional high flows and subsequent system pressure drops which can occur during fire events.** They also charge a significant Fire Protection fee per lineal feet of pipe in the town in which it serves.

For the Kilkenny transmission main, the District has obtained approval from the Town of Farmington Inland Wetlands Commission, the Town of West Hartford Planning and Zoning Commission, the Town of West Hartford Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency, the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health and the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. We estimate the construction contract will be awarded in the fourth quarter of 2016.

This project spans two towns, with West Hartford as a District member town and Farmington as a non-member town. The MDC has applied the standard cost sharing rationale, which has been utilized in past projects, allocating costs based upon the percentage of the installed asset within each town. The total length of the new main (excluding the new UCHC campus connection) is 6,600 feet, of which 3,535 feet (54%) is in West Hartford and 3,065 feet (46%) is in Farmington. The current project costs are expected to be approximately \$8M. The UCHC is contributing \$3.6M, \$1.1M of which is solely for a new

connection from Farmington Avenue into their campus. Therefore the revised project cost, for purposes of cost sharing calculations, is \$6.9M (\$8M - \$1.1M). The remaining UCHC contribution of \$2.5M (\$3.6M-\$1.1M) is then applied to the revised project cost of \$6.9M, resulting in an anticipated total project cost to Farmington of approximately \$2M (\$6.9M-\$2.5M x 46%). Since construction has not taken place yet, these estimates are subject to change.

In accordance with the District's Water Ordinances, Sec. W1f (attached), there shall be a surcharge on the water rates for non-member towns for which capital improvements or layout and assessment projects are constructed. The Town may choose to either pay all or a portion of the cost of this capital improvement, and/or have the costs of the construction included in the Special Capital Improvement Surcharge billed to each MDC customer in the Town of Farmington. It is anticipated that this project will be substantially complete in late 2017 at which time the surcharge will be calculated based upon 46% of the actual net cost of the capital improvement constructed.

We typically do not notify the non-member towns of the anticipated costs until after construction is completed; however, given the CIP surcharge increase per quarter to each MDC customer will be approximately \$55.00, we felt it was important to notify you in advance.

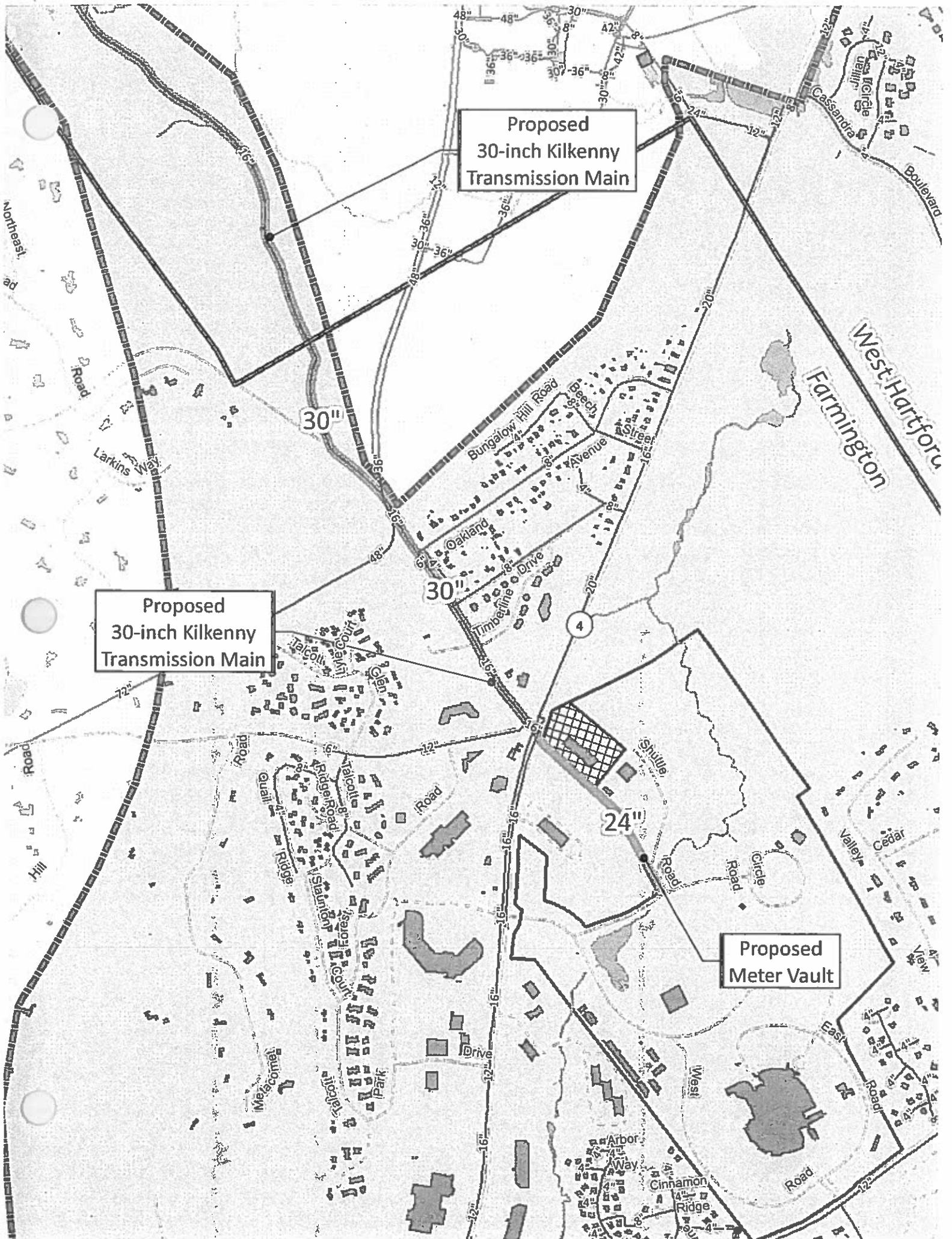
If you have any questions regarding this project, please reach out to Jeremy Galeota, Project Manager at (860) 278-7850 x3522 or myself at (860) 278-7850 x3200.

Sincerely,



Scott W. Jellison, P.E.
Chief Executive Officer

Cc: William A. DiBella, Chairman
Michael Solomonides, Farmington Commissioner
R. Bartley Halloran, District Counsel
Susan Negrelli, P.E., Director of Engineering
Jeffrey Davis, P.E., L.S., Manager of Design
Jeremy Galeota, P.E., Project Manager



Proposed
30-inch Kilkenny
Transmission Main

Proposed
30-inch Kilkenny
Transmission Main

Proposed
Meter Vault

ORDINANCES
OF
THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
RELATING TO
WATER SUPPLY



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Within the following areas, there shall be added to the established rates, charges to cover the extra cost of furnishing high-pressure service, as follows: In the areas served by the Mountain Road Pump Station, including the second stage Canal Road Area, in West Hartford, an amount equal to fifteen percent of the water bill at established rates, to continue until the attributive costs of furnishing such service have been recovered.

(Adopted Dec. 3, 1973)

(Effective Dec. 13, 1973)

**SEC. W1f SURCHARGE OUTSIDE THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT FOR
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

In towns outside the limits of The Metropolitan District for which capital improvements or layout and assessment projects are constructed, in addition to the charges set forth in SEC. W1a, W1b and W1c, there shall be a surcharge on the water rates as follows:

1. On or before the end of each fiscal year, The Metropolitan District shall determine the actual cost of each capital improvement constructed for each non-member town and the net cost (cost less assessments) of layout and assessment projects constructed for each non-member town. The costs and/or net costs, as applicable, shall be allocated to the towns for which the work was performed and shall be a surcharge on the water rates of the users located in such towns.
2. The annual surcharge to be added to each user's water rate shall equal the total amount of the costs and/or net costs, as applicable, allocated to the town in which such user is located [excluding costs which the town has paid as set forth in Section W1f(3)] amortized over a twenty year period with compounded interest at the per annum rate The Metropolitan District would receive from long term investments such as thirty (30) year T-Bills at the time of the expenditure divided by the number of users based on meter size in such town. The surcharge shall be billed in either quarterly or monthly installments, as applicable, commencing with the first bill sent out in the fiscal year succeeding the fiscal year in which the work was performed and continuing over the twenty year period.
3. The District shall, as soon as possible after the completion of each capital improvement project or separate phase thereof, provide to the non-member towns for which a capital improvement was constructed a compilation of the costs associated with the construction of such project(s). If, on or before the end of the District's fiscal year in which such construction was completed, a non-member town agrees to pay and does in fact pay all or a portion of the cost of a capital improvement constructed for such town, then the amount paid by such town shall be deducted from the total amount of costs and/or net costs allocated to such town as described in Section W1f(1) and used to calculate the individual surcharges as set forth in Section W1f(2).

(Adopted November 3, 2004)

(Effective November 13, 2004)

Agenda Item H-4

THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON

INCORPORATED 1645



TOWN HALL
1 MONTEITH DRIVE
FARMINGTON, CONNECTICUT 06032-1053

INFORMATION (860) 675-2300
FAX (860) 675-7140
"BULLETIN BOARD" (860) 675-2301

August 1, 2016

Mr. Scott Jellison, CEO
Metropolitan District Commission
555 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06142

Subject: Kilkenny Transmission Main Project

Dear Mr. Jellison:

I want to thank you for your time and for meeting with Russ Arnold, Director of Public Works /Town Engineer and myself on July 6, 2016 to discuss the above referenced project and your letter dated June 9, 2016.

As we discussed, the Town of Farmington is disappointed that throughout numerous discussions regarding water service provided by the MDC to the east side of Farmington, it was not mentioned that the MDC would be seeking reimbursement for a portion of the project. Discussions regarding the UCONN Health Center project were always positioned as required water main and fire protection upgrades, not as a benefit to the Towns of Farmington and West Hartford. I understand the rationale that this capital improvement project is a benefit to Farmington and West Hartford, but I feel that the MDC did not communicate this information accurately. I am sure you can understand why your letter of June 9, 2016 would come as a surprise. To avoid this confusion in the future, I ask that you provide a list and timeline of proposed capital improvement projects that are located in and/or have an impact on the Town of Farmington so that the Town can be better informed and prepared.

It is also our understanding that the UCONN Health Center project was allowed by the MDC to meet the Connecticut State Department of Public Health Standard of 20 psi at the hydrant instead of your own policy of 35 psi. Based on this, I would expect that the MDC would allow future development projects in Farmington to meet the Connecticut State Department of Public Health Standard of 20 psi. We are also requesting the design calculations for the Kilkenny Transmission Main Project.

As you are well aware, during the past several years, the Town of Farmington has experienced a substantial increase in private and public investments along the east side of Farmington, particularly in the vicinity of UCONN Health.

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Given the State of Connecticut's \$480 million investment in the UCONN Health expansion and their \$331 million investment to attract the Jackson Laboratory for Genomic Medicine to build a new facility in Farmington, this corridor has become a major economic driver for both the State of Connecticut and the Town of Farmington.

The Town has compelling concerns with the MDC - Connecticut Water Interconnection. While we support the interconnection, we believe that your modeling of the system and the impact of water supply for domestic and fire protection hinders economic growth and expansion in this area. I am uncertain what the solution is, but I believe that further discussion is required. It is crucial for the continued economic development growth in Farmington, the Region, and the State that MDC can supply enough water for domestic and fire protection in the east section of Farmington. Based on our conversation, I am uncertain that this is the case.

Again, thank you for your time and I look forward to receiving the requested information and working together to ensure that the MDC can supply enough water for domestic and fire protection in the east section of Farmington.

Sincerely,

Kathleen A. Eagen
Town Manager
Town of Farmington

cc: Nancy Nickerson, Town Council Chair
Beth Bye, State Representative
Michael Demicco, State Representative
Michael Solominides, MDC Rep
Russ Arnold, Director/Town Engineer



Agenda Item H-5

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August 30, 2016

Mr. Scott Jellison, CEO
Metropolitan District Commission
555 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06142

Subject: Kilkenny Transmission Main Project

Dear Mr. Jellison:

This letter is in response to your email received August 4, 2016 regarding the above referenced project.

Before the Town of Farmington can respond we are requesting the following information.

- 1) The design calculations for the Kilkenny Transmission Main Project.
- 2) List and timeline of proposed capital improvements projects that are located in and or have an impact on the Town of Farmington.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to receiving the requested information and working together on this project and future MDC projects in the Town of Farmington.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me directly should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Kathleen A. Eagen
Town Manager

CC: Nancy Nickerson, Town Council Chair
Beth Bye, State Representative
Michael Demicco, State Representative
Michael Solomonides, MDC Rep
Russ Arnold, Director/Town Engineer

