December 9, 2020

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Scott A. Jordan  
Executive Vice President for Administration & Chief Financial Officer

RE: Utility Easement to Connecticut Water Company

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees approves a permanent easement to the Connecticut Water Company to construct and maintain water supply lines in Old Colony Road in Storrs. The Administration recommends that the Board of Trustee adopt the Resolution below.

RESOLUTION:

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approves a permanent easement to the Connecticut Water Company to construct and maintain water supply lines in Old Colony Road in Storrs.”

BACKGROUND:

This permanent easement is associated with the provision of water supply service by the Connecticut Water Company (“CWC”) to the University and other third-party water customers in the Town of Mansfield under the Water Supply and Development Agreement dated December 18, 2013, between CWC and the University (“Agreement”). Pursuant to Section 6.1 of the Agreement, the University transferred to CWC ownership of certain water supply infrastructure facilities consisting of pipes of varying lengths and diameter, valves, mains and all related components located on, in or under University property (collectively, the “Infrastructure Facilities”). Under the Agreement, CWC has the obligation to maintain, repair and replace the Infrastructure Facilities, and the University has an obligation to provide to CWC access and easements as necessary.

Among the Infrastructure Facilities is water supply piping serving Old Colony Road. The land on which the road is located, as well as adjacent land, is owned by the State of Connecticut, acting by and through the University. CWC plans to discontinue the existing service in its present location and replace it by installing a new water service under Old Colony Road. The proposed easement area is shown in the attached draft “Easement Map -- Easement area to be conveyed to the Connecticut Water Company across property of the State of Connecticut, Old Colony Road (Private Road), Mansfield, Connecticut” dated September 1, 2020.
The final easement language remains subject to negotiation. The University will seek no consideration for this easement given that it is being sought subject to the December 18, 2013 Agreement between CWC and the University.