

Thank you, Shaun. AOK for now. See you next week!

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**From:** Shaun Fielder <[sfielder@vtruralwater.org](mailto:sfielder@vtruralwater.org)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 22, 2018 4:04:31 PM  
**To:** Maida Townsend; Denise Diehl  
**Subject:** Re: H.716, Waterbury Charter

Ms. Townsend,  
Thanks for your follow up and understood on committee seeking out some basics on utility districts. Please be aware my / VRWA expertise is public water system and wastewater system operations. I am not in a position to offer anything in regards to other utilities/utility districts such as communications, electrical, gas as examples.

I do understand the context for this bill is in regards to Waterbury charter change and formation of a new utility district for water and wastewater services. One other point for now is that majority of public water and wastewater systems are not specifically defined as a utility district but they operate and provide services within a defined service area. The operations are managed and controlled by a town or city, fire district, or village to name a few political entities. There are other management scenarios of course.

Anything else I could address in the short term please let me know and see you next week.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Maida Townsend <[MTownsend@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:MTownsend@leg.state.vt.us)>  
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**Subject:** Re: H.716, Waterbury Charter

Hi, Shaun. Thanks so much for being willing to visit with House Government Operations. Our need is very basic. We need to understand, in general, how utility districts are structured and how, in general, they function. Put another way, we need Utility Districts 101. Does that help? Best regards, Maida (Maida F. Townsend, Chair, House Government Operations)

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**From:** Denise Diehl  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 22, 2018 2:24:20 PM  
**To:** Shaun Fielder  
**Subject:** RE: H.716, Waterbury Charter

Thanks very much, Shaun....I'll check with the Chair Maida Townsend to see about specifics. See you on March 29<sup>th</sup>!! Regards, Denise

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**To:** Denise Diehl  
**Subject:** Re: H.716, Waterbury Charter

Denise,  
Good afternoon.

Thanks for contacting VRWA as a resource on this issue. I am able to attend and will plan to take part in committee testimony on Thursday, March 29 at 8:30 a.m..

Please let me know in advance if there any particular questions, in regards to public water and wastewater utility operations, I should be prepared to offer comments and or answer questions on?

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**From:** Denise Diehl <[DDiehl@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:DDiehl@leg.state.vt.us)>  
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**Subject:** FW: H.716, Waterbury Charter

Good morning. House Government Operations is working on the Waterbury Charter, H.716. As you can tell by the thread of e-mails, the committee needs someone with background in utility districts. Please let me know if you can testify on H.716 on Thursday, March 29 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 49 (third floor) at the State House. Thanks very much and I look forward to hearing from you. Regards, Denise

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**From:** Maida Townsend  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 22, 2018 4:20 AM  
**To:** Denise Diehl  
**Subject:** Fw: H.716, Waterbury Charter

Denise: Here is a suggestion to replace the ANR person as a witness on the Waterbury charter. Maida

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**From:** Ellis, Rebecca <[Rebecca.Ellis@vermont.gov](mailto:Rebecca.Ellis@vermont.gov)>  
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**To:** Maida Townsend  
**Subject:** RE: H.716, Waterbury Charter

Hi Rep. Townsend,

Shaun Fielder, Executive Director of Vermont Rural Water Association (click [here](#) for contact information), would be a good resource. If I think of any other names I will pass them on.

Have a nice evening!  
Rebecca



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**Subject:** H.716, Waterbury Charter

Hi, Rebecca. We are looking for someone who knows about how utility districts in general tend to work. We were given to understand that DEC might have someone who could provide us that information. Do you have any thoughts as to where I should look rather than DEC?? Thanks!! Best,  
Maida