

## UI TRANSMISSION LINE TOWN HALL MEETING

Wednesday, October 4th at 6 PM

Location Change To: Fairfield Warde High School

Dear Fairfielders,

Our community is rightfully concerned about UI's transmission line proposal that is currently before the State Siting Council. I asked UI to hold a Town Hall meeting for our community tomorrow evening where UI will present their plan, and then take questions from our residents.

I also want to clarify some misinformation that has been spreading in the community. There is a process underway.

United Illuminating is a public utility company, regulated by the [Public Utilities Regulatory Authority](#) (PURA), a state regulatory agency. The [State Siting Council](#) has jurisdiction over the siting of electric transmission lines and electric substations. In other words, the State Siting Council is the authority that must approve UI's project.

In August, I became aware the Town was able to apply to be an intervenor. Upon learning this information I retained outside legal counsel for the town who applied for and received official intervenor status joining members of our community who have also applied for intervenor status.

As I shared in prior newsletters, intervenor status allows the Town to provide expert testimony, and in essence fight against this proposal. We have met with the attorneys for the other intervenors representing interested neighbors and businesses in town, and we are working together. We also applied for and were granted an additional hearing before the State Siting Council which will take place in November.

I have walked some of the areas with neighbors to see the real impact on their property and have been in constant communication with the other intervenors.

Last week members of the state delegation and I met with UI's President Frank Reynolds as well as their project team. UI has agreed to work with the Town to identify problematic areas in UI's proposal.

Representative Leeper and Senator Hwang offered to assist me, intervening parties and our legal counsel to create a list of priority areas that UI agreed to discuss with us further. It is our hope that working together, we will be able to identify and implement reasonable and prudent alternatives.

Below is the flyer to the town hall meeting, background information, contact information, prior communication, and additional resources on the project.

As always, I'm happy to answer any questions you have either by email or over the phone.

Sincerely,



First Selectwoman Brenda L. Kupchick

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First Selectwoman Kupchick Invites Residents to a  
**TOWN HALL MEETING**

HOSTED BY UI OFFICIALS REGARDING THE  
TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2023  
6PM**

**\*FAIRFIELD WARDE HIGH SCHOOL  
755 MELVILLE AVENUE**

→ Presenters from UI include:

- Principal Engineer
- Unit Manager of Transmission Lines
- Construction Chief,
- Environmental, Permitting and Compliance.

→ A Q&A will follow the presentation

→ Learn about UI Transmission Line Project at  
[www.uirailroadtlineupgrades.com](http://www.uirailroadtlineupgrades.com)

→ Questions can be submitted to UI at:  
[Info@UIRailRoadTLineUpgrades.com](mailto:Info@UIRailRoadTLineUpgrades.com).

→ Comments can be submitted to:  
The Siting Council at  
[siting.council@ct.gov](mailto:siting.council@ct.gov).

→ The event will be recorded and posted on  
[www.fairfieldct.org/meetingrecordings](http://www.fairfieldct.org/meetingrecordings)

For more  
information  
please call the First  
Selectwoman's  
office at  
203-256-3030.

\*Please note that the original location (the Regional Training Fire School)  
has been changed to Fairfield Warde High School.

[UI PROJECT PAGE](#)

The next Evidentiary Hearing of the State Siting Council will be on Oct. 17th at 2:00 p.m. You can find details about the hearing and how to join via Zoom, [here](#).

The next meeting following that will be on November 17th.

[EMAIL QUESTIONS TO UI](#)

[EMAIL SITING COUNCIL](#)

**PREVIOUS COMMUNICATION FROM THE TOWN:**

[DECEMBER 20, 2022](#)

Post to the Town Website Homepage – Public Informational Mtg: UI Railroad Transmission Line Rebuild Project  
On Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 7 pm, the United Illuminating Company (UI) is holding a public informational meeting at the Main Library on the Old Post Road for property owners, businesses, and residents south of the Metro North Railroad from Sasco Brook to Ash Creek to give a presentation on its railroad transmission line rebuild project. **The Public and all interested parties are invited to attend to ask questions or comment on the proposed Project.**

UI is proposing to remove its existing 115-kV lines and infrastructure from the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CT DOT) railroad catenary structures that span the Metro North (MNR) tracks in both Fairfield and Bridgeport. Along approximately 7.3 miles of the MNR tracks, the 115-kV lines will be removed from about 100 catenary structures and rebuilt on single or double-circuit monopoles, which will be located within or near the CT DOT-owned railroad corridor.

In Fairfield, the new monopoles will be located south of the MNR tracks; in Bridgeport, the new monopoles will be positioned north or south of the tracks, depending on location relative to the existing built environment or alignment into UI facilities. The Project will also provide an upgrade to connections at four UI substations, all located in Bridgeport. These transmission line upgrades will help maintain system reliability, promote climate resiliency, preserve safety within and adjacent to the transmission lines and provide technological enhancements to legacy system equipment. For more information, [please click here](#).

**WHO:** Property owners, businesses, and residents south of the Metro North Railroad from Sasco Brook to Ash Creek

**WHAT:** UI Public Informational Meeting – Railroad Transmission Line Rebuild Project

**WHERE:** Fairfield Public Library, Rotary Room, 2nd Floor, 1080 Post Road, Fairfield

**WHEN:** Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 7:00 – 8:30 PM (Inclement weather date – January 18th – same time and location)

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[Town Facebook Page](#)



The poster features the Town of Fairfield seal in the top left corner. The main title is "PUBLIC MEETING" in large, bold, blue letters. Below it, the subtitle reads "UI RAILROAD TRANSMISSION LINE REBUILD PROJECT PUBLIC MEETING". The poster lists the following details:

- WHO:** Property owners, businesses, and residents south of the MNR from Sasco Brook to Ash Creek.
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