

Next Chapter Meeting February 25, 2015

Speaker: Mr. Tim Masterson

Topic: Sizing Guidelines for New and Replacement Sewage Pumps

Tabletop: Kevin Long, Emerson Swan

Location: Baci Grill
134 Berlin Road
Cromwell, CT

Time: 6:00 – Welcome
6:30 – Dinner

Cost: \$30 per person

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President's Message

Nicole Parker, CT ASPE President

Happy February!! Hope everyone has dug themselves out of all this snow we have been having, I know I am ready for Spring to be here, only 6 more weeks of Winter, let the countdown to Spring begin!!

Just a reminder that we are having a joint meeting with ASHRAE on March 12, 2015. It is being held at Two Roads Brewery in Stratford, CT. There is a Technical Session from 5:00-6:00, then a tour of the Brewery and then Dinner Session from 6:45 – 8:30 on Thermal Solar System Design and Application. Information and registration can be found online at ctashrae.org.

CTASPE Chapter News

Technical Program

This month's technical presentation will be by Tim Masterson on Sizing Guidelines for New and Replacement Sewage Pumps.

We will again be having the 50 / 50 raffle this month, it seems to be working out well and it adds a little fun to the meeting.

Tabletop Presenters!!!

We are in search of interested vendors that would be interested in tabletop presentations, will be charging a \$100 fee for those who wish to present a tabletop of their products at the meeting.

The money for these tabletops will help keep the cost of the monthly meetings at the low \$30 cost per person. I look forward to having many tabletops at our monthly meetings!

If you wish to be a tabletop presenter, please contact either myself at

nparker@lindgrensharples.com or Anthony Carosielli at acarosielli@silverpetrucelli.com.

For The Future Meetings

Sponsorship

If there is anyone interested in sponsoring any of the monthly meetings the cost would be \$600. This would give the members an opportunity to come to the meeting free of charge. Again if you are interested please contact either myself at nparker@lindgrensharples.com or Anthony Carosielli at acarosielli@silverpetrucelli.com.

Proof of Attendance

I would like to mention to all of the CPD's in the chapter to be sure to sign in at every meeting. They are auditing more people each year and it is a pain to scramble to collect all the proof of your credits, trust me I got audited this past year. We will not be publishing in the newsletter the list of attendees, so please ask for a Certificate of Attendance if you need one. Also, if the course is a CEU accredited course you MUST sign in and out of the meeting. I will be keeping track of all of the attendance records so if anyone needs proof please contact me.

Note: For our Inspector friends attending the monthly meetings, you need to be sure to sign in as well and I can email you a Certificate of Attendance.

CTASPE Membership

As of December 2014, The Connecticut Chapter's membership is 43. Our membership breakdown is as follows:

	Nov2014	July 2014
Full Members:	32	31
Associated Members:	1	1
Affiliate Members:	10	10
Government Members:	0	0
Special Members:	0	1
Student Members:	0	0
Total Chapter Members:	43	43

Let's try and recruit some new members and get our numbers back up. My goal as the President is to get our membership numbers back into the 50's.

New Members

If you are a new member of ASPE, the Connecticut chapter would like to welcome you and invite you to attend your first chapter meeting on us. All new society members will have their first chapter dinner paid for by the local chapter as a "Welcome to the Society". All you need to do is attend your first meeting and let one of the Chapter officers know, and we'll take care of the rest. Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Chapter Treasury

The Chapter is in fair shape for our size. We need to make an effort to become in the plus each month instead of in the negative. Although we are struggling somewhat, I am proud to report that the Chapter is still able to remain self-sufficient.

I would like to say "Thank You" to all of the Chapter's members and our Affiliates for their continued support.

National News

Earn your CPD certification this spring

ASPE's Certified in Plumbing Design program recognizes outstanding professionals with advanced skills in the design and specification of plumbing systems. To earn the privilege of proudly displaying CPD after your name, register for this year's exam, which is being held at testing sites across the country on April 9 and 10. The registration deadline is March 12. New this year: the CPD exam will be open book. Candidates may bring up to six manuals or books into the testing center. Email certification@aspe.org for more information.

New online recertification announced for CPDs

You can now submit your CPD recertification form and pay the renewal fee online at your convenience. Just go to aspe.org/cpdrecertapp to complete the online form prior to your renewal expiration date. Members, be sure to log in to receive the member recertification price.

Supplement your studies for the CPD exam with ASPE's webinar series

This four-part series will help exam takers prepare by discussing the five task segments involved in a plumbing engineer's job dimensions--gathering information, administration, design, specifications, and construction services--from which all 100 exam questions are derived. Each webinar includes sample questions as well as insight on how to best prepare to pass the exam. Registration for the series is open until March 12.

ASPE announces William Smith, FASPE, as Executive Director/CEO

The ASPE Board of Directors recently appointed William "Billy" Smith, FASPE, as the Society's Executive Director/CEO. In his new role, Billy will continue representing the interests of ASPE and the plumbing engineering community in code and standards activities as he did in his former role of Senior Director of Technical and Regulatory Affairs. He also will be responsible for leading the Society's administrative, management, and financial operations, building relationships with other industry organizations, and supporting ASPE's local chapters. Billy can be reached at bsmith@aspe.org

February Technical Program:

Sizing Guidelines for New and Replacement Sewage Pumps

The February meeting will be held on February 25, 2015 at the **Baci Grill, 134 Berlin Road in Cromwell, CT**. Reservations can be made on the website: www.ctaspe.com.

Reservations need to be in to Dave Showalter no later than February 20, 2015.

The technical program offered for this meeting will be **“Sizing Guidelines for New and Replacement Sewage Pumps”**, presented by Mr. Tim Masterson and will cover the following:

The presentation will cover the following:
Sizing Guidelines for New and Replacement Sewage Pumps

Contents:

- Pump Capacity – How much flow do you need?
- Total Dynamic Head of installation
- Solids Handling Requirements
- Basin Sizing
- Simplex or Duplex Systems
- Sizing Example

Biographical Data:

Tim has been the Northeast Regional Sales Manager for Little Giant since June 2014. Prior to this he worked for Emerson Swan for 7 years. During his time at Emerson Swan he worked on the DP Plumbing side and was our “Product Expert” for Little Giant Pumps. Before his time at Emerson Swan he was the Northeast Regional Sales Manager for Beckart Environmental, where they manufactured industrial wastewater treatment systems for industrial applications.

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Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes for January will be available next month. Thank you.

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After municipal outcry, DEEP revises stormwater rules

January 27, 2015
Hartford Business.Com

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection has tweaked its list of proposed changes to stormwater runoff regulations, after complaints from cities and towns that the new rules would be too costly. It may not be enough to satisfy the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM), which supports several bills that would forbid DEEP's requirements from going beyond those of the federal Environmental Protection Agency, and would also require DEEP to consider and limit as much as possible the cost of new rules on municipalities.

State and federal law requires operators of storm systems to have permits because the systems discharge contaminants like oil, excess nutrients and bacteria into rivers and other waterways. That impacts water quality and can make waters unsuitable for fishing or swimming, regulators say.

The recently expired permit covered 113 towns. When approved, the new permit would add an additional eight communities because of population growth, and a controversial second tier of 49 towns that opponents say are outside of the urbanized areas targeted by federal regulators.

DEEP issued [the proposed revisions](#) on Monday after signaling last month that it would make the changes. CCM has said the regulations could still cost its affected member towns a combined \$100 million. In a Jan. 15 bulletin, CCM said the anticipated revisions still go beyond what the EPA requires: Creating two tiers of regulated communities, mandating that local governments adopt new zoning and enforcement ordinances, and that they expand road maintenance.

CCM said the state's Department of Transportation is exempt from the rules. DEEP said Monday that its revisions were aimed at making the rules less costly and more flexible for local governments.

"After carefully reviewing the draft requirements we originally proposed with the concerns of local officials in mind, we have developed new approaches that will achieve environmental and public health objectives with lower costs for our municipal partners," DEEP Commissioner Robert Klee said in a statement. DEEP said its revisions track more closely to EPA requirements in other states, such as Massachusetts, where it directly administers the permit program.

Key changes:

- Requirements for street sweeping and catch-basin cleaning would no longer be based on a prescriptive schedule.
- The rules now state that cities and towns aren't required to implement a leaf pickup program. However, they will be required to create a management program to keep leaves from being disposed of on roadways and storm sewers.
- For the 49 smaller "Tier II" communities, DEEP would narrow its enforcement focus to preventing illicit stormwater-system connections, reviewing land use ordinances to minimize runoff from future development, and basic inspection and maintenance of roads and drainage systems.

DEEP, CCM, the Council of Small Towns, the Connecticut Fund for the Environment and the town of Willington will meet Feb. 4 to discuss the requirements.

Downtown Hartford's Gold Street Will Be Relocated For iQuilt Plan

By Kenneth Gosselin
Hartford Courant
February 11, 2015

HARTFORD — Downtown's Gold Street will be relocated for a third time since the 1800s, this time as part of the city's iQuilt plan.

A year after the plan stirred controversy for how close the repositioned road would come to the Bushnell Tower condominiums, the planning and zoning commission late Tuesday backed the plan after nearly three hours of public debate.

Dozens packed the public hearing, speakers taking their turn standing before commission members, some waving their notes when stressing a point. Supporters pushed iQuilt as crucial to downtown's future as a walkable city. Opponents, primarily condo owners, worried about property values and noise, and saw less disruptive alternatives.

Linda Demikat, a retired school principal, summed up the frustration of the condo owners: "I wish we had been given some of the same consideration as the rock sculpture," referring to the area's Stone Field Sculpture.

Commission members acknowledged those concerns, but some said that property values could well be enhanced by the road work and planned landscaping.

"From an objective point of view, I don't see how they are harmed," said David Blat, a commission member. "There are many downtown residents who live close to the street."

If the 5-1 vote isn't appealed, construction would start this spring, financed partly by a federal transportation grant.

Plans call for straightening Gold Street's gentle, S-shaped curve, swinging it south and more directly at the brownstone Hoadley Gate entrance to Bushnell Park. The move would create a continuous green space on the north side of the street, to be called Bushnell Gardens, essentially expanding Bushnell Park to Main Street.

Commission Chairman Sara Bronin said that the Bushnell Gardens area — encompassing the existing Stone Field Sculpture and possibly a cafe, a greenhouse and a public gathering space — would enhance historic buildings in the area. The road would be relocated from the doorstep of the Center Church House and other buildings.

"The plan would enhance historic assets by giving them some breathing space," Bronin said.

The road's new path would traverse city-owned land that has essentially served as a spacious lawn area for Bushnell Tower for decades. The condo owners argued that the same effect could be created without moving the road, by designing a system of walkways, which would also save the city money and still accomplish the goals of iQuilt.

Sandra Bobowski, the dissenting commission member, said the condo owners purchased their units with the expectation that the lawn area would be there.

"And we would be taking it away," Bobowski said.

Supporters of iQuilt, adopted by the city council in 2010, cheered the commission's decision after Tuesday night's vote.

"We truly believe that this is an important piece of the GreenWalk," said James Carter, iQuilt's board chairman and managing principal of Carter Realty. "We believe it is going to enhance the Bushnell Tower property, and we think it is great for downtown."

iQuilt supporters say that Bushnell Gardens is crucial to the milelong GreenWalk, the centerpiece of iQuilt, stretching from the Capitol to the riverfront.

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iQuilt is a vision for tying together downtown cultural attractions and entertainment venues and creating more walkable access to Bushnell Park and the riverfront. Bushnell Gardens is considered essential to the vision, and relocating Gold Street was the first major redesign of a portion of downtown and a critical test for executing iQuilt's vision.

Robert Frank, vice president of the Bushnell Tower condominium board, said after the vote that opponents felt that their concerns were brushed aside and that they found city hall unresponsive.

"We knew we were fighting an uphill battle," Frank said. "We absolutely support iQuilt, but we are the stakeholders. We live here."

Frank said it was unlikely that the board would appeal the commission's decision.

The plan won the support of the First Church of Christ, whose Center Church House is on the street. The church had initially opposed the relocation because it eliminated much-needed street parking. A compromise was reached, adding six permanent parking spaces on the street and making Gold Street one-way on Sunday mornings.

The street relocation is part of a much larger transportation project, the \$25 million Intermodal Triangle Project, intended to dovetail with iQuilt, making the streets near Bushnell Park more accommodating to public transportation and pedestrians.

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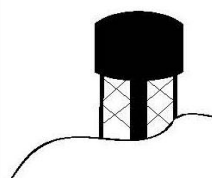


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Share Your Knowledge at the 2015 Technical Symposium Call for Presenters

If you are looking to share your knowledge and design experience with others in the plumbing industry who are eager to learn, then you need to contact ASPE to be considered for the 2015 Technical Symposium taking place in St. Louis, MO from October 1-4, 2015. ASPE is currently taking submissions from individuals who are interested in presenting technical sessions.

The Education Committee is seeking presenters who have spoken on areas such as:

- **Beginner topics**

- Project composition and set up
- Introduction to LEED
- Introduction to plumbing theory
- Introduction to medical gas
- Backflow devices - what's the difference?
- The engineer and code official relationship

- **Intermediate/advanced topics**

- RO & DI applications
- Fire pump testing procedures
- Hot water recirculation v. heat trace systems
- Master thermostatic mixing valves v. point of use valves
- Liabilities in construction administration and site observances
- Data center cooling
- Diesel/gas distribution systems
- FOG
- Medical gas
- High-rise design (fire, etc)
- Project management for mid- and senior-level

- **Speciality topics**

- Bulk oxygen storage and distribution
- Industrial Vacuum
- Legionella awareness
- Case studies on international rainwater harvesting practices
- High-purity water design
- Research finding or case studies

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Please send in your contact information (including your mailing address, email address and phone number), if you're an ASPE member, a brief professional biography about yourself or the person who would present and a description of the presentation topic which would be covered and what would be contained in the presentation. Keep in mind the following:

- Each session will be a minimum of **75 minutes** in length and you must ensure the presentations are such that they cover a topic in detail.
- These presentations need to remain **non-proprietary** in nature as the Education Sessions are about learning—not selling.
- The Education Committee will review all submissions and select the topics they feel are appropriate for the conference.

Should you have any questions, please contact ASPE Education at 224-217-9016 or aspeeducation@aspe.org. If you wish to include additional attachments for consideration please do so by email.

Please complete the form found at www.aspe.org before the March 1, 2015 deadline. **Please note: submission of your information does not guarantee acceptance to present. You will be notified by May 1, 2015 about the Committee's decision.**

An email copy of the submission will be sent to the email entered below.

If you need a hard copy of your submission print the form prior to submitting.

The 2015 Technical Symposium is being held at the Hyatt Regency St. Louis at The Arch, 315 Chestnut Street, St. Louis, MO 63102.

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- Understanding the purpose of double containment piping systems
- Understanding the system design requirement differences for the carrier and containment piping
- Understanding the different leak detection options
- Applications (traditional and non-traditional)

The Presenter: Darin Johnson, P.Eng

Darin Johnson is an Applications Engineer at IPEX. Darin's primary focus, within IPEX, is providing technical support for the design and installation of plumbing and process piping systems. Darin received his bachelor's degree in Biochemical Engineering from Western University in 2007. Darin is a licensed professional engineer in Ontario. Since joining IPEX, Darin has provided technical expertise for piping systems in plumbing, municipal, and industrial sectors. Darin has over 7 years of experience in thermoplastic piping system design, installation, and applications.

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DoNo Developers To Seek Funding For Affordable Housing

By Kenneth R. Gosselin

Hartford Courant

February 8, 2015

HARTFORD — The developers of Hartford's Downtown North project are seeking funding subsidies to add income-restricted apartments, potentially committing state funds to the \$350 million project.

Robert A. Landino, chairman of Middletown-based Centerplan Cos., said Friday the original plans for DoNo called for all the apartments to be market-rate. But some city council members pushed to have some rentals set aside for low- and moderate-income households, which carry lower rents.

"Our original pitch was not going to require any subsidies," Landino said. "With affordable housing, there is a gap between the cost of development and the revenue generated, and we would be looking to fill that gap."

A possible source of funding is the Capital Region Development Authority. CRDA has state funds to develop housing in and around downtown Hartford. DoNo is within CRDA's district for providing housing assistance.

The developers — a partnership of Centerplan and LeylandAlliance known as DoNo Hartford LLC — will present their plans to CRDA's board on Feb. 19. Landino said Friday he did not have a subsidy funding target in mind at this early stage.

Other potential sources of funding are the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority and state Department of Housing's CHAMP program, aimed at increasing affordable housing, Landino said.

If funding isn't found, DoNo Hartford would likely go ahead with all market-rate apartments, Landino said.

DoNo Hartford hopes to begin construction on the first phase of housing this fall. Those buildings would be located across Main Street from a minor league stadium and include 300 apartments, a grocery store, street-level shops and parking.

A groundbreaking on the 6,000-seat stadium is expected later this month.

CRDA has been working with \$60 million in state funds to increase housing in downtown. So far, it has used about \$50 million to finance projects through loans and equity investments. About \$10 million remains, with the possibility of an additional \$5 million being repaid this year from the developers of completed projects.

CRDA has asked that \$60 million more be included in Gov. Dannel P. Malloy's upcoming budget proposal — \$30 million for this year and \$30 million in 2016. It is unclear if those funds will be part of the proposal.

The authority also has focused on the development of market-rate apartments.

Michael W. Freimuth, CRDA's executive director, said CRDA has been contacted by the developers about the potential for financing that would create 80 percent market-rate and 20 percent income-restricted rentals.

"We've asked them to appear before the board and present this component of the overall plan, and we'll forward it to our underwriting committee, subject to the availability of funds," Freimuth said.

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National Grid Joins Eversource Energy and Spectra Energy on Access Northeast; Project Launches Open Season for New England Energy Reliability Solution

Solution Could Save Electricity Consumers an Average of \$1 Billion Annually

Eversource Website
February 18, 2015

BOSTON, WALTHAM, Mass, HARTFORD, Conn and HOUSTON – Eversource Energy (NYSE: NU), National Grid (NYSE: NGG), Spectra Energy (NYSE: SE), and Spectra Energy Partners (NYSE: SEP) today announced that National Grid is joining Access Northeast, the innovative energy solution for New England, as a co-developer.

Lack of sufficient natural gas pipeline infrastructure in New England is driving electricity prices higher, limiting economic competitiveness and growth, and straining systems to the point where serious reliability issues threaten public safety and security. Access Northeast is designed to directly meet these challenges while providing environmental and economic benefits. The project will upgrade existing pipeline facilities and market area storage assets in New England to deliver, on peak days, up to 1 billion cubic feet of natural gas for electric generation markets. The solution will minimize environmental and community impacts by maximizing use of existing pipeline and utility corridors and existing natural gas infrastructure.

"Once Access Northeast is operational, it is projected to save electric customers an average of \$1 billion a year during normal weather conditions and even more during severe cold weather," said Lee Olivier, executive vice president of Enterprise Energy Strategy & Business Development at Eversource. "ICF International has estimated savings during the extreme 2013-2014 winter could have been \$2.5 billion with Access Northeast in service."

"Our customers are literally paying the price for the pipeline constraints we have here in New England," said John Flynn, senior vice president, U.S. Business Development for National Grid. "We are joining Access Northeast to lower energy costs for our customers and to help improve and support the region's economic vitality. This project will play a key role in helping New England achieve a sustainable energy future."

"We're making great progress toward implementing this critical solution, which will expand access to much-needed natural gas for electricity generators in our region," Olivier continued. "Customers are paying dearly due to pipeline constraints. Infrastructure improvements are needed to solve the region's energy challenges and a scalable solution that will enhance existing pipeline systems has numerous benefits."

Eversource Energy, National Grid, and Spectra Energy this week issued an ICF International study on the impact that new pipeline infrastructure proposed by Access Northeast will have on New England's regional gas and electricity prices. The study concluded that, under normal conditions, the region could save \$0.8 billion to \$1.2 billion annually. The study was performed for Access Northeast and is available here: [ICF International: Access Northeast Project – Reliability Benefits and Energy Cost Savings to New England](#).

"Access Northeast will meet New England's natural gas needs with limited pipeline system expansions and key local storage facilities to handle consumer demand on peak days," said Bill Yardley, Spectra Energy's president of U.S. Transmission and Storage. "We're providing a solution that will keep homes warm, keep the lights on, and keep costs down, even on the coldest days."

“This project will make a real impact solving the region’s energy challenges. Together, the Access Northeast developers serve 70 percent of the region’s electricity consumers and the pipelines involved already connect directly to 70 percent of the region’s gas-fired electric generation on their existing corridors,” Yardley continued. “Natural gas will get to the plants it needs to, when it needs to.”

Access Northeast will enhance the Algonquin and Maritimes pipeline systems, which directly connect to approximately 60 percent of New England’s gas-fired electric generation. The developers have formed an alliance with Iroquois Gas Transmission to enhance this already strategic footprint further, bringing the number of New England gas-fired generators served to more than 70 percent. Simply put, natural gas will get to the region’s key, efficient power plants, along mostly existing pipeline and utility corridors.

The developers have executed Memoranda of Understanding with seven electric distribution companies to advance the project and seek all regulatory approvals in an effort to lower electricity costs:

- Eversource's four electric distribution companies in Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Hampshire.
- National Grid’s three electric distribution companies in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The Access Northeast developers will be identifying other electric distribution companies across the region wishing to participate.

The open season announced today, with a May 1, 2015 closing date, will enable other potential customers, including local gas distribution companies, power generators and other parties, to request additional natural gas capacity as part of the project. By June 30, 2015, Access Northeast expects to have definitive agreements with all parties interested in participating. The project has an anticipated in-service date of November 2018.

During this open season, those wishing to transport natural gas via the Access Northeast project will be able to select from multiple receipt point options that provide direct access to low-cost, domestic natural gas supplies. These points are along the Algonquin pipeline system and the Iroquois pipeline system at Wright, NY. Additionally, shippers will have the opportunity to choose from Algonquin’s diverse receipt points with other existing interconnecting pipelines: Texas Eastern, Millennium, Tennessee Gas Pipeline, Columbia Gas, and Transco; as well as future connections. Interested parties may contact Spectra Energy’s Greg Crisp, at 713-627-4611, to seek additional information.

Access Northeast will continue to bolster New England’s trend of reduced carbon emissions. Additional carbon reductions will come both as customers continue to switch to cleaner-burning natural gas and because the project will further enable renewable energy resources as they are integrated into the bulk power system. Access Northeast gas service will also provide year-round benefits through increased gas availability with a service that complements the quick start capabilities of natural gas-fired generators.

Access Northeast representatives will host a teleconference to discuss the project and answer media questions at 9:30 a.m. ET today, Wednesday, February 18, 2015. News media wishing to participate may register and obtain call-in information by contacting Phil West, at prwest@spectraenergy.com, prior to the call.

Please see further details at the Access Northeast website: www.AccessNortheastEnergy.com.

Forward Looking Statements

This release contains “forward-looking statements” as defined by federal law. Although the companies believe any such statements are based on reasonable assumptions, there is no assurance that actual results will not be materially different. Any such statements are made in reliance on the “safe harbor” protections provided under the Private Securities Reform Act of 1995. Additional information about issues that could lead to material changes in performance is contained in the companies’ annual reports and other filings that the companies make with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Options For XL Center's Future Go Before Agency Thursday Night

Hartford Courant, February 18th, 2015

By: Kenneth Gosselin

HARTFORD — Consultants on Thursday evening will offer three options for turning the XL Center into a modern, competitive arena, including two alternatives that argue for the addition of a second concourse.

The consulting team, headed by SCI Architects of New York, will present these alternatives to the Capital Region Development Authority: work within the current arena; expand the arena out to Trumbull Street or over Church Street or both; and demolish the existing structure and construct a larger building on the same site.

The recent \$35 million in renovations — sprucing up a drab interior, opening a fan club facing the arena, and adding "premium" seating lower in the arena — will carry the 40-year-old arena for the next few years.

SCI's study focuses on the future going into the next decade.

Sports remains the venue's mainstay, with AHL hockey and University of Connecticut basketball and ice hockey teams as major tenants. But to snag lucrative collegiate tournaments, the arena would need to keep up with more glitzy venues elsewhere in the country.

Whatever option is recommended by the CRDA's board, the cost of a major redevelopment could easily run into the hundreds of millions of dollars and require a massive public subsidy.

There's no firm timetable for a recommendation from CRDA, but its board wants to build a consensus in the community for its recommendation.





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October 22, 2014	Topic: <i>Heat Trace</i> Speaker: Sean McDaniel Tabletop: Kevin Long, Emerson Swan
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May 27, 2015	Topic: Speaker: Tabletop:

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