



Water System Advisory Committee Meeting

April 4, 2018 @ 7 pm

Buchanan Auditorium Mansfield Public Library

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John McGuire, Mansfield EDC, Chair
Meg Reich, Willimantic River Alliance, Vice Chair
Eugene Koss, Tolland Water Commission
Stanley Nolan, UCONN
Mary Ellen Kowalewski, CRCOG
Diana Perkins, Willimantic Water
Art Hall, Coventry
Quentin Kessel, Mansfield Conservation Commission

ADDITIONAL STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Maureen Westbrook and David Radka Connecticut Water; Linda Painter, Mansfield Planning Department

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman McGuire at 7:03 pm.

Approval of Minutes:

The January 3, 2018 Regular Meeting minutes were approved.

Mansfield Four Corners Project Update:

Ms. Painter reported DEEP had notified the Town of its approval of the sanitary sewer Plans and Specifications. Additionally, Ms. Painter reported two easements remained to be secured, following which the project could be put out to bid and referred to inland wetlands.

Projects to Come Before the WSAC for Review:

Mr. Radka distributed a current service request tracking form (Attachment A) and provided an update on various water service projects, including Willington Oaks Apartments and Rockridge Condominiums. Also discussed was 555 Middle Turnpike, an existing single family home with a dug well contaminated by road salt. DOT has been providing bottled water and is exploring options, including connecting to the recently installed water main.

WUCC and State Water Plan Update:

Mr. Radka provided an update on the draft WUCC integrated report and opportunity for public comment. Ms. Westbrook reported on the status of the state water plan, including the Water Planning Council's forwarding of a final draft to the legislature for a public hearing and consideration; issues surrounding the insertion of public trust language in the plan; and the potential timing for any legislative approval.

Related Activities in Member Communities/Organizations:

The following was relayed by members:

- Mr. Koss – Tolland was looking at rehabbing their 0.56 million gallon storage tank.
- Ms. Perkins – Jim Hooper had retired and Windham Water was actively seeking a superintendent.
- Mr. Nolan – A schematic for the new UConn science building was being prepared and the University was working with DEEP on language that would permit the use of reclaimed water for irrigation purposes.

Membership Reappointments:

CWC distributed a letter template to be sent to the various organizations/municipalities that originally appointed members to the WSAC concerning member reappointment or replacement, consistent with the Committee's operating rules (Attachment B).

Future Meeting Dates and Locations:

Members discussed and agreed to establish semi-annual meetings to be held in April and October, with special meetings to be scheduled and held on an as-needed basis. As a result, October 3, 2018 was set as the next regular meeting date, with the location to be determined.

Other Business: Ms. Westbrook discussed the benefits and possible timing of the proposed Connecticut Water Service merger with SJW Group.

Public Comment: None.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.