



Water System Advisory Committee Meeting

April 25, 2017 @ 7 pm

Mansfield Community Center

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John McGuire, Mansfield EDC, CHAIR
Meg Reich, Willimantic River Alliance, VICE CHAIR
Gregory Padick, Joshua's Trust
Art Hall, Coventry
Eugene Koss, Tolland Water Commission
Rob Miller, EHHD
Stan Nolan, UConn
Diana Perkins, Windham

ADDITIONAL STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Linda Painter and Derek Dilaj, Town of Mansfield; David Radka and Maureen Westbrook, Connecticut Water

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman McGuire at 7:05 pm.

Discuss Considerations for Project Review:

Review of Water Service Request from Willington Oaks Apartments:

Chairman McGuire provided an overview of written responses to questions he posed regarding Willington Oaks Apartments' (WOA) request for service. Responses were provided by WOA's consultant, Design Professionals, Inc., and related to the estimated quantity of water (9,000 – 16,000 gpd) and project timing (upon approval), as well as project cost and financing. D. Radka reviewed available supply calculations relative to project demand.

The WSAC discussed the main extension within the context of the various regulatory approvals for the regional water supply main, as well as the project's ability to address outstanding public health and safety issues at WOA. L. Painter confirmed WOA was considered a non-conforming use under Willington P&Z regulations and an expansion of use would require notice to Mansfield.

Following discussion of a number of feasible and prudent recommendations the WSAC might consider were the project to proceed, G. Padick made the follow motion:

That the Water System Advisory Committee recommends that Connecticut Water Company service the Willington Oaks Apartments with water to address a current Public Health issue. This recommendation is subject to Willington Oaks utilizing current best management practice for water conservation.

Furthermore, that the authorized water service is solely for utilization of existing housing units. Any potential expansion of Willington Oaks Apartments will necessitate further review and authorization and approval for additional service should not be anticipated.

The motion was duly seconded and during discussion, G. Koss noted that because the State's approval of the pipeline project did not specifically include Willington, it was his recommendation that a determination be sought from the Office of Policy and Management regarding the project's conformance with the Record of Decision on the water supply Environmental Impact Evaluation. Mr. Koss's friendly amendment was not adopted by the WSAC and the original motion passed by a vote of 5 in favor, 1 opposed, and 2 abstentions.

Public Comment: None.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.