



Water System Advisory Committee Meeting

April 3, 2019 @ 7 pm

Mansfield Town Hall, Conference Room B

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Linda Painter, Mansfield Planning Department; Maureen Westbrook and David Radka, Connecticut Water; Katie Milardo, UConn

Call to Order:

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

Approval of Minutes:

The October 3, 2018 Regular Meeting minutes were approved with a minor correction.

Mansfield Four Corners Project Update:

Ms. Painter noted the wastewater contractor was given notice to proceed in February 2019, and the project has an estimated in-service date of December 2019, with final paving to be completed in the Spring of 2020.

In response to Chairman McGuire indicating that a developer interested in multi-family housing in the Rt 195-Rt 44 area had met with the P&Z commission, Ms. Painter noted that a special permit would be required, which would trigger WSAC review. The Committee discussed Mansfield's Opportunity Zone designation, which include the Four Corners, King Hill Road/North Eagleville Road area, UConn Tech Park and UConn Depot Campus. Chairman McGuire further noted the Town is utilizing the Connecticut Economic Resource Center (CERC) to assist with development opportunities in these areas.

Requests for Service:

There were no projects requiring WSAC review at this time. Ms. Painter reported the Town had recently met with DPH and representatives of Cedar Ridge in Willington regarding a possible water main extension to serve the complex. She noted that any such main extension along Baxter Road would require an easement from the Town of Mansfield and, because of the extension, also require WSAC review.

Mr. Radka confirmed Cedar Ridge had contacted Connecticut Water regarding possible service, as had a developer interested in extending water service west of Jensen's along Rt 44. Anticipated water demands had been requested for the Rt 44 project, but had yet to be provided. As with Cedar Ridge, a water main extension will trigger WSAC review, and the Committee discussed the possible need for one or more special meetings.

Related Activities in Member Communities/Organizations:

The following was reported by members:

- Mr. Koss noted the existing Stone Pond condominium complex was discussing connecting to the regional pipeline in Tolland with the Tolland Water Commission.

Ms. Westbrook reviewed the status of WSAC membership appointments/reappointments. It was noted all Mansfield members require reappointment, as does Windham. In addition, new appointments need to be made for Willington and the Capitol Region COG.

Future Meeting Dates and Locations:

Members agreed to hold the October 2, 2019 meeting and schedule a meeting for April 1, 2020, with additional special meetings to be scheduled as necessary. Future meeting locations to be determined.

Other Business:

Ms. Westbrook updated the WSAC on Connecticut Water's and SJW Group's filing of a new merger application with PURA. Discussion was also held on UConn's potential use of reclaimed water for on-campus irrigation purposes. Mr. Nolan indicated an application to do so remains pending at DEEP.

Public Comment: None.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.