



Water System Advisory Committee Meeting

January 4, 2017 @ 7 pm

Mansfield Town Council

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John McGuire, Mansfield EDC, CHAIR
Meg Reich, Willimantic River Alliance, VICE CHAIR
Mary Ellen Kowalewski, CRCOG
Michael Soares, Mansfield Conservation Commission
Art Hall, Coventry
Shawn Santasiere, Mansfield Sustainability Committee
Gregory Padick, Joshua's Trust
Eugene Koss, Tolland Water Commission
Rob Miller, EHHD

ADDITIONAL STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Linda Painter, Town of Mansfield; David Radka, Dan Lesnieski, and Maureen Westbrook, Connecticut Water; Stan Nolan, UConn.

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman McGuire at 7:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes of July 13, 2016 Meeting: Minutes were accepted, as drafted.

Water Supply Project Status:

Dave Radka provided an update on the completion of water main construction activities associated with the pipeline. He indicated transfers through the UConn Delivery Point had been initiated in early December, with water quantities balanced to match the demands of CWC's off-campus customers.

Mansfield Four Corners Project Status:

Linda Painter noted OPM completed its review of the Record of Decision on the Environmental Impact Evaluation completed for the Four Corners sewer district project, and had requested that DEEP respond to questions posed by the Council on Environmental Quality. She also noted the Town and UConn had reached an agreement on the sewer. Although certain details remained to be worked out, the Town would assume some responsibility for off-campus infrastructure.

Projects to Come Before the WSAC for Review:

Mr. Radka distributed a spreadsheet listing the 21 service inquiries CWC had received to date (Attachment A) and provided an overview of Willington Oaks Apartments' request for service to address chronic water quality issues. The WSAC discussed the connection, potential quantities associated with it, and the triggers for when projects necessitate WSAC review. The Committee recommended a minor revision to the spreadsheet so that required referrals to the WSAC were clearly identified.

Ms. Painter noted the potential water main would go through a rural residential area and P&Z may wish to consider an overlay zone. She explained the Town's land use review processes and referrals to other commissions, including the WSAC, and noted her intent to reach out to WOA.

The WSAC questioned whether other community water systems might have similar issues. Rob Miller, EHHD, indicated he was not aware of other systems with similar water quality issues, but would identify potential problematic systems for the WSAC. CWC offered to provide mapping showing community water systems in the general area.

Mansfield Plan of Conservation & Development Update:

Ms. Painter reported there was nothing new on the Plan of Conservation & Development, and noted the Planning & Zoning Commission was actively working to update the multi-family housing regulations.

Related Activities in Member Communities/Organizations:

Mary Ellen Kowalewski provided an update on the CRCOG Eastern Gateway study (www.cteasterngateways.com). She noted several public meetings/workshops were held in December and a final study report was scheduled for a June completion date.

Future Meeting Dates and Locations:

April 5, 2017 and July 12, 2017 were affirmed as the next two meeting dates, with locations TBD.

Other Business: None.

Public Comment: None.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.