



Water System Advisory Committee Meeting

January 6 @ 7 pm

Mansfield Town Hall, Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Linda Painter, Mansfield Planning Department; Jason Coite, UConn; David Radka, Maureen Westbrook and Dan Lesnieski, Connecticut Water.

Welcome and Introductions: Meeting was called to order by Chairman McGuire at 7:02 pm.

Approval of Minutes of October 7, 2015 Meeting: Minutes were approved as revised.

Water Supply Project Status:

- a. Construction – Dan Lesnieski provided an update on water main construction activities, including the status of the various pipeline segments. He noted work will continue off-road as long as weather allows. Mr. Lesnieski also noted that Section 1 water main (Four Corners to UConn Delivery Point) had been pressure tested and trench patch restoration completed.
- b. Communications – Maureen Westbrook reported that property owners fronting pipeline Section 2 had been notified prior to the initiation of construction activities and there had been limited concerns identified to date.

In response to general questions about the timing of when the water main is anticipated to be in service, Ms. Westbrook indicated CWC is confident the water main will be ready by the start of the new school year.

Jason Coite reported the University had bid and awarded the UConn elements of the project, which consist of the meter vault and 2,000 feet of water main. He indicated the contract has a hard deadline of August 16, 2016 and the contractor will also be working on the transmission main project.

Mansfield Four Corners Project Status:

Linda Painter provided an update on the Four Corners sewer district project. She indicated a draft EIE would be published in the near future and a March 1, 2016 public hearing was anticipated.

Mansfield Plan of Conservation & Development Update:

Ms. Painter noted the updated municipal Plan of C&D had been effective since October 8, 2015 and the land use office was in the process of rewriting applicable zoning regulations. She indicated P&Z wished to expedite certain sections, including those dealing with the water main overlay district.

Ms. Painter distributed draft amendments to the zoning regulations (Attachment A). Comments are due March 2, 2016.

Meg Reich suggested P&Z consider looking at the definition of multi-family units, noting the definition varies between regulations and seems to create confusion.

Related Activities in Member Communities/Organizations:

A discussion on the upcoming Water Utility Coordinating Committee (WUCC) process was held. It was noted Mansfield would be part of the soon-to-be-convened Central WUCC, whereas Windham would be in the Eastern WUCC, due to their respective COG alignments.

Ms. Westbrook reported that \$0.5 M in bond monies had been released for state water plan preparation, various committees had been formed, and a Request for Qualifications for a consultant was being finalized.

Connecticut Water Municipal Conservation Retrofit Program:

Ms. Westbrook provided an overview of Connecticut Water's water conservation programs, including the residential Water Drop Challenge and municipal retrofit program. She indicated a

municipal facility inventory was conducted in Mansfield and identified fixtures would be replaced in 2016.

WSAC Review Role for Specific Projects:

- a. Verification Form and Supporting Documentation for Review – The WSAC reviewed the land use office’s draft form for a “CWC Water Service Connection” (previously distributed and discussed at the October 7, 2015 WSAC meeting) and the CWC proposed tracking spreadsheet (Attachment B). A discussion on pipeline capacity ensued.
- b. WSAC Review Considerations – The WSAC also reviewed a draft “Water System Advisory Committee Request for Water Service Review” form (Attachment C). Data needs and the process to be followed by the WSAC were discussed, with several revisions to the form made. The WSAC agreed the form would likely need to be further refined.
- c. CT Water Tracking Form – Discussed above.

Future Meeting Dates and Locations:

April 6, 2016 meeting location will need to be confirmed. July 13, 2016 was set as the following meeting date.

Other Business: None.

Public Comment: None.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.