



Water System Advisory Committee Meeting

October 3, 2018 @ 7 pm
Mansfield Town Council Chambers

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
Greg Padick, Joshua's Trust

ADDITIONAL STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: David Radka Connecticut Water

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

Approval of Minutes:

The April 4, 2018 Regular Meeting minutes were approved.

Mansfield Four Corners Project Update:

Ms. Painter provided the following written update, which was read by Mr. Radka:

"Bids for the Four Corners sewer project have been received and the Town has selected a contractor. We are awaiting final approval from DEEP and CHRO before officially awarding the contract. We expect construction to begin this year and be complete by December 2019.

With the construction of the sewer project moving forward, we anticipate that we will be receiving more applications for development in the Four Corners area that will require WSAC review.

Additionally, the northwest portion of Mansfield (including Four Corners, King Hill Road/North Eagleville Road area, UConn Tech Park and UConn Depot Campus) was designated earlier this year as a federal Opportunity Zone, which provides tax incentives to high net worth individuals

that invest in businesses or projects within the zone. While the Treasury Department has yet to issue formal rules and regulations associated with the Opportunity Zone legislation, the Town is partnering with UConn and CERC (Connecticut Economic Resource Center) to position and market opportunities within these areas. This designation could serve as a catalyst for development in the near term, as the maximum tax benefit is obtained by investing prior to December 31, 2019.”

Chairman McGuire noted there were 25 opportunity zones in CT and the Town was receiving inquiries by potential investors. He suggested WSAC members review the Town Council minutes for additional detail. *[See September 12, 2018 Town Council packet.]*

Projects to Come Before the WSAC for Review:

There were no projects requiring WSAC review. Mr. Radka noted he had fielded a preliminary inquiry from Cedar Ridge in Willington regarding the feasibility of extending water main further along Baxter Road to serve the complex. Mr. Miller inquired whether there had been any further discussion by the owner and/or DOT about connecting 555 Middle Turnpike to the public water system. Mr. Miller expressed concern the corrosivity of the well water (contaminated by DOT road salt) was causing elevated lead and copper levels within the home. Mr. Radka indicated he was unaware of any additional discussions regarding a service connection and would check on the property’s status.

Related Activities in Member Communities/Organizations:

The following was reported by members:

- Ms. Perkins – Windham Water had hired a new Superintendent (Michael Turgeon) to replace Jim Hooper who had recently retired.
- Mr. Miller – The EHHD was working on issues and complaints related to the Carriage House apartments’ water system. He noted the apartments had been on a boil water notice and the court had appointed a receiver who has retained a new water system operator.

Membership Reappointments:

It was agreed CWC would provide an update to the WSAC as to which members received appointments/reappointments from their respective organizations and which require follow-up.

Future Meeting Dates and Locations:

Members discussed the need to meet semi-annually and agreed to hold the April 3, 2019 and October 2, 2019 meetings as scheduled, but reserved the right to cancel both if there was no pressing WSAC business and a special meeting had been held within the required time frame. Future meeting locations to be determined.

Other Business: None.

Public Comment: None.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.