



Water System Advisory Committee Meeting

October 27, 2021 @ 6 pm

Virtual over Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Meg Reich, Willimantic River Alliance, Acting Chair
Stanley Nolan, UCONN
Art Hall, Coventry
Quentin Kessel, Mansfield Conservation Commission
Rob Miller, Eastern Highlands Health District
Greg Padick, Joshua's Trust
Lane Watson, Mansfield Economic Development Commission
Gene Koss, Tolland Water Commission
Tim Malone, Capitol Region Council of Governments
Rich Swart, Windham Water Commission

ADDITIONAL STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Linda Painter, Mansfield Planning Department; Katie Milardo, UCONN, and Brant Buhler, Gerald McDermott, Dan Meaney, Craig Patla, and Maureen Westbrook from Connecticut Water.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:

Sara Sharp and John Knuff from Hurwitz, Sagarin, Slossberg & Knuff; Jeff Bord, Bohler Engineering; Sherry Sadai and Stephen Moriak from Dwell Design Studio, LLC; Steve Etheridge from Lighthouse Engineering; Chase Powell from Landmark Properties, and David Murphy from Resilient Land and Water, LLC.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman Reich at 6:05 pm.

Rich Swart of the Windham Water Commission was welcomed as a new member representing the Town of Windham.

ELECTION OF CHAIR:

Ms. Reich continued as acting chair. She agreed at the April 13, 2021 meeting to act as Chair until such time as a chair is selected from among the town of Mansfield's appointees in accordance with the bylaws.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The April 13, 2021 Special Meeting minutes were approved as drafted.

SPECIAL PERMIT APPLICATION REFERRAL: PZC FILE 1372-2 THE STANDARD AT FOUR CORNERS (HAVEN COMMUNITIES RESUBMISSION)

The proposal is for a mixed use residential/commercial development and includes 398 residential units total and 15,000 square feet of commercial space. Speaking on behalf of the applicants were Sara Sharp, Hurwitz, Sagarin, Slossberg & Knuff; and Jeff Bord, Bohler Engineering.

With respect to water uses, the team explained:

- Water efficient plumbing strategies will be used
 - 1.5 gallons per minute (GPM) for shower/tub faucets
 - 1 GPM for all other bathroom fixtures
 - 1.28 gallons per flush high-efficiency toilets
- Water efficient irrigation
 - Irrigation system equipped with sensors and timers to reduce waste

After questions from the Committee members regarding best management practices related to water use and water conservation measures, Mr. Padick made a motion to support advising CWC to move forward with providing service and referring the Committee's decision to Planning and Zoning. Mr. Swart seconded and the motion. There was no additional discussion. Acting Chair Reich polled the Committee. Nine members voted 'yes' to approve the motion and there was one abstention (Mr. Nolan).

CONNECTICUT WATER 2021 RATE CASE UPDATE:

Ms. Westbrook updated the Committee on the final decision issued in Connecticut Water's rate case by the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) on July 28, 2021. She also discussed the draft decision that was issued by PURA on the Company's Petition for Reconsideration regarding the treatment of a specific tax matter in the rate case.

RELATED ACTIVITIES IN MEMBER COMMUNITIES/ORGANIZATIONS:

There were no major activities reported by commitment members.

FUTURE MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS:

Members agreed to schedule meetings on January 6, 2022 and April 6, 2022, locations to be determined. The meetings will be cancelled in advance if there is no business to be considered by the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.