



Water System Advisory Committee Meeting

January 8, 2020 @ 7 pm

Mansfield Town Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Meg Reich, Willimantic River Alliance, Vice Chair
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:

Linda Painter, Mansfield Planning Department; David Radka and Maureen Westbrook, Connecticut Water.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman Reich at 7:05 pm.

Election of Chair:

Mr. Radka informed the Committee that with the former Chair McGuire's resignation from the WSAC, per the governing documents of the Committee, the chair position is to be filled by a representative from the Town of Mansfield. Ms. Reich agreed to act as Chair until such time as the Town appoints its full slate and a chairman can be selected in accordance with the bylaws.

Approval of Minutes:

The October 2, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes were approved.

Referral from Mansfield re 42 unit multi-family development, 113-121 South Eagleville Road

It was noted that this project was submitted to the WSAC because it is a project that requires approval from a local land use commission, in this case a site plan review.

Appearing on behalf of the applicants were Kathy Dargan, Architect and Robert Newton, Engineer. They noted that the project is a spinoff from the Mansfield Housing Authority, a non-profit based organization.

The proposal includes 42 units total – with 1 existing and 41 new in 7 buildings. With respect to water uses, the team explained:

- Aspirations for high standards for sustainability, with goal of ‘net zero’
- No planned irrigation and use of Water Sense fixtures
- Funding to follow so will adhere to standards and requirements of funders

After questions from the Committee members that gave confidence that water conservation measures were being considered in the project, the Committee agreed to indicate support for the project with those measures included.

Cedar Ridge Main Extension Update

Rob Miller gave an overview of a meeting that was held that day regarding the extension of service to Cedar Ridge, which is under a DPH consent order related to service water quality; yield, iron and manganese issues. There is currently a potable water truck on site for residents’ needs. The DPH order explicitly calls for the property, currently owned by Willington Property Group with Lenard Engineering as its certified operator, to connect to CWC system.

The Town Council has authorized town attorney to authorize easement; agreement in place by end of January. They are seeking SRF funding and may be eligible for 25% grant. The plan would be to start construction early May, complete by August.

CWC noted one of the priorities of the pipeline project was to meet public health needs of small systems that don’t have adequate/quality water and the extension to Cedar Ridge aligns with that.

Related Activities in Member Communities/Organizations:

There were no major activities reported by commitment members.

Future Meeting Dates and Locations:

Members agreed to hold the April 1, 2020 meeting, with additional special meetings to be scheduled as necessary. Future meeting locations to be determined.

Other Business:

Ms. Painter indicated they are expecting some applications to be filed in near future which may require a special meeting of the WSAC to meet the commission(s)’ timelines for approval. Notice will be provided to committee members if that is necessary.

Public Comment: None.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.