

Town of Mansfield Four Corners Advisory Committee  
Minutes of the Meeting -- March 3, 2011

Present: Nesbitt (Chair), Plate, Hart, Rawn, Reich, Spak, Hultgren (staff), vanZelm (MDP), Sebonik (guest).

The meeting was called to order by chair Nesbitt at 7 PM.

The minutes of the January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting were corrected to show that Nesbitt had “communicated with” the area USDA representative.

Hultgren handed out an email from Environmental Partners regarding their conversation with CT Water Co. and CWC’s plans for a groundwater well on the east side of the Willimantic River near the Eagleville Lake dam. Hart reported on a meeting held with the Coventry Town Manager on this same topic. This could complicate Mansfield’s efforts to withdraw water from the west side of the river in this vicinity, and DEP will require modeling of the river/groundwater system for both withdrawals. Discussions about a single well to supply both users will be held. Reich suggested that a regional solution serving the two Towns, UConn and possibly even Tolland should be discussed as there are many options in play.

Hultgren said that Environmental Partners had been authorized to proceed with the environmental screening of the two Town-owned parcels discussed in the water source study, but because of the deep snow, this would not happen until Spring.

Hultgren said that the pump station design contract was signed and they would be getting the consultant going on this project in the next few weeks. He also displayed an updated sewer service area map showing minor changes in the area’s boundaries to include a few parcels that were previously not included, and to exclude some of the suggested additional areas that were not cost-effective to include. This map will continue to evolve as the project moves forward and prior to the WPCA’s formal adoption of the service area.

Nesbitt asked for committee members’ help in identifying a potential committee member for the committee’s current vacancy. Hart said he would work with the Council’s reformed Committee on Committees on this.

The dissemination of information that the Committee receives was discussed. The Chairman will continue to update the Council with new information as it is developed, and staff will update the website. Future meetings where the Committee will be receiving information from the water and sewer consultants will be widely publicized so that interested parties can attend and get this information first-hand.

Plante and Rawn updated Committee members on the discussions before PZC’s regulatory review committee. They said that they were discussing design standards/guidelines for the area along the lines of the 4 corners committee’s discussions and recommendations. They said that their goal is to present these guidelines to the full PZC this spring, and that zoning would most likely not be changed a head of time since all applications in the district will come in via special permit. The regulatory review committee was meeting again on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. Nesbitt will be absent so Rawn will chair this meeting. Mark Westa of the UConn planning department will be invited to continue the discussions about gateways and signage with UConn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lon Hultgren, Director of Public Works