

TOWN OF MANSFIELD ■ FOUR CORNERS WATER AND SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes ■ June 5, 2012
Town Council Chambers

Present: Rawn (chair), Paulhus, Reich, Ferrigno, Lennon, Hart (7:06 pm), Thompson, Schaefer
Hultgren (staff), Painter (staff)

Guests: Freudmann (Town Council), Coite (UConn Office of Env Policy), Wassmundt (Old Tpke Rd),
Suprenant (Gurleyville Rd), Sobanik (Celeron Square), Hossack (Middle Turnpike), Poirier
(Jensens), Hilding (Southwood Rd), and Tony Giorgio

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by chair Rawn.

Minutes

Reich MOVED, Paulhus SECONDED to approve the March 6, 2012 minutes as written; the motion passed
unanimously; Hart was not present.

Public Comment

- Betty Wassmundt, Old Turnpike Road, questioned the original charge from DEEP regarding wastewater
at Four Corners and how many properties needed to be addressed by the wastewater solutions.
Hultgren gave a brief overview of the history and noted that DEEP only called for a long term strategy;
they did not specify the number of properties that needed to be addressed. The wastewater facilities
plan conducted by the Town identified approximately 60 properties in the proposed sewer service area.

Old Business

- **UConn/Town Joint EIE Status and Proposed Scope Amendment.** Coite provided an update on the
status of the EIE, including preliminary analysis on the various alternatives. Coite introduced a proposed
amendment to the scope to add the MDC as an alternative. The MDC has expressed interest in being
considered as an alternative water source for the University that could provide up to 5 MGD. Two route
options are proposed, one which would follow I-384 to Route 44 and the other which would follow I-84
to Route 195. (A map of the alternative routes was distributed by Coite along with the Environmental
Monitor Notice of the proposed change in scope). A public hearing is scheduled for June 21, 2012 at 5:30
pm in the Town Council Chambers as part of the UConn Water and Wastewater Advisory Committee
meeting. The comment period closes on July 6, 2012.

Members asked several questions related to the MDC alternative, including impacts on the timing of the
EIE release, the appropriateness of the request, and assignment of costs. Reich expressed frustration
with the addition of options for analysis that may not be appropriate and indicated that she had some
options that might be considered as well. Reich also noted that the consultant should review files
related to a new town planned in Coventry along Route 31 during the 1960s.

Coite noted that target date for release of the draft EIE is now September 2012, with a goal of
submitting to OPM by November 2012.

Paulhus left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

- **Sewer Pump Station Design Status.** Hultgren provided an update on the design of the proposed sewer
pump station for Four Corners.

- **Water Workshop.** Hart provided an update on the Water Workshop scheduled for July 12, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers. Representatives from DPH, DEEP, PURA and EHHD have all been asked to make presentations. The workshop will address water quality, land use and rate setting among other topics.
- **Other.** Members requested that an update on the Technology Park be provided at the next meeting, particularly with regard to impacts on sewer and water needs.

New Business

- **Drilling Investigation Reports.** Hultgren distributed copies of drilling investigation reports prepared by Environmental Partners as part of the EIE process and summarized the results for the committee.

Correspondence/Meeting Reports

Reich made the following announcements:

- Tolland received a new diversion permit for 205,000 GPD for a total draw of 425,000 GPD, which will eliminate the need for them to purchase water
- Willimantic River was designated as a National Recreation Trail by the US Department of the Interior
- The Thames River Basin Partnership will hold its annual floating workshop in Mansfield at the Eagleville Firehouse on June 22, 2012

Future Meetings

The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2012. The consensus of the members was to postpone the next meeting of the committee until the draft EIE has been issued. Painter was asked to circulate the Assistant AG Opinion regarding Jackson Labs and add town regulation of the tech park to the next agenda.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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