



MEETING AGENDA

Groton Utilities Watershed - Drinking Water Quality Management Oversight Committee

Tuesday, March 20, 2007

9:30 am – 12:30 pm

- 9:30** **Welcome and introductions / Misc. Items** **Al Dion**
- 9:35** **Overall Project Schedule** **Laurie Giannotti/ Al Dion**
- 9:45** **Guest Speaker & Discussion**
- **Speaker:** Dr. Mike Dietz
Stormwater Water Quality Specialist
UConn NEMO Project
 - **Topic:** Low Impact Development Techniques being used in the Jordan Cove subdivision in Waterford.
- 10:45** **Subcommittees**
- **Chairman Reports:**
 - GIS
 - Land Information
 - Water Information (Water Quality)
 - Communications
 - Consultant Procurement
 - **Break Out Into Subcommittee Work Sessions**
- 11:45** **Working Lunch**
- 12:30** **Wrap up / Schedule next meeting (date & site)**

SOURCE WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Re: Drinking Water Quality Management Plan

A Source Water Protection Meeting for the establishment of a Drinking Water Quality Management Plan was held at the Groton Utilities Operations Complex Julio H. Leandri Administration Building Conference Room on March 20, 2007 at 9:30am.

- Present were:
 - Laurie Giannotti DPH
 - Jennifer Pagach DPH
 - Jeff Butensky US EPA New England
 - Clinton Brown DiCesare-Bentley Engineers
 - Mike Dietz CT NEMO
 - Al Dion Groton Utilities
 - Rick Stevens Groton Utilities
 - Joyce Brown Groton Utilities
 - Karl Acimovic Consultant, Groton Utilities
 - Ron Bata Groton Utilities
 - Mike Murphy Town of Groton
 - Deb Jones Town of Groton
 - Brian Palaia Town of Ledyard
 - Steve Mansfield Deputy Director, Ledge Light Health District
 - Ryan McCammon Ledge Light Health District
 - Marc Cohen Atlantic States Rural Water
 - Dave Bjerklie U.S. Geological Survey
 - Sidney Van Zandt Groton Resident
 - Zel Steever Environmental Consultant
 - Syma Ebbin Groton Resident/Professor Community College

Items of discussion:

Al Dion Comments:

- Opened the meeting by welcoming and thanking everyone for attending.
- Introductions around the room.
- Introduced Guest Speakers:
 - Mike Dietz (Connecticut NEMO)
- Planning to attend the April Council of Governments meeting to provide COG updates on DWQMP Committee processes.
- Introduced Steve Mansfield, Deputy Director Ledge Light Health District

Steve Mansfield Comments:

- Introduced that Ledge Light Health District will be submitting for a grant under the Care Grant Program.

- Two (2) levels of grants:
 - Level I – Community support to identify and prioritize pollutants.
 - Level II – Mitigation to complete work items.
- Ledge Light Health District will be submitting for Level I.
- Grant submittal goals – Prioritizing pollutants, health hazards.
- These submittal goals fall within the guidelines for the DWQMP Goals 1 through 4.
- Ledge Light Health District would like approval from the DWQMP Committee to use the DWQMP in their submittal justification.
 - Al Dion polled the DWQMP Committee
 - No Objections
- The contact person for the Grant will be Steve Mansfield at the Ledge Light Health District.
- The Grant amount is \$80,000 - \$110,000.

Mark Cohen Comment:

- Question to Steve, will household waste be included in the pollutants study?

Steve Mansfield Comment:

- Not currently on the scope. Possibility it could be placed on the scope with interest being the factor.

Zell Steever Comment:

- Question to Steve, will there be a facilitated committee or outside consultant being considered the facilitator.

Steve Mansfield Comment:

- The idea is that a small group put together to prioritize and identify all issues with Ledge Light Health District being the facilitator.

Al Dion Comments:

- Introduced guest speaker Dr. Mike Dietz.
- Next meeting scheduled for April 19, 2007. This reserves the time for Tim Bates to be the guest speaker.
- Been asked to speak at the Groton / Ledyard Rotary.
 - Each group Laurie or Al speaks in front of allows the community and public to understand what the DWQMP Committee is and goals expected to achieve.
- Briefly spoke of the Memorandum of Understanding and its function.
 - Brings forth opportunities for cooperation where the laws may not be strict as requested.

- Also presents the opportunity to possibly change the laws and guidelines in 2009 when DWQMP process white paper will be submitted.

Sidney VanZant Comments:

- Introduced a workshop that could be of interest to the DWQMP Committee.
 - Workshop will be given at the University of New Hampshire.
 - Workshop date is June 7, 2007, 1030am – 3:30pm.
 - Website to view and sign up for workshop:
 - www.unj.edu/erg/cstev/workshops.htm

Al Dion Comment:

- Jennifer and DPH have been working on the Draft RFQ for Mike Murphy and the Consultant Procurement Committee.

Mike Dietz Comments:

- Gave a presentation on the Jordan Cove Urban Watershed Project.
- See <http://www.canr.uconn.edu/jordancove/>

Al Dion Comment:

- Thanked Mike and commended him on how well the presentation was put together and presented.

Laurie Giannotti Comments:

- Continuing to work with outside agencies:
 - NEMO
 - Atlantic States
 - Many others
- Introduced Dave Bjerklie of U.S. Geological Survey (USGS).
 - Hope to be working with us to prepare hydrogeologic information for the watershed.
 - USGS would like to do a short presentation at the May meeting.
 - Will be sending out Dr. Sham's document to complete Goals 3 and 5.
 - Will be sending out updated version of Work Timeline Spreadsheet.

Mike Murphy Comments:

- Concerning the Consultant Procurement Committee.
 - Have been requesting RFQ information.
 - Draft information has been provided by DPH.
 - Expect to call a Committee meeting after review.

Al Dion Comment:

- Hoping to have consultant on board early Fall 2007.

Mike Murphy Comment:

- Hard to plan ahead and continue planning for consultant goal expectations without funding being readily available.

Al Dion Comments:

- His understanding thus far is that funding will be available.
 - \$100,000 this year approximately in July.
 - \$100,000 next year.
- The goal:
 - Obtain consultant
 - Formalize consultant expectations
 - Later, open meetings up to public forums.

Laurie Giannotti Comment:

- Has given our consultant work items list to Atlantic States, NEMO and other agencies.

Karl Acimovic Comments:

- GIS Committee
 - No formal meeting as of yet.
 - Ready to put maps together upon request.

Al Dion Comment:

- Laurie Giannotti has a task list for each subcommittee to begin with.
- These tasks have been given to each Co-Chair.

All Comments:

- OPEN DISCUSSION ON REGULATORY GOALS PROCESS
- Broke into sub-committees for open discussion.
- Broke for lunch.

Al Dion Comments:

- Thank everyone for attending.
- Next meeting will be Thursday, April 19, 2007 at 9:30am at the Groton Utilities Operation Complex in the Julio H. Leandri Administration Building Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned.