



DRAFT REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION GROUP MEETING

Southeast Connecticut Regional Drinking Water Quality Management Plan Groton, Ledyard, Preston, North Stonington, Norwich, Montville, and Waterford Thursday, May 15, 2008

A meeting of the DWQMP Administration Group was held on May 15, 2008 at the Groton Utilities Operations Complex Julio H. Leandri Administration Building Conference Room. The meeting commenced at approximately 11:50 a.m. and was facilitated by Jeanine Armstrong Bonin, P.E., Vice President of Milone & MacBroom, Inc. (MMI). The following members were in attendance:

Administration Group Members	Representing	
Al Dion	PRI – Groton Utilities	X
Rick Stevens	ALT – Groton Utilities	
Mike Murphy	PRI – Town of Groton	
Deborah Jones	ALT – Town of Groton	
Mayor Fred Allyn	PRI – Town of Ledyard	X
Mike Cherry	ALT – Town of Ledyard	X
Marcia Vlaun	PRI – Town of Montville	
Tom Wagner	PRI – Town of Waterford	X
Neftali Soto	ALT – Town of Waterford	
Mike Schaefer	PRI – City of Norwich	X
John Bilda	ALT – City of Norwich	
Kathy Warzecha	PRI – Town of Preston	
1 st Selectman Robert Congdon	ALT – Town of Preston	X
1 st Selectman Nicholas Mullane	PRI – Town of N. Stonington	
Juliet Leeming	ALT – Town of N. Stonington	X
Robert Birmingham, AICP	PRI – Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation	X
Ken Greenwood	ALT – Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation	
Jennifer Pagach	PRI – State & Federal Agencies	X
Lori Mathieu	ALT – State & Federal Agencies	

Mike Boland was also present from the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation and Ron Bata was present from Groton Utilities. An open discussion format followed. The points listed below are arranged by topic and not necessarily in the order in which they were discussed.

Web Site

- The web site should be up and running by the next meeting. Information and documents contemplated for inclusion includes the process history, meeting minutes, draft work products, enabling legislation, monthly update memos, and public meeting minutes.
- The web site name should have a linkage to DWQMP, but will depend upon availability.

→ Site links should include EPA, SECCOG, Groton Utilities, State Agencies (DPH, DEP, DPUC, and OPM), and the existing and future watershed towns (Groton, Ledyard, North Stonington, and Ledyard).

→ R. Bata to get a copy of the logo without the words "Source Protection".

Stormwater Utility

→ A round table discussion ensued regarding evaluation of the feasibility and applicability of a stormwater utility on a townwide, region-wide, or watershed basis. One of the areas of interest is in having a funded entity assume maintenance on stormwater best management practices. The application of a stormwater utility would be complicated by the fact that stormwater generators are not the same subset as water customers.

→ A variety of other mechanisms will need to be evaluated as well, including a component of water rates that is specifically for stormwater management and water quality maintenance in the watershed, use of MOUs, stormwater ordinances, municipal budgeting of system retrofits through capital funds, and the like.

→ Groton is currently revising its stormwater ordinances, which will provide an opportunity to address some of these issues.

→ In Ledyard, the Landquest Woodlands development (Zoning Commission) and the Founders Preserve project (Planning Commission) provide good examples.

Miscellaneous

→ Milone & MacBroom, Inc. will be developing a draft table of contents for the DWQMP for review, discussion, and input. Ultimate approval and adoption of the plan will be the responsibility of the Administration Group, with input from the Advisory Committee.

→ Administration Group members noted that the discussion on stormwater utilities and related issues should really occur within the Advisory Committee forum, but that too much of the focus is on the policy of the process, rather than the technical elements.

→ Advisory Committee members input is needed on the various elements that have been presented to date, particularly municipal input on the local ordinance review and low impact development concepts. The June meeting will be a brainstorming session for input on the technical and municipal regulation aspects of the plan. Milone & MacBroom, Inc. will set up brainstorming topics and a format.

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