



DRAFT REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION GROUP MEETING

Southeast Connecticut Regional Drinking Water Quality Management Plan Groton, Ledyard, Preston, North Stonington, Norwich, Montville, and Waterford Tuesday, June 24, 2008

A meeting of the DWQMP Administration Group was held on June 24, 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). Also present from MMI was David Murphy, P.E. The following members were in attendance:

Administration Group Members	Representing	
Al Dion	PRI – Groton Utilities	X
Rick Stevens	ALT – Groton Utilities	X
Mike Murphy	PRI – Town of Groton	X
Deborah Jones	ALT – Town of Groton	
Mayor Fred Allyn	PRI – Town of Ledyard	
Mike Cherry	ALT – Town of Ledyard	
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	
Ken Greenwood	ALT – Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation	
Jennifer Pagach	PRI – State & Federal Agencies	X
Lori Mathieu	ALT – State & Federal Agencies	

An open discussion format followed. The points listed below are arranged by topic and not necessarily in the order in which they were discussed.

DWQMP Adoption and Implementation

- How will the DWQMP documents be adopted, accepted, or otherwise approved by the members of this group?
- B. Congdon suggested that the State's model DWQMP be approved by one vote per community, and that the communities' DWQMP be presented to councils and boards of selectmen for approvals.

- A discussion took place about the words "adopt" and "accept." Community representatives appear to be able to accept the plan, but can not adopt the plan. The plans could have signature pages that read "This document accepted by ____, ____, etc." Then each community representative would sign the page. J. Pagach recommended that someone contact Sally Harold at TNC about how communities signed onto the Saugatuck River initiative. She also noted that the legislature should be checked, and that State agencies probably can not sign off.
- D. Murphy explained that this could be like the local adoptions of hazard mitigation plans. Each is developed under the direction of various municipal personnel, and then presented to the town council or board of selectmen along with a summary statement and request for resolution. In the ten-plus presentations conducted by Milone & MacBroom, Inc., all plans have been adopted without reservation, as each municipal lead has endorsed the plan and explained that it does not create a mandate.
- M. Murphy will present the DWQMP to his commissions so they know what is going on and can provide comments. This will be in connection with the October 2008 public meetings. In order to be workable, the DWQMP can not be too specific ("rezone these properties"). He envisions that the DWQMP will help with the zoning regulation revision project that has just begun.
- A. Dion noted that the City of Groton will be handled differently. The Utility Commission will accept the plan and send it to the City Council.
- T. Wagner thinks the non-watershed towns and watershed towns will need to be addressed differently. Buy-in is needed on the next phase. A. Dion reminded everyone that the DWQMP was "sold" as an alternative to more State regulation.
- M. Murphy noted that municipal implementation committees could form as a result of the DWQMP. D. Murphy noted that this is similar to how the Coastal Programs proceed. They result in implementation committees. They also are enabled by the State ("coastal programs may include revisions to the Plan of Conservation and Development, zoning regulations, etc."). Perhaps one recommendation to the State would be to come up with similar language that enables or encourages DWQMP development.

Miscellaneous

- The outcome of the brainstorming session did not generate the types of specific recommendations that were hoped for. D. Murphy and J. Bonin explained that when Milone & MacBroom, Inc. was retained, they were repeatedly cautioned that the communities needed to write the plan and that the consultant was to merely facilitate the process. Given the process and progress to date, that approach is probably not feasible. M. Schaefer indicated that it would be easier if the consultant team were to draft the plan and then have the Advisory Committee and the respective community representatives respond, rather than formulating the plan as a group.

→ A. Dion requested that community interviews be set up and conducted as soon as possible.

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