



REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION GROUP MEETING

Southeast Connecticut Regional Drinking Water Quality Management Plan Groton, Ledyard, Preston, North Stonington, Norwich, Montville, and Waterford Thursday, August 21, 2008

A meeting of the DWQMP Administration Group was held on August 21, 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	
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	X
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	
1 st Selectman Nicholas Mullane	PRI – Town of N. Stonington	X
Juliet Leeming	ALT – Town of N. Stonington	
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	X
Sharon Mann	PRI – Water Planning Council	X

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

Water Planning Council Discussion

- S. Mann described the WPC's interest in the DWQMP project and explained that one of her jobs was to guide the review of the DWQMP by the WPC members (OPM, DPUC, DEP, and DPH).
- S. Mann advised that if any recommendations would result in legislative action, the Water Planning Council will need to back those recommendations.

Town of Groton Comments

- M. Murphy noted that the Notice of Intervention on the latest Super Walmart application mentions the DWQMP, although a draft document was not in existence at the time, and he stated that this was a misuse of information and jeopardizes the integrity of the project.
- M. Murphy related a recent experience between DPH Source Protection staff and his office (Town of Groton Planning) regarding the Super Walmart application. DPH staff contacted Mike's office about the application and had certain questions and comments regarding its status. M. Murphy asked for verification from DPH that the level of scrutiny was not higher than usual due to the DWQMP process. L. Mathieu replied that the questions and comments from DPH were, and would continue to be, the same as they would be for any application from any town.

DWQMP Recommendations and Implementation

- M. Murphy advised that the DWQMP must recognize the differences between "preservation" and "conservation" and make appropriate recommendations for each.
- N. Mullane led a discussion about how the plan can not be too detailed such that it would contribute to debates such as the one about the Super Walmart. L. Mathieu recognized that certain people will always try to abuse plans of any kind, but that's why plans are written in the first place, in order to try and direct recommendations toward common goals.
- J. Bonin stated that the DWQMP can not assign weights to the "tools" in the "toolbox." A silver bullet does not exist to apply in all towns.
- Continuing a topic from the previous Administrative Group meeting in July, L. Mathieu reminded the group that EPA determined, subsequent to the Source Water Assessment Program, that the Federal government would not regulate source water protection. Instead, EPA intends for source water protection to be community-based.
- M. Shaefer recommended that the DWQMP have a definitions section or glossary.
- Administration Group members discussed whether they would be reviewing the Model DWQMP that is due to the State. It was concluded that the Administration Group members might review the Model DWQMP, but it was not necessary.

DWQMP Schedule

- The schedule determined during the Advisory Committee meeting will be used to proceed with the request for an extension from the State.