

## DRINKING WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN MEETING MINUTES

A Drinking Water Quality Management Plan (DWQMP) Meeting was held at the Groton Utilities Operations Complex Julio H. Leandri Administration Building Conference Room on February 21, 2008 at 9:00am.

<b>Advisory Group Members Present</b>	<b>Representing</b>		<b>Guests Present</b>
Jerry Iwan	PRI – DPH / DPUC		Rick Stevens, GU
Lori Mathieu	ALT – DPH / DPUC	X	Joyce Brown, GU
Jeff Butensky	PRI – EPA		Ron Bata, GU
	ALT – EPA		Pat Bresnahan, UCONN
Eric Thomas	PRI – DEP	X	
Jeanine Bonin	Consultant		
Dave Murphy	Consultant	X	
Al Dion	PRI – Groton Utilities	X	
Karl Acimovic	ALT – Groton Utilities	X	
Greg Leonard	PRI – SCWA	X	
Ed Monahan	ALT – SCWA		
Mike Murphy	PRI – Town of Groton		
Deb Jones	ALT – Town of Groton		
Mayor Allyn	PRI – Town of Ledyard	X	
	ALT – Town of Ledyard		
Mike Schaefer	PRI – City of Norwich	X	
John Bilda	ALT – City of Norwich		
Marcia Vlaun	PRI – Town of Montville		
	ALT – Town of Montville		
Kathy Warzecha	PRI – Town of Preston	X	
1 <sup>st</sup> Selectman Congdon	ALT – Town of Preston	X	
Tom Wagner	PRI – Town of Waterford		
	ALT – Town of Waterford		
1 <sup>st</sup> Selectman Mullane	PRI – Town of N. Stonington		
	ALT – Town of N. Stonington		
Ryan McCammon	PRI – Ledge Light Health Dist.	X	
Steve Mansfield	ALT – Ledge Light Health Dist		
Margaret Miner	PRI – Conservation Groups		

Sidney VanZandt	ALT – Conservation Groups	X
Zell Steever	PRI – Environmental Groups	X
	ALT – Environmental Groups	
	PRI – Norwich Public Utilities	
	ALT – Norwich Public Utilities	
	PRI – Mohegan	
	ALT – Mohegan	
	PRI – Chamber of Commerce	
	ALT – Chamber of Commerce	
	PRI – Affordable Housing	
	ALT – Affordable Housing	
	PRI – Submarine Base	
	ALT – Submarine Base	


Items of discussion:

Dave Murphy Comment:

- Introduced himself as Milone and MacBroom Consultant.
- Explained Jeanine’s absence.
- Welcome everyone to the 2008 meeting.
- Introductions around the room.
- Introduced Mayor Fred Allyn, Jr, Town of Ledyard

Mayor Allyn Comment:

- Discussed Town of Ledyard’s concerns.
  - Major concern – Source Water Protection or Drinking Water Quality Management Plan.
  - Perception is the prime objective of the DWQMP Committee is to ONLY protect the source of the water instead of also reviewing treating water and doing so by limiting development and growth in the region around the watershed.
  - Town of Ledyard has the most land surrounding the watershed.
  - Should legislative regulations be amended to prohibit development around the watershed the Town of Ledyard’s growth and development could drastically be hampered.

Al Dion Comment:

- Explained where we are in the process.

- Explained that the DWQMP Committee's objective was to never prohibit development.
- Goal is to come up with a plan that will protect the watershed and meet the communities / region's desires for growth.

Mike Schaefer Comment:

- Once the consensus is in with the Advisory and Administrative Groups, we should all be able to agree that using Best Management Practices development will not be excluded.

Lori Mathieu Comment:

- DPH and the State are looking for smart growth. Growth and at the same time protection the source water.
- Towns within the region do not all want or need the same growth or growth rate.
- Where to develop and where not to develop is a key issue.
- The Plan must be at a community based level to keep a fair process, smart development desires, and that no items are pre-determined.

ALL Comment:

- Open discussion of why Town of Ledyard must be at the table.
  - Primary reason is Mayor Allyn's and the Town of Ledyard's opinion is extremely important to the Plan and also allows a voice to be heard in the behalf of the Town of Ledyard.

Dave Murphy Comment:

- Explained all the handouts and discussed Milone and MacBroom Project Management Plan.

Zell Steever Comment:

- Question of where the History falls within the Plan. History is an important element.

Dave Murphy Comment:

- Answer to question
  - Must fall in at the front with the Goals and Objectives.
- Explained the responsibilities of the Advisory Group.
- Explained the responsibilities of the Administrative Group.

Eric Thomas Comment:

- Council of Governments. COG must be represented in the Advisory Group.

Al Dion Comment:

- Tried many times to get the COG to participate. They have showed no intentions to do so, but will be invited again.

1<sup>st</sup> Select Congdon Comment:

- COG in a sense has representation.
- Members of COG are in attendance, representing their communities.
- Those members for discussion can take views back to COG.

Al Dion Comment:

- In addition, we need to look for developers and builders to attend for their input and views.

Zell Steever Comment:

- Does the committee want large outside building and developing firms who do not know the region or regional needs sitting in giving feedback.

1<sup>st</sup> Select Congdon Comment:

- We need the large firms feedback if the Plan has the long-term goal to be used as a State example.

ALL Comment:

- Open discussion concerning Stakeholders Listing and Advisory Committee.
- Pat Bresnahan recommends that each member have an alternate.
- Mayor Allyn recommends adding Peter Gardner to the Stakeholders listing.
- Others listed were reviewed, including:
  - CBIA
  - Atty. Harry Heller
  - Planner Bill Sweeney, AICP, of TCORS
  - The engineers for Pequot Health Center
  - Atty. Tim Bates
- Dave Murphy will contact the above and make more additions as needed.

Eric Thomas Comment:

- "End Users" of the water supply should be included in the Advisory Group. These could be Pfizer, EB, Coast Guard, Mohegan Tribe, or even residential customers; or consecutive water systems such as Noank Fire District or Groton Long Point.

Al Dion Comment:

- Discussed briefly the GROW Meetings.

Dave Murphy Comment:

- Public Meeting Discussion
  - Three (3) meetings in March.
    - Groton
    - Ledyard
    - Preston / North Stonington
  - Duration of each not to exceed 1.5 hours.
  - Work with newspapers (New London Day) for notification. Judy Benson is the best person to help.
  - Send out letters to commissions.
  - Send out emails.

ALL Comment:

- Taping or filming the public meetings on the local cable channel.
- A digital recorder can cover the Preston meeting.
- Shawn Greeley at Groton Library (GMTV) can record in Groton.
- Meeting minutes from the public meetings must be published or posted soon after each meeting.
- Data Gathering Handouts at meetings for people to give ideas. Many people from areas around watershed who may be attending and would like to see information and share ideas:
  - City of Groton
  - Town of Groton
  - Noank
  - Groton Long Point
  - Preston
  - Ledyard

Potential public meeting dates:

- Tuesday, March 11 is possible for Preston. The town hall is a good location.

- Thursdays are possible in Groton. The town hall annex is a good location.
- The Ledyard Senior Center or Ledyard Center School are possible locations in Ledyard.

Data Collection Discussion:

- Water Quality data:
  - Eric Thomas will check his files for information.
  - Dept. of Agriculture – Jim Cyttec, Kelly Shannon in the Milford office.
  - Pat will check CIWR records.
  - Ed Martin of the Groton Shellfish Commission.
  - USGS
  - SCWA
  - DPW Stormwater analysis records
  - Ledge Light Health District
- Municipal plans and documents:
  - Please let Milone & MacBroom know what is missing.
  - David to contact one person from each town to follow up.

Open Space Discussion:

- How does each town define open space?
- Contact open space groups and Conservation Commissions to get lists of open space.
- Conservation easements.
- See OPM website for CT Green Plan.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting will be March 20, 9:30am. Tentatively the following meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2008 at 9:30am.