

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING MINUTES

Regional Drinking Water Quality Management Plan Groton, Ledyard, Preston, North Stonington, Norwich, Montville, and Waterford, Connecticut Tuesday, March 11, 2008 Preston Town Hall, 7:30 PM

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Kathy Warzecha (Preston Town Planner) called the meeting to order and Al Dion (Groton Utilities) and David Murphy (Milone & MacBroom, Inc.) were introduced. Kathy Nichols recorded notes during the meeting. Other meeting attendees are listed below.

Name	Affiliation
David Krug	Wetland Commission
George Jennings	P&Z Commission
Roy Beauregard	P&Z Commission
Art Moran, Jr.	P&Z Commission
David Williams	Conservation and Parks & Recreation Commissions

2. David Murphy (Milone & MacBroom, Inc.) presented a PowerPoint slide show introducing the Drinking Water Quality Management Planning process. Copies of this presentation are available through Milone & MacBroom, Inc. and will be posted on the project web site.
3. Following the presentation, the meeting was opened for questions and comments.
 - Mr. Jennings (Preston P&Z Commission) provided a history of thermos manufacturing and the resulting mercury pollution in Preston. He suspects that mercury could be found throughout the future watershed in Preston. One appropriate exercise might be for someone to locate old dumps throughout the watershed.
 - Mr. Williams (Conservation and Parks & Recreation Commissions) inquired about how the future Shewville Brook diversion would be operated. Mr. Dion provided a response and explained that it would be mainly a skimming operation during period of normal to high flow. Mr. Murphy explained that it would be subject to DPH and DEP permitting.
 - Mr. Jennings explained that SCWA was going to construct a dam and create a reservoir in the Watson Farm area many years ago when the Authority was created. Water would have been pumped into the reservoir from the Quinebaug River. The land was going to be a golf course and is now stripped and cleared. He believes that someone should purchase the land as set it aside for its previous intended use as a reservoir. Mr. Murphy

explained that under current laws, Class B waters could not be used for consumption, thus prohibiting use of the Quinebaug River. However, Mr. Jennings' point was noted.

- Mr. Jennings is in favor of public water supply throughout Preston.
 - Mr. Jennings remarked that the Wetland Commission required a dry basin adjacent to Route 2 near Preston Plains School to collect stormwater associated with recent projects. He believes that every project should include a dry basin with selected vegetation.
4. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.