

**WLSD Planning Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, June 9, 2014 @ 3:00 p.m.**  
**Minutes**

Attending: Ray Turri, Bob Goldfeld, Jim Mersfelder, Chip Roraback, Richard Reis and Ken Green of WLSD; Dave Prickett and Jay Sheehan of Woodard & Curran; and John Wertam and Bruce Chudwick of Shipman & Goodwin

**1. Meeting with Torrington WPCA**

Ray Turri, Jim Mersfelder and Richard Reis reported on their meeting with Jerry Rollett and Ray Drew of the Torrington WPCA. The purpose of the meeting was to initiate discussions with Torrington to explore connecting into the Torrington system and to provide information on WLSD's progress to date with DEEP. Torrington has an application into DEEP for a \$50 million plus upgrade of its facility. There was agreement to continue to share information on each other's facilities upgrade plans.. Ray Turri will arrange for Dave and the W&C team to meet with Ray Drew.

**2. Review of W&C Alternatives Analysis and Agreement on Plan to Move Forward**

The Committee discussed in some detail the June 6, 2014 report by W&C titled Updates to Local and Regional Alternatives Analysis. The Committee concluded that information to date still suggests that, even with enhanced treatment and addition of equalization to manage flows on site, the on-site alternative remains about \$5 million less expensive than the regional alternative. The site has tested capacity to manage a discharge of 125,000 gpd, which with equalization using existing disposal beds provides the necessary means to meet DEEP's requirement for hydrologic capacity with no overland breakout. Thus, a local alternative remains viable with a treatment plant that provides drinking water quality discharge. However, as the cost gap has narrowed with the regional alternative, the Committee agreed that we needed to move forward to further refine the regional cost numbers. The Committee agreed the following actions:

1. John Wertam will contact DEEP to inform them of our conclusions and plans to move forward thereby meeting our 30 day time requirement to respond to DEEP. John will follow-up with a meeting with Ozzie Inglese to discuss when and if we need to involve DPH.
2. Dave Prickett and the W&C team will contact Joe Wetteman to arrange a meeting to review the technical details of hydrologic capacity, equalization requirements and other necessary system enhancements for the local alternative.
3. W&C to perform additional work on the regional alternative to further refine cost numbers. This would include soil borings, meetings with DOT and Torrington WPCA, etc.
4. W&C to prepare a summary of further expected work to be done on both alternatives with cost estimates for review and approval by WLSD and later submission to DEEP for 55% cost sharing.

**3. WLSD Taxpayer Funding**

The Committee reviewed with Counsel Bruce Chudwick the statutory requirements for benefit assessments for capital project financing. There was considerable discussion regarding the use of benefit assessments in funding the WLSD major capital projects and how they work. The Committee agreed that a subcommittee of Jim Mersfelder, Ray Turri, Bob Goldfeld and Richard Reis would further explore the use of appraisals to value the impact on properties in the District. The subcommittee would endeavor to complete its work in advance of the July meeting with the community.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ken Green, Chairman  
June 10, 2014