

WLSD Planning Committee Meeting
Monday, October 24, 2011 @ 3:00 p.m.
Minutes

Attending: Jim Mersfelder, Ray Turri, Bob Goldfeld, Chip Roraback, Charlie Ekstrom, Ken Green, Paul Dombrowski of Woodard & Curran, and John Wertam of Shipman & Goodwin

1. Approval of Minutes

The Committee approved the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of August 22nd and 27th..

2. Disposal System Tests

The Committee discussed the proposed tests to the groundwater disposal system by reviewing the October 18, 2011 letter from Joe Wetteman of DEEP along with his comments on the document “Water Permitting and Enforcement Division – WLSD Report.” The Committee noted that DEEP stated that it will wait for the facilities plan before making its final evaluation. There were portions of DEEP’s responses where we need input from W&C hydrologists, but in most cases DEEP signed off on the document. W&C will be in telephone contact with Mr Wetteman to talk through a few points and then will finalize comments on the document as well as submitting a final “Field Flow Testing Program” document to DEEP for approval.

3. Limits on Future Hookups to WLSD

The Committee reviewed with John Wertam the feedback from his meeting with a DEEP manager. John emphasized that his conversation was informal and nonbinding. The point made was that the permit limit of 100,000 gpd in our consent order is something very important to DEEP and that it will have to be addressed and evaluated for any option involving on-site management of wastewater. The concern is increasing the permit limit to accommodate new connections which is something DEEP does not think it is legally able to do. This is a complicated and unique problem for DEEP where under current constraints only “existing” sources of pollution can remain under a new permit. This is an important issue for WLSD. The Committee felt the appropriate approach is to continue with our efforts to reach agreement on the metrics of testing our disposal fields and finalizing our facilities plan. Only with that work completed, will we be in a position to further the discussions on this important point.

4. Reclassifying WL as a non-conservation area

Paul briefed the Committee that he has spoken to CT OPM who is responsible for this matter and we have adequate time to deal with this issue in the ordinary course of our project work.

5. I&I Project Work.

Smoke testing has been underway in the areas selected as having the highest probability of causing major I&I problems. The sub-area around the clubhouse is felt to be the primary cause of inflow into the system and the next step is to dye test a number of properties in the area. While we have not yet identified the “smoking gun properties”, the Committee felt the process we are following is the correct one and we should stay the course with our project work. It was also agreed that we should install flow meters on the ejector pumps of properties along East Hyerdale in the affected area.

6. W&C Project work for remainder of 2011

Work will continue, weather permitting, for the balance of the year on the I&I and disposal field tasks. Work will be done on the disposal fields to prepare a number of beds for the planned tests in March & April, 2012.

7. Breezes article

Jim and Bob agreed to prepare an article for the upcoming issue of Breezes.

8. Next Meeting

The date of our next meeting will be Monday, November 28th at 3:00 p.m. at Turri, Inc.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Ken Green, Chairman

October 25, 2011