

WLSD Planning Committee Meeting
Monday, May 23, 2011 @ 3:00 p.m.
Minutes

Attending: Jim Mersfelder, Bob Goldfeld, Charles Ekstrom, Ken Green, and Paul Dombrowski of Woodard & Curran

1. Approval of Minutes

The Committee approved the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of April 20.

2. Update from WLSD Budget Meeting

The budget and mil rate recommended by the Board were unanimously approved by the taxpayers. A note on the budget meeting, annual meeting, current work at the plant and W&C work on the Scope of Work project will appear in the June issue of Breezes. **The Committee agreed that another community meeting should be held during the summer, most likely during August.**

3. W&C Scope of Work Update

W&C has concentrated its early work on the Inflow & Infiltration (I&I) and Groundwater Disposal System tasks. The Committee discussed in detail the May 20 Update report prepared by W&C on their work through May 20th and planned work through June 30th (attached).

4. Legal & Legislative

Bob Goldfeld of the Legal Search Committee briefed the Committee on its work to date. Five law firms were contacted and four have responded with interest. There may be a conflict with one of the firms which will be resolved in the next week. Letters with a briefing note will be sent out to the targeted firms with a request for proposal. The Committee encouraged Bob to move the process along expeditiously.

5. CAWPCA Conference (Connecticut Association of Water Pollution Control Authorities)

Paul attended this Conference on April 29 and prepared a summary note of the meeting (attached) which was discussed by the Committee. Benefit Assessments were a key subject of the conference which will have important consequences for WLSD. How the District pays for the capital costs of any long term solution as well as future operating costs will likely change from the 100% ad valorem method used by the District today. This will be a sensitive issue to taxpayers and thoughtful work must be done on this issue. **A follow-up meeting with Dennis Greci of the DEP on this topic in the next month is a priority item. The Committee recommends to the WLSD Board that it become a member of the CAWPCA.**

6. Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was set for Monday, June 13 at 3:00 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Green, Chairman
May 26, 2011