

Western WUCC Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Dan Lawrence (Aqurion), Tucker Beckett (WestCOG), Aaron Budris (NVCOG), Eric McPhee (DPH), Melissa Mostowy (DEEP), David Banker (Metropolitan District), Heidi Samokar (CRCOG), David McMahon & Michael Boutote (Watertown Water & Sewer), Jeffrey Capeci (Town of Newtown), Margaret Miner.

December 12, 2022; Meeting Commenced at 10:03 am

1. Introductions
 - a. Resignation of previous Co-Chair Russell Posthauer discussed.
 - b. Attendees provided their names and organizations.
2. Public Comment
 - a. Margaret M raised questions regarding the process of water supply approval and whether the public can adequately access it and provide input. She pointed specifically to concerns with the proposed Wykeham Rise Inn & Spa project in Washington. She asked who should be responding to public concerns about project review. Dan L responded that the WUCCs could be a place to provide that input.
3. Review of Meeting Minutes
 - a. Minutes from 6/14/2022 meeting approved at 10:16am.
 - b. Minutes from 9/27/2022 meeting approved at 10:19am.
4. Review of Formal Correspondence
 - a. The resignation letter of former co-chair Russell Posthauer was reviewed. It was received 6/21/2023, he was thanked for his service to the WUCC.
 - b. New PWS recommendation for Catch A Turtle LLC reviewed. Approved by WUCC chairs on 11/14/2022.
 - c. New PWS recommendation for Mine Hill Distillery reviewed. Approved by WUCC chairs on 5/11/2023
5. Officer Elections
 - a. Dan L began with a review of bylaws relevant to the election/nomination process. Additional information was provided by Eric M
 - b. Decision was made to create a posting to solicit nominations for officer elections at the next meeting. Michael B asked for clarification on who voting members were and whether Watertown Water & Sewer were

members. Dan L confirmed that as representatives of water systems in the region, they were members.

- c. Next meeting was planned for 02/13/2024 at 10am. Eric M stated that DPH would need to update the mailing list for non-member interested parties.

6. Update on State Water Plan and WUCC Plans

- a. Dan L asked members to read the previous WUCC plan if they hadn't yet.
- b. Aaron B asked if the WUCC should be looking for consultants for the upcoming WUCC planning process. Eric M replied that discussion should start on this now. The state has contributed funds in the past for WUCC planning efforts, but any funding for this plan would likely be less than the previous plan. Discussion continued regarding budgeting, timelines, and DPH/WUCC roles in the planning process. Dan L stated that a meeting would be scheduled to discuss this with other WUCC chairs.

7. New/Old Business, Open Discussion (as time allows)

- a. No business was raised for discussion.

Adjourned at 10:47 am