

## UPPER CONNECTICUT RIVER WUCC

April 8, 2008

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A regular meeting of the Upper Connecticut River WUCC was held at the offices of the New Britain Water Department, 1000 Shuttle Meadow Avenue, New Britain, CT on Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at 10:00 A.M.

1. Call to Order: Chairman Bligh called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M. A copy of the attendance list is attached as Exhibit A.
2. Opportunity for Public Participation: None requested.
3. April 17, 2007 Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the April 17, 2007 annual meeting were unanimously approved with no discussion.
4. Request for Proposed Public Water Supply System – 214 New Bolton Road, Manchester: Chairman Bligh referred attendees to correspondence relative to the project that had been posted on the Department of Public Health's website in advance of the meeting<sup>1</sup>. He also distributed a letter dated March 17, 2008 from the Town of Manchester to the site engineer containing an engineering cost estimate for a main extension and indicating the Town's unwillingness to fund an extension or to provide operating services for a new system (see attached Exhibit B). Mr. Bligh then invited Mr. Eric Peterson, Gardner & Peterson Assoc., LLC, to provide an overview of the proposal. Mr. Peterson confirmed that the proposed development was non-residential in nature (a church) and clarified the property in question was 214 and 230 New Bolton Road. Mr. Peterson briefly described the applicant's desire to pursue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (a Certificate) and concluded by requesting the WUCC approve the formation of a new public water supply system, given the Town of Manchester's stated position.

The Department of Public Health noted the benefit that an extension of water and sewer infrastructure in the area would have in addressing regional sanitary and small water system issues. It was noted that in the event the Church obtained a Certificate, recent legislation would require they abandon their water system and tie into a water main, should one be installed in the future. It was also noted that DPH has the authority to assess the feasibility of a main extension as part of the Certificate process, and that the WUCC's decision would be viewed as a recommendation. Thereafter, a motion was made by Mr. Wesneski of Avon Water for the WUCC to send a letter to the Department of Public Health recommending formation of a non-community water system at 214-230 New Bolton Road, Manchester. The motion was unanimously approved in a voice vote.

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<sup>1</sup> [www.ct.gov/dph](http://www.ct.gov/dph)

5. DPH Report on Status of Area-wide Supplement: Ms. Mathieu, DPH, commented on the WUCC process in general, noting that the Department was hoping to fund the remaining WUCCs in the Northeast, Southwest and Northwest Water Management Areas. Ms. Mathieu also indicated the Department was open to ideas on ways to update the status of established WUCC integrated reports, and expressed a desire for the various WUCCs to hold annual meetings. It was suggested the DPH consider consolidating Water Management Areas into a single WUCC for the sake of uniformity and efficiency.
6. DPH Report on Status of Individual Water Supply Plans: DPH provided a handout, updated through April 7, 2008 and attached as Exhibit C, summarizing the status of all 27 required individual water supply plans. There was no discussion on the handout.
7. Old Business: A question was raised on the status of West Service Corporation's prior request for a change in Exclusive Service Area boundary. It was noted the request was tabled at the last meeting due to a lack of documentation by West over their ability to serve. Chairman Bligh indicated that no correspondence had been received from West in the interim.

Similarly, an update was requested on Bristol's prior appeal to change its ESA boundary with Connecticut Water. Mr. Longo of the Bristol Water Department explained that the Town's earlier request had been made in error and that they had met with Connecticut Water and confirmed the existing boundary was satisfactory to both parties. No further action is necessary.

8. New Business: None.
9. Date for Future Meeting: The next regular meeting of the UCRWUCC was set as April 7, 2009, at 10:00 A.M., at the offices of the New Britain Water Department, unless otherwise noticed.
10. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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UCRWUCC Secretary