

Meeting Minutes
 Central WUCC Meeting #27
 MDC Training Center – 125 Maxim Road, Hartford, CT
 June 19, 2019 1:30 p.m.

The Central Water Utility Coordinating Committee (WUCC) met on June 19, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. at the MDC Training Center at 125 Maxim Road, Hartford, Connecticut. Notice of the meeting was sent to WUCC members and posted on the DPH website <http://www.ct.gov/dph>.

The following WUCC member representatives were in attendance (listed in alphabetic order of affiliation):

WUCC Member Representative	Affiliation
Kenneth Skov	Aquarion Water Company
Ray Jarema	Berlin Water
David Radka	Connecticut Water Company
Jim Ventres	Town of East Haddam
Brendan Avery	Hazardville Water Company
Jonathan Avery	Hazardville Water Company
Judy Allen	Juniper Club Water Company
Patrick Kearney	Town of Manchester
Peter Hughes	Town of Marlborough
Dennis Waz	Meriden Public Utilities
David Banker	Metropolitan District Commission
R. Bartley Halloran	Metropolitan District Commission
Vincent Tursi	Tolland Water
Neil Amwake	Wallingford Water Division

The following non-WUCC member representatives were in attendance (listed in alphabetic order of affiliation):

Non-WUCC Member Representative	Affiliation
Rich Iozzo	CT Department of Public Health
Eric McPhee	CT Department of Public Health
Matt Pafford	CT Office of Policy and Management

The following actions took place:

1. Welcome & Roll Call

- The meeting was called to order at 1:36 PM by Co-chair David Radka of the Connecticut Water Company. A roll call was conducted in which everyone stated their name and affiliation.
- There was a request from several members to send the notice for the next meeting 2 weeks ahead of time.

2. Approval of February Meeting Minutes

- The minutes for the February meeting were unanimously approved.

3. Review of Formal Correspondence/CPCNs

The following general correspondences were logged subsequent to the October meeting of the Central WUCC:

- In correspondence dated June 10, 2019, Judy Allen stated that she would be the Juniper Club's WUCC representative going forward.
- In correspondence dated June 11, 2019, Patrick Kearney from the Manchester Water Department indicated Manchester and MDC were jointly requesting an ESA boundary modification where Manchester would be giving up a small ESA portion to MDC in order for a few homes to be served on Bell Street in Glastonbury.
 - Mr. Kearney stated that there is a slight change to the ESA line in order to provide water to a small group of homes.
 - Ray Jerema of Berlin Water asked if there was a formal agreement between the MDC and the Town of Manchester.
 - Mr. Kearney stated there is no formal agreement.
 - David Radka indicated he would reach out to the Town of Glastonbury to provide them an opportunity to comment on the proposed ESA changes, consistent with WUCC bylaws.
- 4/9/19 - Staehly Farm TNC system, East Haddam (CPCN Phase II approval from DPH)
- 4/18/19 - Copper Hill farm TNC system, Somers (CPCN Phase 1B approval from DPH)
- 4/30/19 - Willington Dollar General TNC system, Willington (Final CPCN issued by DPH)
- 6/14/19 - Bestway Food & Fuel TNC system, Marlborough (CPCN Phase 1A approval from DPH)
- Rock Corner community water system, Bethany (CPCN Phase II approval from DPH)

- Roncalli Chapel TNC system, East Hampton (CPCN Phase 1A approval from DPH)
- Fat Orange Cat brewing Company TNC system, East Hampton (CPCN Phase 1A approval from DPH)

There were no additional comments on the above CPCN approvals, however, the following general discussion ensued:

- Mr. Jerema stated that some of the CPCN processes move too far along in the process before the WUCC has an opportunity to provide comment.
- Mr. Radka stated that the process typically followed by ESA providers and the state had been for the ESA holder to initially assess the feasibility of providing service from an existing distribution system and if deemed not feasible, the WUCC would be asked to weigh in on the formation of a new water system before the applicant proceeded with the CPCN process.
- Eric McPhee from the Department of Public Health stated that since the statewide process is pretty new, DPH is working with the ESA members. DPH is trying to avoid getting in between the ESA holder and the developers.
- Jim Ventres from the Town of East Haddam stated that the Chair should bring it to the attention of the WUCC if something looks out of the norm.
- Mr. Radka stated that the former process largely avoided the issues raised by Mr. Jarema and should be brought to the Health Department's attention.
 - Mr. McPhee agreed to bring the message to DPH.
- Jon Avery from the Hazardville Water Company asked which department should be encouraging the use of shared wells, rather than having each Certificate project develop their own system when proximate to another non-community water system.
- Neil Amwake from the Wallingford Water Division stated that Willington has eight such wells within a stone's throw of each other.
- Mr. McPhee stated that legislation has been proposed around this topic.
- Mr. Radka stated that local town commissions and health departments are better suited to deal with consolidating and/or controlling the growth of these TNC systems.
- Peter Hughes from the Town of Marlborough stated that many towns approve building projects before plans for the water supply are even submitted to the local health department.
- Ken Skov from the Aquarion Water Company asked where the breaking point for putting these new systems in.

4. Implementation Next Steps

- Mr. Radka recommended that the WUCC form an ad hoc working group that includes the other two WUCCs and one or more town planners or land use officials to look at the current CPCN process for non-community system development, identify any issues/concerns, and recommend possible improvements to any identified problems.
 - Peter Hughes, Ken Skov, Jim Ventres, and Eric McPhee volunteered to be part of the Central WUCC working group.
 - Mr. Radka agreed to solicit interest from the other WUCC chairs.

5. Activities in Member ESAs/Towns

- Miami beach Docket 18-11-01
 - i. Mr. Radka stated the MBWC potential acquisition process is moving forward and PURA has issued interrogatories.
- East Hampton RFP
 - i. Mr. Radka stated that the town has 56 separate water systems, the majority of which are TNCs, with no comprehensive public system plan. In March the town manager sent out an RFP to CT Water, Aquarion, and MDC to ask for a response for how those companies could provide water to the town. CT Water and Aquarion each presented an approach for a phased approach toward system development. There is nothing further at this point.
- Tylerville
 - i. Mr. Radka stated that addressing Haddam's potable water needs in the Tylerville area was a priority issue identified by the WUCC in the past. The solution, which involved a main extension from CT Water, is currently 80% complete with about 1 mile of transmission main left to install.
- Other Member Town Updates
 - i. Vin Tursi stated that Tolland is having an existing condo complex tied in to their distribution system.
 - ii. Mr. Hughes stated that Marlborough voted to sell the municipal water system to Aquarion. He stated the system has about 30 customers.
 - iii. Mr. Avery stated the WICA main replacement program has been very useful for Hazardville.
 - iv. Judy Allen from the Juniper Club asked what role the WUCC should take when looking at emerging contaminants, especially contaminants like PFAS.

1. Mr. Radka and Mr. Jerema stated that fortunately PFAS has yet to be identified as a major problem for any system in Connecticut at this time.
2. Mr. McPhee stated that it is in Connecticut, however, and DPH is currently looking at how to address things.

6. Public Comment

- Mr. McPhee stated that on August 13th at the MDC training facility, DPH will be putting on a watershed inspector training session. Managers and operators are welcome and encouraged to come.

7. Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be on Wednesday October 16th at 1:30 PM.

8. Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brendan Avery, Recording Secretary – Central WUCC