

Central WUCC Meeting Minutes
MDC Training Center – 125 Maxim Road, Hartford, CT
December 11, 2019 1:30 p.m.

The Central Water Utility Coordinating Committee (WUCC) met on December 11, 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
Sarah Ridyard	Connecticut Water Company
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
Chris Stone	Metropolitan District Commission
Rose Gavrilovic	Regional Water Authority
Gene Koss	Tolland Water

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
David Berto	Housing Enterprises Inc.
Brenda Caldwell	Rocky Corner Cohousing, Bethany
Dick Margulis	Rocky Corner Cohousing, Bethany
Nancy Prior	Rocky Corner Cohousing, Bethany
Rich Wilber	Rocky Corner Cohousing, Bethany

The following actions took place:

1. Welcome & Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 PM by Co-chair David Radka of the Connecticut Water Company. A roll call was conducted in which everyone stated their name and affiliation.

2. Approval of October Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes for the October 16, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved with Gene Koss from the Tolland Water Department being added to the attendees. Rose Gavrilovic, Tiffany Lufkin, from the Regional Water Authority and Sarah Ridyard from the Connecticut Water Company will be added to the distribution list.

3. Review of Formal Correspondence

There was no formal correspondence between the Central WUCC meeting on 10-16-2019 and 12-11-2019.

4. CPCN Projects:

- Stewards of the Land Farm Brewery - North Branford (Final CPCN issued; TNC).
 - There was no further comment on this system.

5. Implementation Next Steps

- Mr. Radka stated there is an initial statewide WUCC implementation meeting on January 30, 2020.
 - Eric McPhee from the Department of Public Health stated that there should be a WUCC member representing each of the three WUCC at this meeting.
 - Jon Avery from the Hazardville Water Company asked if there should be a consensus on the three WUCC's implementation priorities before creating representation.
 - Mr. Radka stated that the consensus on the three WUCC's priorities will be handled at the January meeting.

6. Activities in Member ESAs/Towns

- There were no pressing activities in member towns.

7. New Business

- Rocky Corner Development, Bethany – ESA/Ownership

- Mr. Radka provided an overview of the Rocky Corner Development project, which is a planned community water system in Regional Water Authority's approved ESA in Bethany. He noted that a main extension was deemed unfeasible by the ESA holder, (RWA) due to the distance involved. He stated the Rocky Corner Development has expressed an interest in owning and operating the system because of a dispute with the water treatment system Regional Water Authority proposes putting in.
- Rich Wilber from Rocky Corner stated that they were looking to develop the first co-housing development in CT. He stated they are not a typical developer and want a safe and affordable, sustainable system. The co-housing group is looking for an agreement with RWA with a clear understanding of the rate structure or to have the ESA be given to Rocky Corner Development.
- Brenda Caldwell from the Rocky Corner Cohousing explained that there are 4 wells that have been drilled and yield tested. The wells are not active yet. She stated the group has talked to Ron Laframboise, a licensed water system operator, who indicated that some of the RWA requirements may not be necessary.
- Ray Jarema from Berlin Water asked what the turbidity was for the system.
 - Rose Gavrilovic from the Regional Water Authority stated that 1 of the wells has high turbidity, 1 well has high iron, and 1 well has had a coliform hit already.
- Ms. Caldwell stated that the well with a coliform hit also had a clean sample taken. She stated the system will serve 30 homes. She stated Rocky Corner wants a water system that is safe.
- Ms. Gavrilovic stated that the RWA only received a new letter from the developer in the past few days, so she was unable to respond to any most recent plans.
- Peter Hughes from the Town of Marlborough stated that it sounds like the town should be involved since Bethany could take this system over at some point.
- Mr. Radka asked if the Rocky Corner Cohousing group was looking for the WUCC to make a decision on the ESA today.
- Dick Margulis from the Rocky Corner Cohousing stated that Green Haven had planned to come to the meeting to request independent ownership and relinquishment of RWA's ESA, however, based on RWA's comments, they are now looking for a clear understanding of RWA's design requirements, assurance of rates, and an expedited Phase II DPH approval.
- Mr. Jarema asked how the group was going to maintain the system going forward.

- Pat Kearney from the Town of Manchester stated that the negotiation seemed typical with one side wanting a design standard that they know they will own in the future and the other side not wanting to be bogged down with the large rules of a large system.
- Mr. Radka stated it might help to get a third party to be the moderator, and that PURA has adjudicated design standards in the past between CT Water and developers. He asked if the statutory charges a few years ago precluded that.
- Mr. McPhee stated that the changes did preclude that. The Department of Public Health has been involved in design approvals from that point on. He stated DPH has approved RWA's current design in the approval process. If a major change is made such as the Rocky Corner Cohousing taking over the system, the process might have to be started again.
- Ms. Gavrilovic stated that it is a workable system, but the RWA cannot subsidize developers. The system is a non-profit group, but the residence of New Haven will have to pay the same rates as for this system.

8. Election of Officers

- Mr. Jarema made a motion to elect Chris Stone from the Metropolitan District Commission to replace Bart Halloran from the Metropolitan District Commission. Mr. Hughes seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The election was approved unanimously. There will only be co-chairs for now.

9. Public Comment

- Mr. McPhee stated that anyone could contact him if anything needed to be added to the webinar planned to be put on by the Department of Public Health.

10. Next Meeting

- The next meeting date is March 18, 2020 at 1:30 PM.
- The meeting was adjourned at 3:09 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brendan Avery, Recording Secretary – Central WUCC