

Windham Economic Development Committee
Infrastructure Sub-Committee
Meeting Minutes, Thursday, April 11, 2013

Approved

PRESENT: Bob Young, Sy Wrenn and Ralph Valentine,

GUEST ATTENDANT: Sue Denopoulos

Meeting called to order at Windham Planning Dept. by Ralph at 8:08 AM.

The minutes of March 21, 2013 were approved as submitted 3-0 on a motion by Bob and seconded by Sy.

Ralph reported that he reviewed the materials available in the Community Development Department's library as it relates to water supply and resources. In general most of the material relates to the importance of protecting our current water resources, with some material mentioning municipal water supply. The library can be a good source for the sub-committee.

Each of the sub-committee members discussed the section of the Master Plan they were assigned as it relates to Windham's water supply and water resources. There are many references in the Master Plan which support the need for a municipal water system, specifically one which does not draw water directly from Windham's water resources.

The sub-committee then reviewed and discussed the 4 water source options. It is becoming more clear that a study as scoped out by Kleinfelder will be critical to analyzing the options available to supply municipal water to the general Exit 3 area and possibly a portion of Route 111 west of the Village District. The options are again listed below. The sub-committee will discuss further at the next meeting.

Option A would be to source water from Methuen through Salem. This would require approval of the State of MA as well as reconciliation of differences in how water is treated (Methuen vs. Salem). In previous conversation with the State of MA, they were not in favor of any such interstate agreement, but we have no details. One other note of interest: the size of the water pipe near the Hess gas station is large enough to provide water to Windham. We are not sure how much water that is, but the question will be posed.

Option B would be to source water directly from Methuen, going cross country somehow thru Salem, again requiring approval from the State of MA.

Option C is to source water from Derry (which sources from Manchester). Derry has about 1M gpd excess capacity.

Option D is to source water from Pennichuck thru Hudson along Route 111. Pennichuck already has permitting in place to run water thru Hudson. There would be a wear and tear charge paid to Hudson. A storage tank is likely to be needed to support peak fire demand, and it would be located in Windham. Pennichuck would make a “one times first years’ annual revenue investment” in the system (including up to 5 years worth of connections).

The next meeting is Tuesday, April 23, 2013, at 8:00 AM.

At 9:25, there was a motion by Bob, seconded by Sy and approved 3-0 to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ralph Valentine