

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Eastern WUCC Meeting**  
**Teleconference/Videoconference held via Zoom, hosted by SCCOG**  
**May 18, 2022 1:00 p.m.**

The Eastern Water Utility Coordinating Committee (WUCC) met on May 18<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was held remotely, via Zoom teleconference and videoconference software. Prior notice of the meeting was posted on the DPH website, Eastern WUCC webpage: <http://www.ct.gov/dph/wucc/>.

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

<b>WUCC Member Representative</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Ingrid Jacobs	Aquarion Water Company
Jonathan Avery	Jewett City Water Company
Samuel Alexander	Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments
Josh Cansler	Southeastern Connecticut Water Authority
Bill Warzecha	Town of North Stonington WPCA
Bob Congdon	Town of Preston

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

<b>Non-WUCC Member Representative</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Doug Hoskins	CT DEEP
Rich Iozzo	CT DPH
Eric McPhee	CT DPH
Lisette Stone	CT DPH

A copy of the meeting agenda is attached.

The following actions took place:

**1. Welcome & Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Jonathan Avery (Jewett City Water Company). All in attendance stated their names and affiliations. There was not a quorum present at this time.

**2. Review of February 9 Meeting (no minutes)**

The February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting included discussion of State-wide WUCC Implementation milestones. No quorum was achieved at the meeting, so officer elections were deferred.

**3. Correspondence**

Sam Alexander noted that there was no formal correspondence.

**4. Update on State-wide WUCC Implementation Activities**

Sam Alexander briefly discussed the State-wide WUCC Implementation Working Group and its efforts at advancing the three Coordinated Water System Plans (CWSPs). The Implementation Working Group meets May 19<sup>th</sup>, where these things will be discussed and next steps established. The Implementation Working Group will also discuss the next year's slate of topics.

- Lisette Stone, Peter Hughes, and others created a permitting/review checklist, which is intended to educate municipal officials and smaller systems.
- Draft CT DEEP Diversion Permit and CT DPH Sale of Excess Water Permit regulations were discussed at the Water Planning Council Advisory Group in April. Doug Hoskins (CT DEEP) noted that 10 comments from 5 separate entities were received in a comment period held by CT DEEP. The draft Diversion Permit language is being revised before going to the management level. Eric McPhee noted that draft Sale of Excess Water Permit language is ready to be shared and will be discussed at the Implementation Working Group meeting.
- Aaron Budris and others developed a planning guidance storyboard, which also included general information about the Coordinate Water System Plans and the WUCCs, for the benefit of municipal officials.

**5. CPCN Projects**

There were no new Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCNs) issued since the last meeting. Bill Warzecha asked about the responsibility of an ESA holder in serving or overseeing a new public water system. The ESA holder has the ability to serve the development or operate it as a satellite system if need be. The ESA holder may also allow for the creation of a new system within its ESA. Lisette Stone spoke about the permitting/review flowchart and checklist.

Bob Congdon joined the meeting.

**6. Activities in Member ESAs/Towns**

- Jonathan Avery is retired and working part time.
- Members discussed planned improvements.
- All utilities expressed difficulty with the supply chain and the cost and availability of pipes, meters, and other materials.
- The Southeastern Connecticut Water Authority (SCWA) has a planned interconnection between two of its systems in Montville.
- There is a planned RV park in Preston, which will connect to the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation system.

- Bill Warzecha discussed issues in North Stonington and the town's need for water service in certain areas. The Town is the Exclusive Service Area (ESA) holder and SCWA owns nearby water systems.

**7. New Business**

There was no other new business.

**8. Nomination and Election of Officers – Tri-chairs (3) and Secretary (1) to serve two-year terms**

There was discussion of the roles of the officers. Bob Congdon nominated Sam Alexander for Secretary. John Avery nominated Bob Congdon for Tri-chair. Bob Congdon nominated John Avery for Tri-chair. John Avery nominated Ingrid Jacobs for Tri-chair.

John Avery made a motion to approve the slate of officers. Bob Congdon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Officers will serve a two-year term, expiring May 18, 2024.

**9. Public Comment**

There was additional discussion about water needs in North Stonington. Bill Warzecha had various questions that were answered by agency staff and WUCC members.

**10. Next Meeting**

The members resolved to meet every six months. The next meeting will be November 16<sup>th</sup>.

**11. Adjourn**

Bob Congdon made a motion to adjourn. John Avery seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel Alexander (Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments)  
Secretary