

# **MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**

**MANSFIELD INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY**

**SPECIAL Meeting**

**Monday, June 16, 2014 ▪ 7:00 PM**

Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building ▪ 4 South Eagleville Road ▪ Council Chambers

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Old Business**
  - a. CT Water Company Re: New Water Connection to Tolland
- 4. Adjournment**



# Town of Mansfield

## Department of Planning and Development

**Date:** June 12, 2014  
**To:** Mansfield Inland Wetlands Agency  
**From:** Jennifer Kaufman, Inland Wetlands Agent  
**Subject:** **Connecticut Water Company Water Supply Pipeline Extension**

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At your June 2, 2014 meeting, the Connecticut Water Company (CWC) presented their proposed plans for the water pipeline that will extend along Route 195 from Tolland to the UCONN water tanks, with a westerly extension along Route 44 from the intersection with Route 195 to the entrance of the Rolling Hills Mobile Home Park. The IWA scheduled a special meeting on June 16, 2014 to review the plans and provide comments to CWC. CWC agreed to attend the IWA's regularly scheduled meeting on July 7, 2014.

As you recall, the Town does not have permitting authority over the proposed pipeline. However, CWC is required by the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) to consult with the local jurisdiction when such facilities are proposed to determine mutually agreeable schedules and procedures for the proposed activity when constructing new facilities involving the disturbance of soil, water or vegetation that would normally be subject to the review of a local authority such as the Inland Wetlands Agency or Planning and Zoning Commission.

I have reviewed the plans. There are several large wetland systems along proposed pipeline route, including those associated within the Nelson and Cedar Swamp Brook watersheds. While there is no work directly in wetlands, much of the proposed pipeline installation occurs within in close proximity to the wetlands, in some instances as close to 5 feet from the edge of wetlands. Most of the pipeline will be installed either on the road shoulder, just beyond the edge of pavement, or in the roadbed itself.

Proposed pipeline installation in Mansfield begins on map sheet 9 of the CWC plans. *Please note that CWC's plans have delineated wetlands only within 25 feet of the proposed pipeline installation.*

- As the pipeline enters Mansfield (map sheets 9 and 10), it will be routed along the bridge that traverses the Willimantic River and the Central Vermont Railroad. No wetlands are within close proximity of the pipeline along this stretch.
- Continuing to 1924 Storrs Road (just east of Baxter Road and west of Cedar Swamp Road. Road and shown on map sheets 11, 12, 13, 14), the pipeline is routed beyond the edge of pavement in the road shoulder; much of the construction is in close proximity to wetlands.
- At 1918 Storrs Road (map sheet 14) the proposed pipeline moves to the road bed for a short section, however there are no wetlands indicated in this stretch of the pipeline route.
- Map sheet 15 depicts a relatively small section of wetlands. Here, the pipeline will be constructed in the roadbed.
- Map sheet 17 depicts wetlands that are associated with the Cedar Swamp where the majority of the pipeline will be installed in the roadbed.
- The remaining route of the pipeline (shown on map sheets 18, 19, and 20) will be constructed in the roadbed in close proximity to a large wetland system located in the Four Corners area.

### **Recommendations:**

- In areas where the CWC has proposed installation of the pipeline outside of the roadbed and close to wetlands, they should be encouraged to move the pipeline as far from wetlands as possible and into the roadbed, which is already a disturbed area.
- There should be no storage of stockpiled materials within 50 feet of wetlands.
- Erosion and sedimentation controls should be in place prior to construction and maintained during construction and removed when disturbed areas are completely stabilized.