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STATE WATER PLANNING COUNCIL

Regular Meeting held Via Teleconference on  
June 6, 2023, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

**H e l d   B e f o r e :**

**JOHN W. BETKOSKI, III, WPC CHAIRMAN,  
and PURA VICE-CHAIRMAN**

1     **A p p e a r a n c e s :**

2     **WATER PLANNING COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:**

3             **JOHN W. BETKOSKI, III, CHAIRMAN (PURA)**

4             **MARTIN HEFT (OPM)**

5             **LORI MATHIEU (DPH)**

6             **GRAHAM STEVENS (DEEP)**

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8     **ALSO PRESENT (on record):**

9             **VIRGINIA de LIMA**

10            **KELSEY SUDOL**

11            **MARGARET MINER**

12            **DENISE SAVAGEAU**

13            **RYAN TETREAUULT**

14            **KAREN BURNASKA**

15            **MARGARET MINER**

16            **DAN LAWRENCE**

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20     **Staff:**

21            **ALYSON AYOTTE**

22            **LAURA LUPOLI**

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1 (Begin: 1:30 p.m.)

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3 THE CHAIR: Good afternoon, everyone. Welcome to the  
4 June 6, 2023, meeting of the Water Planning  
5 Council. We'll call the meeting to order.

6 The first order of business is to approve the  
7 May 2, 2023, meeting transcript.

8 Do I hear a motion?

9 MARTIN HEFT: So moved.

10 GRAHAM STEVENS: Second.

11 THE CHAIR: Moved and seconded.

12 Any questions on the motion?

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14 (No response.)

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16 THE CHAIR: If not, all those in favor signify by  
17 saying aye.

18 THE COUNCIL: Aye.

19 THE CHAIR: Motion approved.

20 Any public comment on agenda items?

21  
22 (No response.)

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24 THE CHAIR: Any correspondence?

1 (No response.)

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3 THE CHAIR: I have none -- but we're going to move to  
4 action items; Water Planning Council advisory  
5 group representative Kelsey Sudol.

6 Virginia, would you like to talk about  
7 Kelsey?

8 VIRGINIA de LIMA: Sure. I can. I can mention that  
9 we're very pleased that she is going to be --  
10 she's proposed as the representative for the Water  
11 Planning Council advisory group.

12 And she is here, and I've asked her just to  
13 take a few moments and introduce herself and tell  
14 you all what interests her about water planning.

15 THE CHAIR: Hi, Kelsey. Please do.

16 KELSEY SUDOL: Hi, everyone. Thank you so much for  
17 having me. So my name is Kelsey Sudol. I am on  
18 the Water Planning Council advisory group as an  
19 alternate for lakes and ponds. I work for the  
20 Lake Waramaug task force and I also work for the  
21 Northwest Conservation District where I focus on a  
22 lot of watershed planning and lakes.

23 I also have been a member of the  
24 implementation workgroup's education -- outreach  
25 and education subgroup for last year, and so I'm

1 really excited, hopefully, to step into this role  
2 and be officially a part of the implementation  
3 workgroup, and look forward to it.

4 Thank you so much.

5 THE CHAIR: Welcome, and very much thank you for your  
6 interest.

7 With that I would entertain a motion that  
8 Kelsey be nominated for the WPCAG group?

9 LORI MATHIEU: So moved.

10 MARTIN HEFT: I'll second that.

11 THE CHAIR: Virginia, what's the matter?

12 VIRGINIA de LIMA: I believe you meant a position for  
13 the implementation workgroup.

14 MARTIN HEFT: Correct, Virginia, IWG nomination.

15 THE CHAIR: Yes, that's correct. Yes, yes.

16 Right, yes -- to a motion. We have it  
17 seconded. And I'm just looking at the way this is  
18 written here -- but that's correct. That's our  
19 understanding. Any questions?

20 MARGARET MINER: E-mails would be in correspondence.

21 THE CHAIR: Margaret is talking about an e-mail being  
22 correspondence. We'll have -- whatever Margaret  
23 has a question about, we'll have her bring it up.

24 Any questions?  
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1 (No response.)

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3 THE CHAIR: If not, all those in favor signify by  
4 saying aye.

5 THE COUNCIL: Aye.

6 THE CHAIR: The motion is carried.

7 Congratulations and welcome, Kelsey.

8 KELSEY SUDOL: Thank you very much.

9 THE CHAIR: Look forward to working with you and we  
10 really appreciate your interest.

11 LORI MATHIEU: Kelsey, thank you for volunteering. We  
12 appreciate that very much.

13 KELSEY SUDOL: No problem.

14 LORI MATHIEU: Thank you.

15 THE CHAIR: So we also have under action items, WPC  
16 members discuss and review priorities.

17 Unfortunately, this year we did not -- we came up  
18 with no money moving forward.

19 So I think, Lori, you asked that that go on  
20 the agenda.

21 LORI MATHIEU: I did.

22 THE CHAIR: I was thinking when I went over the agenda  
23 this morning -- I mean, we're almost to a point  
24 where we have to have some type of planning  
25 retreat or something again to see where we're

1 going, to take a look at the plan. And I guess  
2 we're going to have to be innovative and creative  
3 in terms of how we're going to get the funding.

4 And so I think maybe we should have some type  
5 of retreat maybe in August, before.

6 Anybody have any opinion?

7 LORI MATHIEU: I like that idea, and I wanted to add it  
8 to the agenda because we're in this position now.  
9 This plan is getting older and you know we're  
10 approaching some critical points, especially with  
11 climate, impact on water. It's important for us  
12 to look at. There are a number of things that we  
13 may want to undertake in some sort of combined  
14 effort, and so I just thought it would be good for  
15 the four of us to talk about what we should do.

16 I like the idea of a retreat. I think the  
17 last time we did that was a while ago.

18 THE CHAIR: I think Virginia facilitated our retreat.

19 LORI MATHIEU: It was a long time ago -- five years  
20 ago, maybe?

21 THE CHAIR: Right. We were just -- we were very much  
22 in the beginning stages of the plan.

23 But I think in lieu of the fact that we  
24 didn't get any funding at this point, and I talked  
25 about in the past of perhaps doing something

1 through the PUC funds, but you know that doesn't  
2 happen overnight. And there's a process we have  
3 to go through for that. And quite frankly, with  
4 rate cases right now coming in here, and it's kind  
5 of sensitive to be looking at that at this  
6 particular time.

7 Now that being said, in the past I did talk  
8 to some companies and some companies were willing  
9 to put some money towards the plan, so -- but I've  
10 got to check it out with legal and all that kind  
11 of thing.

12 Graham, do you want to weigh in on this, or  
13 Martin?

14 GRAHAM STEVENS: Yeah. No, I'm definitely supportive  
15 of looking into any funding opportunity we could  
16 come up with that could move the ball forward,  
17 Jack.

18 MARTIN HEFT: Yeah, and I'm in agreement as well. I  
19 know, you know, last year we looked at the federal  
20 grant. You know we've had -- you know, fortunate  
21 we've had some other grants. You know our \$50,000  
22 grant we used for some pieces.

23 So you know, looking at any options, there  
24 obviously is the best thing to do, you know, in  
25 the interim as we continue to pursue funding, you



1 know, for potentially for the next midterm budget.

2 GRAHAM STEVENS: Right. And to that point, Martin,  
3 working on establishing some metrics that really  
4 show the value, or the lost value of an effective  
5 or not fully effective Water Planning Council  
6 would be imperative to any budget request -- and  
7 that that's something we'd have to start now, I  
8 think if we wanted to be successful.

9 We've socialized the issue, and now we need  
10 to circle back and provide more clarity on why, on  
11 the why.

12 THE CHAIR: I'm thinking -- I'm just going to throw  
13 this out for consideration, that maybe in lieu of  
14 a regular meeting on July 12th, we might want to  
15 look -- and of course, everybody on this call  
16 definitely might want to look at having some type  
17 of retreat planning session instead of waiting  
18 until the people are around. I know for people  
19 it's vacation time, but I'm just throwing that out  
20 for discussion.

21 Instead of a meeting, we have that scheduled.  
22 We can turn it into -- kind of come up with some  
23 items. I'd ask Councilmembers come up with some  
24 items for discussion. Of course, I think first  
25 and foremost would be the whole budgetary

1 challenge that we have, but.

2 GRAHAM STEVENS: Yeah, and I think DEEP would be  
3 willing to offer up one of its facilities if you  
4 want to have an off-site dedicated session.

5 I wasn't here five years ago, so I'm not sure  
6 exactly how you guys handled the retreat, but we  
7 have some facilities with meeting spaces around  
8 the state that we could offer up.

9 LORI MATHIEU: We went to your beautiful Fort Trumbull  
10 for our --

11 GRAHAM STEVENS: I was just going to say Fort Trumbull.

12 So yeah, we'll have to come up with a new one  
13 then. I love that one.

14 LORI MATHIEU: Beautiful. It's beautiful.

15 THE CHAIR: No, we can go back to Fort Trumbull.

16 That was great.

17 LORI MATHIEU: Yeah.

18 THE CHAIR: But Martin -- are you going to be around,  
19 Martin?

20 MARTIN HEFT: Yes, depending on -- what date are we  
21 talking on? I'm sorry.

22 THE CHAIR: I'm talking about instead of the next  
23 regular meeting, instead of having a meeting we'll  
24 have a retreat, slash, planning session, and we'd  
25 probably start earlier in the day.

1 LORI MATHIEU: Is that on the 12th, Jack?

2 MARTIN HEFT: July 12th?

3 THE CHAIR: Yeah.

4 MARTIN HEFT: Yeah, then I'm around. So that's not an  
5 issue on my part, yeah.

6 THE CHAIR: And Graham, that works for you? Lori?

7 GRAHAM STEVENS: Yeah, I don't go anywhere.

8 This is my vacation, right here.

9 Yeah -- the 12th? Did you say July 12th?

10 THE CHAIR: Yes.

11 LORI MATHIEU: Yeah.

12 MARTIN HEFT: That was when we scheduled the July  
13 meeting because of the July 4th holiday and  
14 everything. For some reason that's the date that  
15 got chosen.

16 GRAHAM STEVENS: For some reason I didn't put it on my  
17 calendar. Great.

18 THE CHAIR: So then what I'm thinking is that if we  
19 started earlier -- if we just want to start, we  
20 could start it, maybe have a lunch.

21 And I'm thinking this is inclusive of our  
22 support groups, the implementation group and the  
23 WPAG as well -- if that's okay?

24 GRAHAM STEVENS: Yeah, and depending on the number of  
25 people, you know, Fort Trumbull may not be

1           sufficiently sized, but.

2   LORI MATHIEU:   So Jack, are you thinking that we would  
3           go there for, say, one o'clock and block off the  
4           afternoon?

5   THE CHAIR:    Yeah.

6   LORI MATHIEU:   Okay.

7   THE CHAIR:    July 12th?

8           July 12th I have as a Wednesday.

9   GRAHAM STEVENS:  Correct. We have the same calendar.

10  LORI MATHIEU:   I'm checking to see if I have the same  
11           calendar. Hold on.

12           Yes.

13  THE CHAIR:    Why don't we have it on -- I'm just curious  
14           why we don't --

15  GRAHAM STEVENS:  Probably because I have a recurring  
16           meeting on Tuesday afternoons, on the second  
17           Tuesday of the month.

18  THE CHAIR:    WPC is on my meeting on the 12th, so it's  
19           on my calendar already.

20  MARTIN HEFT:   And I know that on the 10th, that Monday  
21           was an issue, because I know there's a commission  
22           on Connecticut's development in the future that  
23           would conflict with me. So that may have been a  
24           reason we looked.

25           And then there was conflicts Tuesday.

1           We wound up on Wednesday -- maybe.

2   **THE CHAIR:** Virginia would you be able to make it?

3   **VIRGINIA de LIMA:** Yes, I would. And if you were so  
4           inclined, I'd be willing to help facilitate as  
5           well.

6   **THE CHAIR:** Well, you did a great job last time.

7   **MARTIN HEFT:** Accepted.

8   **THE CHAIR:** Actually Virginia helped me out -- some of  
9           you know, involved with the multiple sclerosis  
10          society, and she helped me out with a great job  
11          with that as well. So thank you.

12           You're hired, Virginia. All right. We'll  
13          talk.

14           So Okay. This is good, and we might start it  
15          a little bit earlier on the 12th, but Allie and  
16          I'll let you know. Okay? Great.

17   **LORI MATHIEU:** So Jack, just some agenda items -- is to  
18          sort of look back. If you recall, a big part of  
19          the discussion that we all had, and Martin and  
20          Graham, you were not there -- but we all knew at  
21          the time that to undertake implementation we would  
22          need, you know, a water chief and that's a big  
23          part of the implementation items.

24           So you know, Graham, to your point about  
25          metrics, I think we should take a look at, first

1 and foremost, you know, development of, you  
2 know -- look. Read those sections of the state  
3 water plan, put down some ideas.

4 You know, try to absorb what was said in the  
5 past about the need for this, this water chief to  
6 help with implementation; sort of, glean out of  
7 the plan those items. And you know that would be  
8 the first agenda item, really would be to take a  
9 look at what the plan said about that.

10 Because it was recognized -- and Jack, you  
11 were there. So maybe you could weigh, and the  
12 others that were around at the time, we really  
13 knew that we couldn't have stepped forward without  
14 the need for somebody dedicated to do this work.

15 THE CHAIR: No doubt. No doubt about it, and  
16 unfortunately -- you know we've managed to keep  
17 the wheels on the bus all these years, but we  
18 still have to figure out how, how to do it. And  
19 hopefully at this retreat planning session we can  
20 come up with some ideas moving forward and move  
21 towards how we might get some funding.

22 As was said earlier by a Martin and Graham --  
23 Graham, we did. We did apply. We really made a  
24 valiant effort to get money from the feds and  
25 through the state budget, but unfortunately it

1           wasn't successful.

2           I think Denise Savageau has got her hand  
3           raised. Denise?

4   DENISE SAVAGEAU: Yeah, I just want -- and I'm just  
5           going to put something in the chat for you just  
6           for information, is that Senate Bill 998 passed.  
7           This was a substitute bill, so the title of the  
8           bill has nothing to do with what is in the bill.

9           But section 515, line 698 talks about  
10           establishing a department or a program on  
11           responsible growth and includes funding for staff  
12           to support a couple of different agencies,  
13           including the Water Planning Council. So I just  
14           wanted to bring that to your attention, that that  
15           legislation passed, and I put the information in  
16           the chat for you.

17   THE CHAIR: So tell me a little bit more about it. So  
18           what is this again?

19   DENISE SAVAGEAU: Okay. So the bill says it's an act  
20           establishing a tax abatement for certain  
21           conservation easements, but that bill was  
22           substituted for a bill that had multiple things in  
23           it -- including the new section that I'm talking  
24           about is, there shall be an office of responsible  
25           growth within the intergovernmental policy

1 division of the Office of Policy and Management.

2 And then within that section it says that it  
3 will provide staff support to boards and  
4 committees and other groups deemed appropriate by  
5 the secretary of OPM such as the advisory  
6 commission on intergovernmental relations and the  
7 State Water Planning Council.

8 THE CHAIR: Martin Heft, have you been holding out on  
9 us?

10 MARTIN HEFT: No. So what that is -- to clarify, is  
11 the Legislature decided to codify the Office of  
12 Responsible Growth, because the Office of  
13 Responsible Growth is done by Executive Order 15  
14 by then Governor Rell.

15 They decided to codify the Office of  
16 Responsible growth, and that just outlines the  
17 duties and responsibilities of that office which  
18 is providing staff support to the Water Planning  
19 Council among other items. So that's what the  
20 reference there is. It has nothing to do with the  
21 budget or anything else.

22 It just codifies one of the units in my  
23 division into state statute.

24 GRAHAM STEVENS: It's not passed on -- it's not passed  
25 an agreement. So it was passed by the Senate,



1           amended by the House.

2   **MARTIN HEFT:**   Correct.

3   **GRAHAM STEVENS:**  Now it's gone back to the Senate.

4   **MARTIN HEFT:**   Correct.

5   **GRAHAM STEVENS:**  So it may not survive.

6   **MARTIN HEFT:**  Right, but all that language does is  
7           codifies one of my units, instead of it being  
8           under executive order --

9   **THE CHAIR:**   Got it.

10  **MARTIN HEFT:**  -- it puts it into state statute.

11  **THE CHAIR:**  But when it says that it would provide  
12           staffing for the -- I mean, we all know.  It could  
13           say all at once, but if you don't have the money  
14           attached to it we're still back to square one.

15                   Correct?

16  **MARTIN HEFT:**  Exactly, and that's not the relevance of  
17           what it is, you know, for staffing of water chief  
18           and all that other type of stuff.  It's staffing,  
19           you know, of the staff support as each of us have  
20           for Water Planning Council.

21  **THE CHAIR:**  Got it.  Okay.

22  **DENISE SAVAGEAU:**  Yeah.  I think the point being  
23           however, is it's something to build on.  Now they  
24           have that, Water Planning Council needs staff in  
25           there and needs staff support, and I think it's





1 THE CHAIR: Okay.

2 LORI MATHIEU: Thank you, Jack.

3 And for the WUCC, the next WUCC  
4 implementation meeting is scheduled for July 19th  
5 at one o'clock at the MDC training center in  
6 Hartford, the south end of Hartford.

7 The items for the agenda items, a number of  
8 items are updating on the sale of excess water  
9 permitting process for emergency interconnects;  
10 updating the diversion permit general -- diversion  
11 permit, general permit for emergency  
12 interconnects; updating on municipal education  
13 materials; discussion on outreach and  
14 communications.

15 A discussion of the proposal by the  
16 Connecticut section of AWWA to assess available  
17 water and margin of safety calculations -- which  
18 has been an ongoing discussion for a while, and  
19 also hazard mitigation. A Resilient Connecticut  
20 presentation, I guess, will be provided.

21 And again that is the next WUCC  
22 implementation meeting. You're all invited.  
23 That's July 19th at one o'clock, MDC training  
24 center. And when we have it, we have the actual  
25 agenda, we can, you know, share that.

1           We will post it.

2           And that's all that I have for these two  
3           items.

4 **THE CHAIR:** Thank you. Thank you, Lori. And what's  
5           it? July 19th at what time?

6 **LORI MATHIEU:** July 19th at one o'clock, and I see that  
7           online is Ryan and possibly Lisette. I know Eric  
8           couldn't make it today -- actually I don't see  
9           Lisette.

10           So Ryan, is there anything that I missed or  
11           anything that you'd like to add to what I provided  
12           for private wells?

13 **RYAN TETREAULT:** That was that, Lori.

14           Thank you for the update.

15 **LORI MATHIEU:** Sure. Thank you. That's excellent, you  
16           know, just thinking about 9,000 reports being sent  
17           and all coming in, you know, electronically, you  
18           know, through e-mail. And then we have to take  
19           that, put that into a data system. It's a lot of  
20           work, but Ryan has been working really hard to  
21           move on to the electronic system.

22           So just a lot of work there -- but thank you,  
23           Ryan.

24 **THE CHAIR:** I see Virginia's hand up.

25 **VIRGINIA de LIMA:** Yeah, I've got a quick question,

1           Lori.

2           Do you have a way of assessing whether --  
3           what percentage of the total the 9,000 represents?  
4           I mean, do you have a way of counting who's done  
5           it and who hasn't done it?

6   LORI MATHIEU: I'll send you the total -- Ryan, do you  
7           want to take that one?

8   RYAN TETREAULT: Yeah. Are you asking about which  
9           properties with wells have tested, and have not  
10          tested?

11          Now we still don't have a good number on --  
12          or a good mapping representation of where all  
13          private wells are in the state. I think that's  
14          one of our projects where we're looking to further  
15          refine with maybe a GIS later that has each  
16          private well parcel identified.

17          And then from there maybe we can do some  
18          future address matching with the water quality  
19          database of results we're getting from labs to see  
20          a better idea of who has tested their well and who  
21          has not. So there's a lot we can do with this  
22          data in terms of identifying who is doing testing,  
23          where we need to do more outreach and education to  
24          try to promote testing and to see what people are  
25          testing for.



1 and he will be presumably starting next week.

2 In terms of activities going on, we are going  
3 to be looking at a proposal to start a new topical  
4 sub workgroup looking at the website. This is  
5 something that has been -- this was under the  
6 recommendation of the outreach and education  
7 group. It's something that's been under their  
8 umbrella, but as you know they're doing so many  
9 other things that we felt it was appropriate to  
10 set up a focused workgroup looking just at website  
11 issues and website potential improvements.

12 And so a draft of that proposal has been put  
13 together. We will be discussing it next week, and  
14 then obviously forwarding it on to you for  
15 concurrence and for blessing so that we can go  
16 ahead and establish that workgroup. So that's  
17 ongoing.

18 In terms of the data collection workgroup,  
19 the USGS data collection, basically they have  
20 looked at the surface water network. They've  
21 looked at the water quality networks, plural, both  
22 the DEEP biological networks as well as the USGS  
23 chemical network, and in their most recent meeting  
24 were focused on the groundwater.

25 And so they are capturing their thoughts as



1 they go through this process and will be putting  
2 it all together. And they will be using the  
3 template that we established last fall for the  
4 reporting, the annual reporting to the Legislature  
5 because ideally as each workgroup uses that  
6 template, pulling together the annual report will  
7 become just plunking it in if it's already in the  
8 right format. And so we will make that whole  
9 process as efficient as possible. So we're  
10 looking forward to that work that they will be  
11 doing over the next -- through the summer and into  
12 the fall.

13 The tracking and reporting workgroup, as  
14 we've mentioned before, we're looking at a phase  
15 two of that which will focus a lot on simplifying  
16 the process as well as making it more  
17 electronically based so that, as I just said, the  
18 creation of the annual report can be facilitated.

19 And also ideally we'd like to come up with a  
20 way of including work that's been done by NGOs and  
21 the state agencies that are pertinent to the state  
22 water plan. And that's going to take some  
23 discussion, because for instance the drinking  
24 water group at the Department of Health could say,  
25 everything we do is related to the state water

1 plan -- and DEEP could say the same thing.

2 And so we'd have to find some way of  
3 capturing things that might be of importance to  
4 communicate to the legislature and not just say,  
5 you know, see our -- see the whole agency's  
6 report. So that's going to be part of those  
7 discussions.

8 We've been a little bit challenged in that we  
9 have not yet had a chief of that. I have had a  
10 volunteer of somebody to lead that group who is  
11 not a member of the implementation workgroup. As  
12 you may recall, in our founding documents that we  
13 said that each workgroup would be chaired by a  
14 member of the IWG. That's something that we want  
15 to discuss at the last meeting to see if we think  
16 that that's important to stick with that  
17 constraint -- or if anybody that's familiar with  
18 the process could take on that, that chair  
19 position. And obviously we will share with you  
20 the results of that discussion for your input and  
21 approval, if we decide to make a change.

22 So that's -- we are at a stage now that we  
23 are soliciting interest in being on that group,  
24 and all those things are slowed up by the fact  
25 that we haven't had somebody chairing it. So



1 going to do a nice little, you know, short  
2 presentation for us just to update us on that  
3 information. So that's what we've got going on  
4 this week, and otherwise things are status quo.

5 THE CHAIR: Thank you, Martin. Any questions for  
6 martin?

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8 (No response.)

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10 THE CHAIR: Okay. Outreach and education, Denise  
11 Savageau.

12 DENISE SAVAGEAU: Hi, yes. We had our meeting this  
13 morning. And where we didn't hold our second  
14 workshop this spring -- we were having trouble  
15 with some of the speakers. Our theme, or our  
16 topic for the May workshop, it was going to be on  
17 forests and water and forest health, and how that  
18 is going to be impacting drinking water and water  
19 resources.

20 And it seemed like there was a lot of  
21 forestry work going on in May. And so we had a  
22 little trouble -- but we did get our fisheries  
23 done. We're having a little trouble getting our  
24 forestry people lined up. So we're in the process  
25 of rescheduling that for sometime either in

1           September or October, and we'll see if we can  
2           round some of those forestry people up since they  
3           were having a busy May.

4           The majority of our workshop focused on a  
5           couple of things, and one was talking about  
6           drought and messaging. We've been taking on this  
7           topic of drought education, and it was brought up  
8           that we really probably need to look at this as  
9           kind of a standing topic so that every year we're  
10          prepared to come out with information and provide  
11          information on drought.

12          So we're going to be looking at what's  
13          already on our websites and how do we make sure  
14          that that's all linked to the Water Planning  
15          Council website, but also look at where we need  
16          some fact sheets. And then now that we have our  
17          new label -- we hadn't gotten any fact sheet  
18          development, but now that we have our logo and  
19          whatever we're prepared to do that, and we were  
20          thinking of starting again with that, private  
21          wells.

22          Because that's that, you know, the water  
23          utilities is doing a pretty good job obviously  
24          with their folks and talking about drought  
25          management, but the big questions tend to come

1 around people who are on private wells. What do I  
2 do as I want -- I'm on private wells. So we're  
3 looking at getting information on that.

4 And we have reached out. Unfortunately, Mike  
5 Dietz did not make our meeting today. He was out  
6 in the field, but he is reaching out to CIRCA.  
7 And again, we've been reaching out to Sue Quincy  
8 to see what we have -- but we're going to step up  
9 that, this, the work on this a little bit more so  
10 that we'll be prepared, because we just know this  
11 is going to be an ongoing theme.

12 And then the other thing we talked about was  
13 a theme for next year. And a couple of things  
14 have been thrown out, but we usually establish the  
15 theme for our 2024 in, you know, in the fall. And  
16 so we started to throw out some ideas on that  
17 including source water protection, including  
18 aquifer protection.

19 But if there's any particular topics that  
20 people have for, you know, from the Water Planning  
21 Council they'd like us to focus on, please share  
22 those and we'll be --

23 LORI MATHIEU: Yes. Yes, Denise.

24 DENISE SAVAGEAU: Yes?

25 LORI MATHIEU: Jack, if I might? Right?

1 THE CHAIR: Yeah.

2 LORI MATHIEU: So next year is a big anniversary for  
3 the Safe Drinking Water Act.

4 DENISE SAVAGEAU: Oh, okay.

5 LORI MATHIEU: Right? And it would be lovely -- like  
6 everything you just said, you could have, you  
7 know, four presentations or four events that deal  
8 with drinking water, you know, talk about aquifer  
9 protection, talk about source protection. Talk  
10 about, you know, public health and drinking water,  
11 something like that.

12 You know there's going to be major rules  
13 rolling out, you know, PFAS, the next phase of the  
14 lead and copper rule. There's going to be a lot  
15 of discussion about lead and lead service lines,  
16 and the inventories. You know it's been 50 years,  
17 and so there's a lot going on with the drinking  
18 water rules, and the Safe Drinking Water Act in  
19 general. Cyber security is another one.

20 So you know we could celebrate Connecticut  
21 and all the beautiful things that we've done that  
22 are unique that are protecting our drinking water  
23 supplies that we all do and uphold very, very much  
24 that's unique, like water company land regulation,  
25 land that is held by utilities, all of the good

1 work by the utilities they do, you know, to be  
2 good stewards of the environment; the things that  
3 we need to continue to work on for the next 50  
4 years, you know, that kind of thing.

5 So it would be lovely to work on that, you  
6 know, to celebrate Connecticut and all that, all  
7 that we do under the state water plan to, you  
8 know, protect our drinking water supplies and  
9 provide for a balance. So you know there's a lot  
10 there.

11 So that, again that would be my suggestion  
12 for next year.

13 DENISE SAVAGEAU: Thanks, Lori. And we had it in our  
14 notes that Lori has a suggestion for us, but I  
15 couldn't remember what it was because it was in my  
16 e-mails. So thank you for putting that back on  
17 our plate. That's that.

18 So the anniversary of the Safe Drinking Water  
19 Act is definitely something we'll consider. And  
20 this also happens to be the anniversary of the  
21 Aquifer Protection Act.

22 THE CHAIR: Excellent.

23 DENISE SAVAGEAU: So it seems like we're going to have  
24 a lot to celebrate on the drinking water supply  
25 next year. So that --



1 LORI MATHIEU: Great. Thank you.

2 DENISE SAVAGEAU: So stay tuned. We'll get -- we'll  
3 probably try to wrap that into one theme for next  
4 year. We'll have a discussion on it and get back  
5 to you.

6 THE CHAIR: That sounds great. Thank you, Lori and  
7 Denise.

8 Any questions for Denise?

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10 (No response.)

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12 THE CHAIR: Okay. Move on to the Water Planning  
13 Council advisory group. Dan, are you talking for  
14 Alicea today as well?

15 DAN LAWRENCE: So Alicea cannot be here today. She had  
16 some personal issues to address, the family.

17 THE CHAIR: Okay.

18 DAN LAWRENCE: So yes, I will provide an update.

19 We met on May 16th. It was a good meeting,  
20 well attended. We actually just reviewed a couple  
21 of items that I had written down in terms of  
22 outreach and education -- thank you, Denise, for  
23 doing that -- noting that the conference for the  
24 drought would be postponed into the fall.

25 We did schedule for June 16th. We're going

1 to start having meetings run, by myself in this  
2 case, about state water planning in terms of  
3 priorities. So that's kind of coincidental to  
4 the -- what you guys are thinking as well, trying  
5 to figure out what we missed the last time and  
6 what is new that needs to be added. So that will  
7 be our first meeting on June 16th.

8 And then there's been quite a few legislative  
9 updates with a lot of action in the sessions, as  
10 we're all pretty much aware. So Alicea has been  
11 providing those legislative updates. I'm not  
12 going to go through them. I'm sure many of you  
13 know what they are.

14 And then watershed lands group -- and Karen,  
15 if I get something missing, please correct me --  
16 but been following the MDC Colebrook situation,  
17 and then also the land conveyance process and  
18 making -- a little bit concerned with how the  
19 process does not find the future condition of a  
20 sale by the State, or future use. It's being sold  
21 with no limitations. Depending on the type of  
22 private property that could be problematic.

23 And lastly, for me at least, the conservation  
24 pricing group met on May 4th. The last meeting  
25 had to be canceled because Alicea has some issues,

1 but we're working through that. And there was --  
2 so that's been two meetings. I know they're  
3 trying to get some different utilities to join and  
4 help.

5 So that's where we are. I don't know if  
6 Karen or Margaret has something to say on the  
7 watershed lands group.

8 THE CHAIR: Yeah, thanks. Any questions for Dan?

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10 (No response.)

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12 THE CHAIR: We're going to transition over to the  
13 watershed lands workgroup. And I should say,  
14 Margaret -- I heard Margaret say something about  
15 an e-mail that I might have overlooked. So Karen  
16 or Margaret, could you give us a report?

17 KAREN BURNASKA: Well, I see Margaret going -- yeah, I  
18 don't know. So I'm going to give you the general  
19 one, and then I'm going to turn it over to  
20 Margaret who will give you the specifics on the  
21 e-mail I think that she wanted to send.

22 And thank you, Dan. Dan hit it, hit what the  
23 watershed lands group was up to -- but I wanted to  
24 definitely tell everyone here that the watershed  
25 lands workgroup is meeting this Friday June 9, 9

1 a.m., via Zoom -- and everyone is invited. What  
2 we're planning on doing, besides we will also have  
3 a legislative update, we will have an update on  
4 what's going on in the WUCCs and various other  
5 topics that we've been following.

6 But one of our major issues is we will be  
7 discussing the charge that the Water Planning  
8 Council gave us when it established the watershed  
9 lands workgroup in 2012. We're going to be  
10 discussing that charge, which actually reads --  
11 very quickly -- the Water Planning Council  
12 advisory group watershed lands group was  
13 established by the Water Planning Council in 2012  
14 to review and determine the adequacy of current  
15 statutory and regulatory provisions to protect  
16 public drinking water supplies, and maintain  
17 class-one and class-two lands as well as  
18 comparable lands that are not owned by water  
19 companies.

20 So for over the last 10 years we have -- and  
21 for those -- I'm certain Graham is aware. I don't  
22 know if Martin is. We do not -- we are not a  
23 voting body. We have no set membership. Anybody  
24 who wants to come can come and speak, and we come  
25 up with consensus, consensus items and ideas and

1 send them to the Water Planning Council advisory  
2 group, who then, if they vote on them, they have  
3 forwarded things onto the Water Planning Council.

4 And we've done everything from -- and I think  
5 maybe Lori will remember way back, and I think  
6 it's 2014 when we worked with DPH and people at  
7 New Britain Water Company to change the statute.  
8 We didn't, you know, we recommended it that when a  
9 water company sells land, their class-two land to  
10 a municipality, another water company or land  
11 trust; prior to 2014 they had to have some  
12 class-three land included. That was taken out  
13 with the support of water companies and with DPH.

14 And we've done everything have informational  
15 meetings on the New Britain Tilcon quarry  
16 situation that existed in the past. We had many  
17 of our people work on the development, with  
18 personnel on the development of the state water  
19 plan. And we've done things like having in --  
20 when they were discussing, we had lots, several  
21 meetings on solar installations on watershed lands  
22 including having a Siting Council member come and  
23 speak with us along with solar installers. So  
24 we're doing that.

25 We've also done recently -- we've looked at

1 the GAE conveyance of lands that, although not  
2 with the Water Planning Council's support, we had  
3 requested that they include the supplemental  
4 questionnaire supplement to the legislative  
5 request questionnaire, too, so that legislators  
6 would have to submit that with environmental  
7 information when they requested lands.

8 They did it. They have been very -- the GAE  
9 community has been very helpful in posting all of  
10 this information prior to the public hearing and  
11 various conveyances. We've looked at other -- the  
12 transfer of state surplus land.

13 So we've done a lot and we want to get some  
14 ideas from maybe some new people on what they  
15 think are activities or projects that they would  
16 like to see this group do in the future. And then  
17 we will bring that back to the advisory group who,  
18 if they see fit, will forward it onto the Water  
19 Planning Council.

20 So that's -- we have a big meeting on Friday  
21 morning. It won't be long; 9 a.m. via zoom but we  
22 hope to get a good participation and good input.

23 And I see Margaret has clinked down a couple  
24 times. So I'm going to turn it over to Margaret,  
25 because I know she has other things she'd like to

1 say.

2 THE CHAIR: Thank you. Thank you, Karen.

3 MARGARET MINER: Not really -- I don't know if you have  
4 questions of what Karen outlined.

5 It should be. It's a meeting we need. I'm  
6 really looking forward to it. I want to again  
7 thank the GAE committee. They really did a good  
8 job this year of getting the information out early  
9 and giving advocates a chance to comment early.  
10 And they appeared to be even listening to some of  
11 our comments now. So it was very successful.

12 Jack, I had e-mailed in a question that can  
13 relate to drinking water watershed lands, but it's  
14 really a bit broader. Do you want me to do --  
15 quite a bit broader. Do you want me to raise it  
16 now, or wait for the public?

17 THE CHAIR: Yeah, please -- well, please raise it now.

18 MARGARET MINER: Okay. So this question came into  
19 sharp focus in a hearing in Washington,  
20 Connecticut, that's been going on conservatively  
21 this phase for two years, almost 20 years  
22 altogether.

23 And this is an application for -- Washington,  
24 Connecticut, is a small town. This is an  
25 application for the largest project they've ever

1           seen.  It's going to be an inn, a spa, a  
2           restaurant, tennis court -- I don't know --  
3           swimming pool.  It's on the site of the old  
4           Wykeham Rise School.  Beautiful building, burned  
5           down about a year and a half ago -- still  
6           smoldering.

7           In this application, as in many, the question  
8           of the water supply -- what is the water supply  
9           going to be for this project, comes up  
10          early/often -- and often, you know, when a sort of  
11          answer is often informally.

12          But often the question is never taken up, and  
13          I'm personally -- I've sat in all kinds of  
14          subdivision meetings and wetlands meetings where  
15          sometimes the agency says, oh, that's not our job,  
16          or they may say, you know, they may get some  
17          information and say it looks good; done  
18          informally.

19          In this recent hearing -- and the hearing was  
20          about a week ago -- this is a zoning hearing on  
21          this highly controversial subdivision -- sorry,  
22          project, hotel project.  It's been litigated all  
23          the way up to the appeals court.  There's still  
24          litigation going on.  There have been multiple  
25          lawsuits.  Everybody is watching it.



1           From the beginning Rivers Alliance said, when  
2 you get to it, if you get to it, this is -- and  
3 Dan Lawrence was in on this from the beginning.  
4 This is well known to be something of a water  
5 challenge neighborhood. It was managed by a small  
6 water company, Judea Water that really wasn't able  
7 to keep up with the infrastructure. Aquarion took  
8 it over I think about four years ago, so it's  
9 managed by Aquarion now.

10           And at the very first meeting almost two  
11 years ago Rivers Alliance -- and I think I said  
12 this -- did say, when you get to the water this  
13 looks like there's a problem, and we're not quite  
14 sure about the septic either.

15           Neighbors have continued to raise this water  
16 question whenever there was an opening, and even  
17 when there wasn't. And Aquarion has been  
18 responsive, sometimes ambiguously, sometimes  
19 giving some information, but nothing that is  
20 absolutely clear or binding. And let me say  
21 they've been a lot more responsive than another  
22 utilities might have been in this situation.

23           But as at the last meeting, again a  
24 neighbor -- oh, in the meantime the neighbors and  
25 Rivers Alliance to some extent did calculations of

1           how much water they thought this big huge complex  
2           would need, and also that it looked like that the  
3           application underestimated the amount of water it  
4           was going to need.

5           So my question was from the beginning, even  
6           using her application it looks like you might be  
7           short of water, much less in real life if it ever  
8           gets built. The zoning has said over and over  
9           again but sometimes letting the subject be  
10          discussed we are not in charge of water supply.  
11          And so this question has been raised over two  
12          years, who's in charge of guaranteeing? Is  
13          anybody in charge of guaranteeing that the water  
14          supply is available, that by the way, won't drain  
15          the neighbor's wells -- is available for this big  
16          project?

17          Finally, the other night Nick Solley who's  
18          been head of zoning in Washington forever, or ZBA  
19          or one of the other, he's always busy -- said very  
20          loudly, we do not -- we are not responsible for  
21          water. The State is responsible for water. If  
22          you have a question about water supply go to the  
23          State.

24          And then a little bit later he said, look, if  
25          you have a question -- and he didn't know where to

1 go with the State. Neither do I. He said go to  
2 DEEP, go to DPH, go to the health district, but we  
3 are not -- we have nothing to do with water  
4 supply. Don't bring us water supply questions.

5 So it appears that in local hearings there  
6 has been no opportunity for the citizens and the  
7 interveners and the plaintiffs, all of whom have  
8 asked this question, to get a clear answer who's  
9 in charge. Who signs off and says, yes, there is  
10 enough supply for this project?

11 Now I raised well -- I thought, oh well.  
12 There's the WUCC. And Dan reminded me of one of  
13 my least favorite part of the WUCCs. Oh, because  
14 this project is within our ESA we don't have to  
15 have a hearing or anything about it. It's  
16 automatic. We're responsible to supply it. We  
17 think we can. You know that kind of varies how --  
18 and so we think we can, but it's not on our  
19 agenda.

20 So what we're looking at now in Washington is  
21 the most high-profile project the Town has had in  
22 years multiply litigated, everybody asking for  
23 water from the beginning, and there appears to be  
24 no place at the local level for citizens to ask  
25 questions, and no responsibility to guarantee the

1 water supply -- except maybe the WUCC, but the way  
2 the WUCC is set up, there's no opening there for  
3 the public.

4 Now I know Aquarion, and you know they're  
5 very responsive. They might hold a meeting,  
6 but -- and they might be helpful. They try to be  
7 reassuring, but there is no clear -- as far as  
8 I've been able to see, there is nothing in the law  
9 or the processes in which one person, one agency  
10 is responsible to listen to people's questions  
11 about water supply, look at the water supply,  
12 answer their questions, and say, yes or no, the  
13 water supply is adequate here.

14 So the public has basically been closed out  
15 for two years, and at least on paper and in  
16 process I think they're closed out of the WUCC as  
17 well. And when Nick Solley says, go to the State,  
18 I didn't -- I don't know where to tell people to  
19 go.

20 So that this is not actually a new question,  
21 it's just a question -- and over many years I've  
22 heard fudged in various hearings. You know  
23 wetlands might say something. Planning might say  
24 something. The water company will say, oh, we're  
25 reviving our well field. The WUCC law is fairly

1 new, but it's never to me been clearly answered  
2 and I think it's time to take a look at it. The  
3 Wykeham case is a marvelous case I think because  
4 the zoning -- the question has been posed. It's  
5 been posed articulately with data. Nobody is  
6 responsible for answering that question.

7 So that has been bothering me for quite a  
8 while, and this issue in Wykeham in Washington  
9 really underlined it. I'm not imagining it.  
10 There seems to be a lot of vagueness about who  
11 actually guarantees water supply. So that's what  
12 I brought to the Water Planning Council.

13 Sometimes these problems are in watershed  
14 lands, drinking water, watershed lands, sometimes  
15 not -- but it's in my experience it's a question  
16 that's been in the background a long time, and I  
17 don't know what the answer is.

18 So you all will. Right?

19 **THE CHAIR:** No -- well, I'm going to ask Dan or Lori to  
20 weigh in on this.

21 **DAN LAWRENCE:** This is Dan. I'd be happy to weigh in.  
22 So Aquarion does have the exclusive service area  
23 for that particular location. We did have an  
24 applicant request water service, and we go through  
25 what's called a will-serve process determining

1           whether we have enough water.

2           At the time of the original application a few  
3           years ago we did not have enough water. We told  
4           the developer we would need to develop our water  
5           or a well field a little further in order to have  
6           that. They provided us the computations on what  
7           they thought would be the water they needed. We  
8           used that; we worked on our well field. So yes,  
9           so Aquarion is responsible for making sure  
10          whatever we accept and serve can be served by our  
11          system.

12          To say, I didn't know what was going on,  
13          Margaret, is a misstatement. We've been involved  
14          with this --

15   **MARGARET MINER:** (Unintelligible.)

16   **DAN LAWRENCE:** You said I didn't -- didn't have it on  
17          our radar is not a true statement.

18   **MARGARET MINER:** I didn't say that.

19          When did I say that?

20   **DAN LAWRENCE:** Anyway, so we have been working with the  
21          developer. And I will say this, we do not promote  
22          or work with developers in intents of getting them  
23          to buy our water. So it's quickly in response to  
24          a development request, and their suggestions. So  
25          as they've worked through the zoning process and

1 whatever other processes, they've come back with  
2 questions.

3 The zoning, we have told the inn, proposed  
4 inn that we cannot provide them fire protection.  
5 Questions came back from zoning, some telling them  
6 maybe that we had to -- Aquarion had to provide  
7 fire protection. And we have told them we cannot  
8 provide fire protection, because the system is not  
9 designed for fire protection.

10 So there's been a number of issues, but in  
11 the end Aquarion is responsible as the exclusive  
12 service provider for that area to ensure adequate  
13 water supply.

14 MARGARET MINER: Let me just --

15 DAN LAWRENCE: I don't really want to -- Margaret, I  
16 don't really think this is the place. If you want  
17 to have a lengthy conversation, we can do that  
18 some other time.

19 MARGARET MINER: Okay. I just posed the question. I  
20 don't think -- I just want to emphasize that I  
21 have tried to say that I thought Aquarion has  
22 tried to be well responsive even what it didn't  
23 have to be.

24 THE CHAIR: Okay. So I know from my experience in my  
25 hometown, when there's a development going in the

1 zoning definitely looks at the potable water  
2 supply.

3 So Margaret what's the -- they've not  
4 approved the zoning application. Have they not?

5 MARGARET MINER: They do note -- zoning says it will  
6 not provide assurance that -- the questions as to  
7 whether the application is accurate. There's  
8 enough -- all those questions relating to supply  
9 are not zoning. It is not their responsibility to  
10 either look at the data or answer the question.  
11 If the neighbors have questions they could go  
12 to -- they should go to the State.

13 Now this wasn't like an obscure case, you  
14 know, that nobody will read about. It's a high  
15 profile case and the neighbors are being told,  
16 your data, your questions or whatever, we can't  
17 answer them. We're not responsible for water  
18 supply. Go to the State.

19 So that is -- and I don't know. I mean, I've  
20 seen it where zoning and planning have sort of  
21 fudged. I've seen it where they've said, see, I  
22 think I've told you in one case, you know, they  
23 approve an application. The applicant leaves the  
24 room and the planner says, oh, good luck getting  
25 water up there.



1           So I think it's been an open question. It  
2 still is, where do people go? This application  
3 has changed multiple times. The numbers have been  
4 all over the place. So where does an applicant  
5 go -- I mean, where does a neighbor go?

6 THE CHAIR: Lori, would you like to? Lori, would you  
7 like to weigh in on this?

8 LORI MATHIEU: You know, for me, I -- again, I don't  
9 want to openly debate anything that I'm unaware of  
10 the details here and would like to catch up on the  
11 details. I haven't seen anything from anyone  
12 approaching me on this, but I need to catch up  
13 with my staff and find out where we are if we have  
14 any information on this.

15           If, you know, as Dan mentioned, they start  
16 the process they are responsible as the ESA  
17 provider to start working on water supply for, you  
18 know, the plan development.

19           But I -- without the details in front of me,  
20 which I'd love to gather and pull together, I  
21 mean, ultimately the review and approval of any  
22 new system that gets built and redeveloped comes  
23 through the Department of Public Health for  
24 drinking water.

25 DAN LAWRENCE: Yeah. So Lori, it's just a new service

1 connection.

2 LORI MATHIEU: Just a new service connection. Okay.

3 So I don't know --

4 DAN LAWRENCE: And I would agree it's a big one for the  
5 neighborhood, but it's a service connection.

6 It requires --

7 LORI MATHIEU: Any new well, any new source of supply  
8 there's a process and a review that takes place  
9 for any new well, for siting a new well, for the  
10 location of the new well.

11 The well gets drilled, we review the water  
12 quality, the water quality and the quantity  
13 information come in. We have a three-step process  
14 for that for any new source of supply that is  
15 going to be consumed as a public water system.

16 So any questions on that process, certainly  
17 more than willing to speak to anyone about how new  
18 sources of supply are developed and how  
19 calculations are done.

20 THE CHAIR: Okay. I think that, Margaret, we  
21 appreciate your comments. I think that perhaps  
22 you and Dan and Lori put your heads together  
23 offline.

24 MARGARET MINER: Thank you. I do appreciate the  
25 comments. Lori did provide some clarity, and my

1 concern is on this type of situation the public  
2 seems to be closed out.

3 I know the DPH and Aquarion will provide as a  
4 courtesy information when asked, but there's no  
5 automatic way for the public to weigh in. So  
6 that's my concern, and thank you, Dan and Lori.  
7 And I look forward to learning more. Thank you.

8 THE CHAIR: Okay. Any other questions for the  
9 watershed land workgroup? As they have indicated  
10 they will be moving it to Friday at nine o'clock  
11 and everybody is invited to attend that via Zoom.

12 Do we have any public comments before we  
13 adjourn? Any public comment before we adjourn?

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15 (No response.)  
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17 THE CHAIR: So our next meeting is going to be -- and  
18 we will get back to the details. Virginia and I  
19 will be meeting in the very near future to be  
20 coming up with an agenda, and I would urge my  
21 fellow Councilmembers to e-mail and let me know  
22 what you'd like to incorporate in that.

23 And Graham, you'll get back to us with the  
24 site for that day?

25 GRAHAM STEVENS: I'll come back with a few options.

1 THE CHAIR: A few options? Okay. And I'm thinking we  
2 should start. What's the pleasure of my  
3 colleagues in the Council? What time would you  
4 like to start that day?

5 GRAHAM STEVENS: Ten o'clock.

6 THE CHAIR: Ten o'clock?

7 GRAHAM STEVENS: 10:30 to 2:30.

8 THE CHAIR: 10:30, and we'll get lunch and all that  
9 good stuff. Okay.

10 LORI MATHIEU: Is that good with Martin? I don't know  
11 if I've budgeted the whole day. I just blocked  
12 off a half a day. I'd have to look.

13 A whole day might be difficult, so I was  
14 thinking more of we would meet, have lunch, and  
15 then spend the rest of the day there. That was my  
16 thought, and that's what I budgeted my time, but  
17 I --

18 THE CHAIR: Like twelve o'clock? Twelve o'clock on?

19 LORI MATHIEU: Yeah.

20 THE CHAIR: Martin, does that work for you?

21 GRAHAM STEVENS: What about eleven to two? I'd like to  
22 try to be back to the Hartford area by -- as the  
23 father of small children who go to school. Is  
24 that school? Is school over?

25 Yeah, school is over.

1 LORI MATHIEU: School is over.

2 GRAHAM STEVENS: That might make it harder. That might  
3 make it harder with camps.

4 MARTIN HEFT: I'm adjustable that day, so I could do  
5 wherever -- just obviously, where we're traveling  
6 to, so.

7 GRAHAM STEVENS: Well, how about this? How about this,  
8 Jack? I get some options?

9 THE CHAIR: Yeah.

10 GRAHAM STEVENS: Get distances, meeting rooms census.

11 THE CHAIR: Okay.

12 GRAHAM STEVENS: And then I can reserve on those.

13 THE CHAIR: Okay.

14 GRAHAM STEVENS: We can make a decision. I don't know  
15 if we can make that via e-mail.

16 LORI MATHIEU: Yeah, maybe closer to Hartford might be  
17 better so we don't travel going to the coast.

18 GRAHAM STEVENS: Yeah.

19 LORI MATHIEU: You know?

20 GRAHAM STEVENS: We don't have a lot of facilities  
21 close to Hartford, but maybe we could find  
22 something within the state system.

23 LORI MATHIEU: Okay.

24 THE CHAIR: All right. Okay. Thank you all. We  
25 appreciate everybody's participation today and I

1 wish everybody a happy beginning of summer and I  
2 have good 4th of July. And we'll certainly be  
3 contacting some people in between this meeting and  
4 the next.

5 So if there's no further business to come  
6 before us, I would entertain a motion to adjourn?

7 MARTIN HEFT: So moved.

8 THE CHAIR: Second?

9 GRAHAM STEVENS: Second.

10 THE CHAIR: All those in favor?

11 THE COUNCIL: Aye.

12 THE CHAIR: Thank you all very much.

13 MARTIN HEFT: Thanks all.

14 THE CHAIR: Have a good evening.

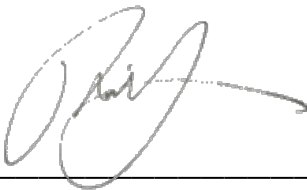
15 LORI MATHIEU: Bye.

16 GRAHAM STEVENS: Take care, everyone.

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18 (End: 2:35 p.m.)  
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