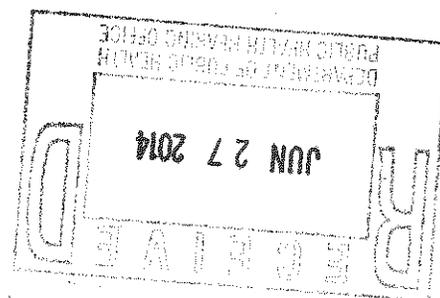




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June. 24, 2014

Dr. Jewel Mullen, Commissioner of Public Health
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Dear Commissioner Mullen,

I write to express my opposition to the alterations to the boundaries of the public water supply management areas and the priorities for the initiation of the Water Utility Coordinating Committee (WUCC) process as proposed in the Notice of Public Hearings dated April 15, 2014. As stated in my testimony of May 15, 2014 on behalf of the Farmington Valley Collaborative you failed to consider the factors specified by the Connecticut General Statutes in making your proposed recommendation for the alterations.

Specifically as shown by the email from Steve Messer to Tyler Kleykamp dated January 23, 2014 which I received in response to my FOIA request for all documents related to the development of the proposed alterations the only factor considered was "municipal and regional planning agency boundaries". Mr. Messer's email states "Long story short, the DPH is going to be realigning the WUCC boundaries to mirror your new COG boundaries". There is no record that the Department considered population density and distribution in the areas; the location of existing sources of public water supply, service areas or franchise areas; existing interconnections between public water systems; natural drainage basins; topographic and geologic characteristics; or any other factor deemed relevant.

I again request that you provide your assessment of all the criteria, modify your proposal to address those concerns documented in my written testimony of May 15, 2014 and renote public hearings on the alterations of the boundaries so that the public may comment on your consideration of those additional criteria.

Should you not take those actions I will have no choice but to contest the entire adoption process on the basis that the Department has not followed the required statutory process in developing the proposed alterations to the boundaries of the public water supply management areas.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Barlow
First Selectman

Cc: Kathryn Keenan, DPH Hearing Officer
Senator Kevin Witkos
Representative Timothy Legeyt