Aquarion Water Company, citing resident benefits, will appeal Greenwich P&Z decision to DPUC

The Aquarion Water Company has appealed a Greenwich Planning & Zoning Commission ruling concerning construction of a replacement clearwell and chemical storage facility to the state Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC), announced George Logan, Aquarion’s Director of Capital and Planning.

The Greenwich P&Z originally recognized the need for a new facility “to protect the town’s water supply,” Logan stated, “but the commission denied Aquarion’s preliminary site plan and special permit application, citing aesthetic reasons. However, the planned improvements are required to enable the 80-year-old facility to continue to meet drinking water regulations and provide fire protection for the town.”

The benefits of a new facility for Greenwich residents will include: improved drinking water quality through the addition of equalization storage and the conversion to better treatment chemicals; improved community and worker safety through the elimination of chlorine gas; improved service and fire protection reliability through the addition of emergency storage and the provision of adequate chemical storage; improved environmental protection through the addition of spill containment for indoor chemical storage areas and the outdoor chemical delivery area; and a replacement of the failing clearwell to provide service well into the future.

Aquarion Water Company serves nearly 600,000 people in 36 communities throughout Connecticut. It is among the seven largest investor-owned water utility companies in the U.S., and the largest in New England.

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