

Commissioners Meeting
Water Supply District of Acton
Acton Town Hall
472 Main Street
Acton, MA 01720
Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2013

NOTE: This meeting is a joint open meeting with the Town of Acton Board of Health (BOH).

Agenda:

- A. Comments from Citizens
- B. Approve Minutes of February 25th Meeting
- C. Discussion of Topics Impacting Public Health and the Environment in the Town of Acton

The regular bi-monthly meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. on Monday, March 11, 2013 in Room 126, Acton Town Hall.

Present at Tonight's Meeting from the Acton Water District:

Commissioners: Ronald Parenti (Chairman) and Stephen Stuntz
District Manager: Chris Allen
District Counselor: Mary Bassett
Environmental Manager: Matthew Mostoller
Commissioners Secretary: Lynn Protasowicki
WLMAC: Barry Rosen and Paul Malchodi

Present at Tonight's Meeting from the Acton Board of Health:

Doug Halley, Director of Acton Board of Health
Michael Kreuze, Chair
Joanne Bissette, Vice Chair
Mark Conoby, Member
William McInnis, Member
Dr. William Taylor, Member

A. Comments from Citizens

There were no comments from citizens at tonight's meeting.

B. Approval of Minutes from February 25th Meetings

Minutes were not approved this evening. To be approved at the next open meeting on Monday, April 8th.

C. Discussion of Topics Impacting Public Health and the Environment in the Town of Acton

Mr. Halley (BOH) opened discussion with a thank you to AWD for attending the BOH meeting and is pleased that the two offices want to keep the lines of communication open.

Mr. Allen suggested some topics for discussion include: private wells for connection and the new South Acton Water Treatment Plant. He stated that in the new Master Plan for AWD, they are exploring the need for new sources to supplement water supply including bedrock wells as potential sites and improvements of existing sources (older wells). The BOH would like to discuss the Tetra Tech report regarding evaluation of Northeast area remedial action, W.R. Grace Superfund Site, Acton (a handout at this evening's meeting).

All documents referred to in meeting minutes are available for inspection at the office of Acton Water District, 693 Massachusetts Avenue, Acton, MA 01720 (978) 263-9107.

New Water Treatment Plant

Mr. Allen stated that we are on track to break ground in the fall 2013; with subsequent commissioning in the fall of 2014. He inquired about the availability of a sanitary sewer connection for the new plant. Mr. Halley stated that he has spoken with Jim Cray (Wright-Pierce Engineer) to figure out the best connection – pump into our system; pump into wet well or pump into street. Mr. Halley stated that as of now they are thinking the best site from which to pump would be near Powdermill Plaza.

Tetra Tech Report on Status of WR Grace Contamination clean-up of the Northeast Landfill Area

The BOH disagrees with Tetra Tech that pumping should stop, and believe that the system should remain on line for at least one more year. Mr. Allen has reviewed the report, but not in depth, and thusly, AWD's assessment is pending further review. Mr. Mostoller and Mr. Allen will review the report and collaborate on a response from AWD.

Mr. Stuntz stated that the Commissioners would like to see and comment if necessary on the letter that the BOH will draft to the Mass DEP regarding the Tetra Tech report.

Assabet Sand & Gravel Encroachment

The BOH asked about the pending litigation with Assabet Sand & Gravel. Counselor Bassett could only say that the case is still pending in court and that the District is hopeful for a successful result.

Private Wells

Mr. Allen stated there are four public water supplies in town still being served by private wells that would be available to connect. They include Strawberry Hill Apartments, Acton Indoor Tennis, Planet Gymnastics, and Nashoba Sportsmen's Club.

The BOH asked what the cost is for a homeowner with a private well to connect to public water supply. Currently, the cost of a 1" service connection is \$5,040. BOH stated that if there is a homeowner who can't afford to pay that up-front cost, they will bring that case to the AWD to come up with a solution (i.e. payment schedule). There is a precedent for this, and has been evaluated and approved on a case-by-case basis.

In conclusion, Mr. Allen stated that if it is desired to have another periodic meeting, it will be AWD's turn to host Mr. Halley should contact Mr. Allen to schedule a meeting, if warranted.

Mr. Parenti made a motion to adjourn the Acton Water District Meeting at 8:20 p.m. Mr. Stuntz seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.