

# Water Supply District of Acton

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Commissioners Meeting  
Water Supply District of Acton  
Meeting Minutes  
March 28, 2011

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The regular bi-monthly meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. on Monday, March 28, 2011 at the Acton Water District Office by Mr. Stephen Stuntz.

Present: Commissioners Stephen Stuntz, Ronald Parenti, and Leonard Phillips. District Manager Chris Allen, Treasurer/Collector Mary Jo Bates, District Counselor Mary Bassett, Commissioners Secretary Lynn Protasowicki. Finance Committee member(s) David Butler. And, Barry Rosen representing WRAC and WLMAC.

## A. Comments from Citizens

There were no comments from citizens this evening.

## B. Approval of Minutes from February 28, 2011

Mr. Stuntz moved to accept minutes of the meeting held on February 28, 2011 and Mr. Parenti seconded the motion. The Commissioners were in favor of approving the minutes.

## C. Old Business

### Update and Discussion of Abatement Request From Resident at 385 Central Street.

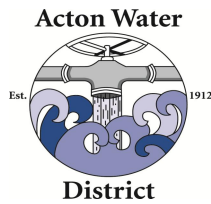
Mr. Joseph Kay and Ms. Jitka Marek of 385 Central Street, Acton attended this evening's meeting to further discuss an abatement request from the Acton Water District.

In this evening's packet to the Commissioners is a copy of a letter from Badger Meter Inc. addressing the concerns of Mr. Kay's complaint; a copy of Mr. Kay's water bill along with the testing results from Regan Supply & Testing Service; and a copy of other water customers who have questioned their bills for high usage readings.

Per the letter from BadgerMeter, Inc. to Mr. Allen, they confirm that the testing method for their water meter tested to the standards set forth by the American Water Works Association (AWWA). And, that based upon Mr. Kay's water meter testing, which was done by Regan Supply & Testing, BadgerMeter states that the meter is functioning correctly. If the meter did not meet the AWWA specifications the test results would have been low. Low meaning that the efficiency was dropping and not registering the correct amount of water passing thru the meter due to the fact that various meter parts were wearing out.

Mr. Kay asked, "What is a plausible explanation as to how he could have used 170 gallons of water per hour (GPH), 24 hours per day for three months?" Mr. Allen stated that based upon his calculations the average hourly usage was 73 GPH vs. 170 GPH.

The Commissioners denied Mr. Kay's request for the abatement based upon the meter testing accurately, the letter from Badger Meter, Inc., and no legitimate findings as to why Mr. Kay's meter read high.



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## Update and Discussion of Pending Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) with Boxborough and the Town of Acton and Pending Special Legislation.

In this evening's Commissioners packet is a clean, revised final copy of the Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) with Boxborough and the Town of Acton. Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that this final copy will be sent to Selena Shaw for execution. Mr. Allen stated that he provided the Commissioners with a final copy for them to review one last time. Mr. Phillips had questions about a few areas. Counselor Bassett and Mr. Allen provided clarification for Mr. Phillips on those areas in question.

## Update on Flagg Hill Tank Status.

Mr. Allen provided an update for the Commissioners on the Flagg Hill tank status. He referred to the February 28<sup>th</sup> Commissioners meeting when he stated that the tank was to be taken offline and drain it due to internal and external damage to the tank walls and that there were plans to repair the damage. Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that this plan has been abandoned because they are unable to drain the tank to have the repairs fixed due to the scour infrastructure being unusable. However, a dive team from Underwater Solutions will still go in and clean the sediment that has built-up with the tank in service.

## Update on Assabet Sand & Gravel Encroachment on Water District Land Off High Street.

In this evening's packet is a recent letter sent to Mr. Douglas Maccone of Assabet Sand from Mr. Allen which sets a timeline for removal of the existing encroachment onto Water District land off High Street. Mr. Allen reviewed for the Commissioners the timeline.

### **Phase I: Completed**

Remove all mobile equipment from encroachment area, i.e. excavators, backhoes, trucks, etc.

### **Phase II: To be completed by May 31, 2011**

Remove all stockpiled material in encroachment area, i.e. gravel, sand, stone, dredged materials, etc.

### **Phase III: To be completed by July 31, 2011**

Remove all temporary structures from encroachment area, i.e. berms, containment walls, concrete pads, etc.

Discontinue vehicular travel in encroachment area except to enable Phase IV activities.

### **Phase IV: To be completed by December 31, 2011**

Remove all permanent structures from encroachment area, i.e. steel frames for processing tower, conveyor belt assemblies, fixed crusher machines, etc.

## **D. New Business**

### Radioiodine Press Release

Mr. Parenti wanted to note to the citizens of Acton that the Acton Water District is aware of the radiation that has been detected in rain water due to the Japan tsunami and the issues associated with the Japanese nuclear power plant. Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and Massachusetts Department of Public Health sent a press release to local news media to communicate information and let people know that there is no public health risk regarding the radioactive contamination.

Mr. Parenti moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Stuntz seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.