



Water Supply District of Acton

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Commissioners Meeting
Water Supply District of Acton
Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2014

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- Agenda:**
- A. Comments from Citizens
 - B. Approve Minutes from the March 31st Meetings
 - C. OLD BUSINESS:
 - 1. Town of Concord's Land Acquisition on Knox Trail in Acton
 - 2. Proposal for Amendment to the Groundwater Protection District By-Law.
 - D. NEW BUSINESS:
 - 1. Discussion of a Potential Joint Meeting with the Acton Board of Health.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. on Monday, April 14, 2014 at the Acton Water District Office by Mr. Stephen Stuntz.

Present at Tonight's Meeting:

Commissioners: Ronald Parenti, Leonard Phillips, and Stephen Stuntz (Chairman)

District Manager: Chris Allen

Treasurer/Collector: Mary Jo Bates

District Counsel: Mary Bassett

Environmental Manager: Matthew Mostoller

Commissioners Secretary: Lynn Protasowicki

Finance Committee Member(s): William Guthlein

A. Comments from Citizens

Mr. Edward Leonard of Acton was present at tonight's meeting. He wanted to know why a motion was made to take no action on the amended Groundwater Protection District Zoning By-law at the May 5th Acton Special Town Meeting. See "Old Business #2" for explanation from Mr. Parenti.

B. Approve Minutes from the March 31st Meetings.

Mr. Stuntz moved to accept minutes of the meeting held on March 31, 2014 and Mr. Parenti seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

C. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Town of Concord's Land Acquisition on Knox Trail in Acton

See below in Old Business #2 for discussion.

2. Proposal for Amendment to the Groundwater Protection District By-Law.

Mr. Parenti explained to Mr. Ed Leonard of School Street the reasons behind why the District decided to take no action on Article 28, the proposed amendment to the Groundwater Protection District Zoning By-law at the Annual Town Meeting held on April 7th & 8th.

He stated that when the District found out that Concord was not moving forward with the purchase of 55 Knox Trail they determined that there was no need to rush to try and pass this amended by-law. The Commissioners agreed that it didn't make sense to have this amendment passed and then go back and revise it again to make

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sure it meshes with the Town's Hazardous Waste By-Law. So the Commissioners decided to wait until the fall to get a newly revised amendment on a warrant for a potential Special Town Meeting.

Mr. Allen pulled up GIS map of 37 Knox Trail to show Mr. Leonard the property and where it is in conjunction to Zone 1 and Zone 2 for the Assabet wells in South Acton. Mr. Allen explained how the Town of Concord wants to now purchase 37 Knox Trail, a parcel that is much smaller than 55 Knox Trail, 7-acres vs. 1-acre. With the purchase of 37 Knox Trail, it will give Concord access to the 80 acres of WR Grace land that they may acquire to most likely build their bus depot in Concord just over the town border

D. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of a Potential Joint Meeting with the Acton Board of Health.

Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that the joint meeting with the Acton Board of Health will be held on Monday, April 28th and will be held in the Acton Water District's office in conjunction with the District's open meeting that same night.

The Commissioners suggested that an agenda of topics be put together.

Mr. Mostoller suggested the following agenda items could be discussed at the meeting including:

- How does the Groundwater Protection District Zoning By-Law relate to the Hazardous Waste Controls Zoning By-Law.
- Within the Groundwater Protection District Zoning By-Law what needs to be reviewed and changed.
- Split Zone Parcels
- Non-Hazardous Matierals
- Current and Future Storm Water By-Law

Mr. Mostoller mentioned that he and Mr. Allen were discussing the idea of bringing in a third party consultant who is more knowledgeable in some of these topics. One consultant they had in mind is Geosphere Environmental.

Mr. Stuntz suggested that the District could invite the Board of Health, Planning Board and Selectmen and have the consultant speak to and give clarification on these topics.

Mr. Mostoller stated that the District should make sure to review the mapping of Zone 3 and Zone 4 and the assumptions that were made in these areas back in the 1980s. He said that these assumptions were based on hydrologic formations and that through time the layout of the lines may have changed.

Other New Business:

Mr. Allen had a chance to speak with Senator Eldridge recently and he is interested in coming and speaking with the Commissioners about proposed legislation for financing water and wastewater infrastructure improvements in the state of Massachusetts. Mr. Allen will send an email to Senator Eldridge asking if either May 15th or June 2nd will work. Both are open meeting dates.

Mr. Stuntz made a motion to adjourn 8:20 p.m. and was unanimously approved.