

Water Supply District of Acton

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Commissioners Meeting
Water Supply District of Acton
Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2015

Agenda:

- A. Comments from Citizens
- B. Approve Minutes from the August 10th & September 28th Meetings
- C. NEW BUSINESS:
 - 1. Maureen Mara of Mara & Associates for Annual Audit Report.
 - 2. Town of Concord's Request for Connection to the District on Knox Trail in Acton.
- D. OLD BUSINESS:
 - 1. Nuclear Metals Superfund Update.
 - 2. Revision of the District's "Rules & Regulations".

The Board of Water Commissioners meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 19, 2015 at the Acton Water District Office by Mr. Ronald Parenti.

Present at Tonight's Meeting:

Commissioners: Ronald Parenti (Chair), Stephen Stuntz, Leonard Phillips
District Manager: Chris Allen
Environmental Compliance Manager: Matthew Mostoller
District Counsel: Mary Bassett
Commissioners Secretary: Lynn Protasowicki
Finance Committee: Dave Butler
WLMAC: Barry Rosen, Chuck Olmstead, John Cipar and Paul Malchodi

A. Comments from Citizens

No comments tonight

B. Approve Minutes from the August 10th & September 28th Meetings

Mr. Parenti moved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on August 10, 2015 and Mr. Phillips seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Parenti moved to accept the minutes of the meeting on September 28, 2015 and Mr. Stuntz seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

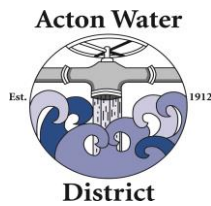
1. Maureen Mara of Mara & Associates for Annual Audit Report.

This agenda item has been postponed until the November 2, 2015 meeting.

2. Town of Concord's Request for Connection to the District on Knox Trail in Acton.

Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that he had been contacted by Richard Reine, the Concord DPW Director, regarding the Town of Concord's request for a connection to the District for its property (former WR Grace parcel) off of Knox Trail in Concord. Mr. Allen stated that they haven't delved too deep into the specifics

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of the request. However Mr. Reine was interested in attending a District open meeting to make the request and to make a proposal to the Commissioners. Counselor Bassett also had a conversation with Mr. Reine and subsequently emailed him a template based on warrant articles previously filed seeking water service outside the District boundaries. Mr. Allen stated that this connection request would need to be put on the warrant so the voters could vote on it at the Annual Meeting in March.

Mr. Allen asked the WLMAC group for their input on this topic. The WLMAC met on Thursday evening and Mr. Parenti attended as well as Mr. Mostoller.

Mr. Rosen spoke on behalf of WLMAC. There consensus was:

- 1.) If the District agrees to allow Concord to connect, the Acton voters must be able to have their say.
- 2.) They ran some analysis and found that the Acton Wastewater Treatment Plant uses a large volume of water. Based on Concord's request, there is a potential for a future wastewater treatment plant at this site, thus, the water use comparison is to correlate current and future water demand needs. The actual usage would be contingent on the treatment technology that was chosen for the site.
- 3.) How would Acton voters feel if the District gave 300,000 gallons of water to Concord on a yearly basis that could be used for more beneficial uses to the Town of Acton?

Mr. Phillips suggested that WLMAC not entertain anything that does not benefit the District, and due to the ongoing issues with Nuclear Metals and WR Grace Superfund sites, that may impact the Assabet 1A & 2A wells, it is not a good time to export our water.

Mr. Malchodi stated that if we allowed them to connect it could improve the relationship between Acton and Concord and may increase value to community.

Mr. Mostoller stated that during the meeting with the WLMAC he suggested that Acton could benefit if the District allowed the connection under two possible scenarios: Concord creates a regional school bus facility with the Acton-Boxborough District (benefits Acton town customer base) and from a groundwater protection standpoint Concord could grant a Conservation Restriction on part of the parcel that would enhance groundwater protection and prevent further development of the acreage beyond a bus depot.

Mr. Parenti stated that he doubts the Commissioners will support a connection. They need more information (particularly how much water will be used annually), this request will need special legislation, and a vote from the Acton residents.

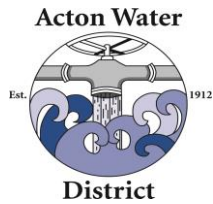
D. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Nuclear Metals Superfund Update.

Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that on September 30, 2015 the Record of Decision (ROD) had been finalized for the Nuclear Metals Superfund site in Concord and a press release was created by the EPA outlining the cleanup plan for the site. Enclosed in tonight's packet to the Commissioners is a copy of that press release with a hyperlink to the full 400 page document.

Mr. Allen stated that the drilling and installation of monitoring wells continues however there was an issue at well #33 (MW-33) so that site has been placed on hold for now. Logistics are challenging as it is in the Right-of-Way on Knox Trail, and requires permitting through the Town of Acton. In place of this well they are redrilling PT-O4 which is located on District property and appears to have been destroyed during Assabet Sand & Gravel's period of encroachment in this area. The drilling should be finished tomorrow as this this was the last drill location being investigated at this time.

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Mr. Mostoller stated that the drillers will develop the new wells and within 3 weeks a comprehensive groundwater sampling event will occur and the results are likely to be available by the end of November.

Mr. Phillips asked if there will be another round of testing once the first round has been completed. Mr. Mostoller stated that there has been no commitment for additional sampling at this time.

2. Revision of the District's "Rules & Regulations".

Based upon the discussion at the September 28th meeting, Mr. Allen made some updates to the "Rules & Regulations" document under the topic of capacity and water impact report. He reviewed those updates with the Commissioners. He also added information under "Article II: Operations" regarding pit meters. He stated that those were the only changes that were made to the document since the last meeting. Mr. Allen asked if Mr. Phillips could read through the document again for context and grammar & punctuation, etc. The discussion will continue at the next open meeting. It is expected that the current revision process will be final by the end of the year.

Mr. Parenti moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. and it was unanimously voted.

Next Meeting:
Monday, November 2, 2015