

WLMAC MEETING NOTES OF NOVEMBER 11, 2010

Present: John Cipar, Charles Olmstead, Barry Rosen

Chairperson: Barry Rosen

Called To Order: Barry called the meeting to order on Thursday, November 11, 2010 at 8:10 PM ET.

Old Business:

1. Accept Minutes: John Cipar moved to accept the minutes of 26 October 2010 which was seconded by Barry Rosen. The motion carried with 2 in favor and one abstention.
2. Maynard Request for Zone 2 Protection: Barry explained that he read the passed motion/resolution of the WLMAC to the AWD Commissioners at their meeting on November 1, 2010 stating the WLMAC recommendation on taking action so that the Town of Acton reviews and takes positive action on Maynard's request. Mr. Stuntz remarked to the attendees that he knew someone that would be able to provide him with some additional insight to what happened to the request.
3. Applewood Condominium Request for Connection To AWD: The group discussed the letter provided to the Commissioners and the presentation/discussion with them at the AWD November 1, 2010 meeting. Just prior to this meeting, Chris Allen forwarded a copy of an email that he received from the Applewood Condominium Association that indicated that the Association had finished their negotiations with the MA DEP and had not been asked again about connecting to the AWD. Therefore, they are not seeking a connection to the AWD.

New Business:

4. SWAP Report: The Committee discussed the SWAP report done by the DEP for the AWD. This was done as part of the preparation for the WLMAC to begin their research into AWD capacity.
 - 4.1. We paid particular attention to some of the conversation within the report that enumerated particular areas within the Town of Acton that could pose threats to one or more of the AWD's well sites. Interestingly, one of the areas of concern was the AWD HQ site on which the Whitcomb well is also located.
 - 4.2. It was noted that the SWAP with which we were working was dated 2002. There was a concern that the Committee was not working with an up-to-date SWAP report. Barry explained that this was the only one he could locate.
 - 4.3. The Committee asked Barry to see if an updated SWAP was available or if there was newer information that could be obtained by the WLMAC
 - 4.4. Barry took an *action item* to contact Matt Mostoller to see if:
 - 4.4.1. A new SWAP is available
 - 4.4.2. An update to the information contained within the SWAP is available to the WLMAC.

- 4.5. The Committee did not feel that the current SWAP was particularly helpful to them in that it may not be providing the latest information. Aside from some background information, the team is hoping that a newer report can be provided.
5. Town of Acton Water Protection Bylaw: A copy of the Town's bylaw was provided to the membership. *[The Water Protection Bylaw as well as the SWAP Report are both available on the Acton Water District web site (WLMAC section on the home page). Both can also be inspected at the AWD HQ.]* The membership will continue to review this bylaw as homework. There was some feeling that there were properties in town that did not seem in compliance with the bylaw but it was felt that these properties may have been built prior to the passage of the bylaw. After reading both documents, John wondered where the impervious areas of Acton were located adding that it would be important to know. Barry thought that he had seen a map somewhere that did show this but he could not remember where. He'll try to check on it.
6. WLMAC Meeting Schedule For 2011: The members discussed some proposals for moving the WLMAC meeting times so that it might be easier for some members to attend. A problem voiced was that work deadlines often seemed to encroach toward the end of the week and/or end of the month. For the first half of 2011 the WLMAC decided to move their regularly scheduled meeting dates to the second Tuesday of each month (from the third Thursday). Additional meetings will be scheduled as needed.
7. Next WLMAC Meeting Date: The Committee decided to leave the next WLMAC meeting date for 16 December 2010 at the AWD HQ beginning at 8:00 PM. Barry said that he will survey the membership to ascertain if this will still be a good date for the meeting after people have a few days to look ahead at their work schedules. If it appears that there will be a number of meeting date conflicts, we will see if a better meeting date is available.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John Cipar and seconded by Chuck Olmstead. The motion was passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

NOTE: All of the documents referenced and utilized by the meeting participants are on file in the AWD office and are available on the AWD web site in the Water Land Management Advisory Committee section.