

WLMAC MEETING NOTES OF NOVEMBER 29, 2011

Present: Greta Eckhardt, Paul Malchodi, Chuck Olmstead, Barry Rosen

Note Taker(s): Barry Rosen

Chairperson: Barry Rosen

Called To Order: The chairperson called the meeting to order on November 29, 2011 at 8:15 PM ET.

New Business:

1. Approval of Minutes:

1.1. Mr. Olmstead moved and Ms. Eckhardt seconded a motion to accept the minutes of October 17, 2011. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. 14 November 2011 Board of Water Commissioners Meeting (Brief Summary):

2.1. The AWD Finance Committee looked at pricing for connecting to the MWRA as a possible alternative to building a South Acton treatment plant. While the study utilized projections and best guesses, Chris Allen stated that it would be the more expensive way to go. In answer to Mr. Parenti's question, Mr. Allen said that if the District does not join the MWRA now, it could do so at a later date. Right now, since there are no adjoining towns that are connected to the MWRA, Acton would need to have a connection pipe through either Concord or Carlisle to connect to Bedford.

2.2. Assabet Sand and Gravel indicated it would like to "wind down" their encroachment over a ten year period. During this time, they proposed that the District conduct additional monitoring of area.

2.2.1. Chris Allen indicated that in a subsequent discussion with the DEA, the DEA implied that they were looking for something closer to a year.

2.2.2. The Commissioners stated that nothing should exist in a zone 1 area, period and therefore believed that we should proceed in having the encroachment removed.

3. WLMAC Member Job Description:

3.1. The WLMAC was requested to present a "job description" for posting to the AWD web site to aid in the recruiting for the open WLMAC position.

3.2. The committee members each presented their thoughts on the minimum requirements that a newly appointed member should possess during a "workshop" process.

3.3. *Action Item:* Members will send their "lists" to Mr. Rosen in writing ASAP after the meeting.

- 3.4. *Action Item:* Mr. Rosen will consolidate the lists into a single document which will be sent to the membership for comments, suggestions and approval. Discussion should not take place between members.
- 3.5. *Action Item:* The final job description document will be presented to the Board of Water Commissioners at their 5 December 2011 meeting for approval and for use in recruiting the Board appointed member to the WLMAC.
- 3.6. The final copy of the WLMAC member job description that will be provided to the Board of Water Commissioners is attached to these minutes.

Old Business:

1. AWD Capacity: As the hour was getting late, the Committee decided to postpone any further workshop and/or discussion of this area until a later date.

Adjournment:

On a motion made by Mr. Olmstead and seconded by Mr. Malchodi, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 PM ET on November 29, 2011.

WLMAC Member

General Description:

The Acton Water District (AWD) seeks a volunteer to serve as a voting member of the District's Water Land Management Advisory Committee (WLMAC), beginning in January 2012, or as soon thereafter as possible. This five-member committee meets monthly (additional meetings as needed) to research and review water supply and water quality issues, and provide recommendations on specific topics as requested by the Board of Water Commissioners.

Qualifications:

1. Resident within the Acton Water District.
2. Strong interest in helping AWD to achieve and maintain a long term, reasonably priced supply of safe high quality water for District users.
3. Curiosity.
4. Some background in land use, planning, science or engineering would be helpful.
5. Appreciation of or background in at least one of these: land use, water supply, water quality, chemistry, environmental engineering, community improvement activities.
6. Willingness to discuss details of land and water resources policy and question the "conventional wisdom" in order to make well-informed recommendations based upon the facts, science and community concerns.

Responsibilities:

1. Participate in monthly 2-hour committee meetings.
2. Two to four hours per month of individual work on projects and reports in support of committee goals.
3. Attend 2-3 AWD Commissioner's meetings per year and summarize for the WLMAC.
4. Attend the annual Acton Water District meeting.

Application:

Please contact Chris Allen at AWD to indicate your interest. Chris can be reached at 978-263-9107 or by e-mail at chris@actonwater.com.