

# Water Supply District of Acton

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Board of Water Commissioners  
Meeting Minutes  
693 Massachusetts Avenue, Acton MA  
Tuesday, January 16, 2018

## AGENDA:

- **Deliberation and Decision of Award to Selected Developer for the Ground-Mount Solar Arrays at 16 Knox Trail and 62 Lawsbrook Road in Acton.**

### Present at Tonight's Meeting:

Commissioners: Ron Parenti, Leonard Phillips (Chairman), Stephen Stuntz  
District Manager: Chris Allen  
District Treasurer: Mary Jo Bates  
District Counsel: Mary Bassett  
Environmental Manager: Matthew Mostoller  
Commissioners Secretary: Lynn Protasowicki  
Finance Committee: Bill Guthlein

The Board of Water Commissioners meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at the Acton Water District office by Mr. Phillips.

- **Deliberation and Decision of Award to Selected Developer for the Ground-Mount Solar Arrays at 16 Knox Trail and 62 Lawsbrook Road in Acton.**

Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that the SMART auction base compensation rate was released last Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, and the new proposals/estimates from Gro Solar, Sunpower and 127 Energy are based on these new compensation rates.

The group discussed the revised financial proposals enclosed in tonight's packets from 127 Energy, Sunpower and Gro Solar and also reviewed the land layout concept discrepancies that Gro Solar provided. The conceptual renderings for both sites from Gro Solar exceed the allotted area provided by the review team in the original Request For Proposal (RFP).

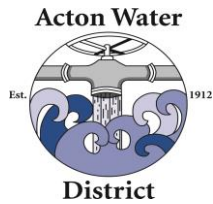
Mr. Guthlein, from the Finance Committee, provided his financial overview based upon the numbers provided by Gro Solar, Sunpower and 127 Energy.

Mr. Phillips asked "what are the next steps?" Mr. Stuntz stated that we need to pick either Gro Solar, Sunpower or 127 Energy, from there we need to start the process. He stated that we need communicate to Gro Solar that they squeezed more land than they should have in their proposal. Counselor Bassett reiterated that the area in the District RFP is the area that we want. Mr. Allen also mentioned that the land concept in the RFP was based upon the research that Matt Mostoller did (based upon green space, Zone 1 and Zone 2, preservation of land, etc.). Mr. Mostoller did state that as the Environmental Manager the area that Gro Solar quoted on is not acceptable to him because they are overbuilding the site.

Mr. Stuntz, Mr. Phillips and Mr. Parenti were all in agreement that Gro Solar was the best choice.

Mr. Stuntz moved to select Gro Solar based on the issue of Lawsbrook lease rental fits within the guidelines of the RFP. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

All documents referred to in meeting minutes are available for inspection at the office of Acton Water District, 693 Massachusetts Avenue, Acton, MA 01720 (978) 263-9107.



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Mr. Allen will inform Gro Solar that they have been awarded the ground-mount solar arrays project at 16 Knox Trail and 62 Lawsbrook Road in Acton and he will contact all applicants and inform them of the Board's decision

***Other New Business:***

Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that there is still one customer who adamantly does not want smart metering technology in her home. A District operator has gone to other customers' homes with an EMF meter to demonstrate that their radiation exposure coming from the new meter is extremely low compared to other appliances, microwave, cordless phones, cellular phones, etc. Mr. Allen mentioned that this customer maybe planning to attend a future open meeting to discuss this with the Commissioners.

*Mr. Phillips moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM and it was unanimously approved.*