

Commissioners Meeting
Water Supply District of Acton
693 Massachusetts Avenue
Acton, MA 01720

January 22, 2007

Agenda: Comments from Citizens
 Accept Minutes of January 8, 2007

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Minutes of January 22, 2007 Commissioners Meeting

Regular bi-monthly meeting. Present were Commissioners Parenti, Phillips, and Stuntz. Also in attendance were District Manager James Deming, Finance Committee member Charles Bradley, Barbara Chick from the League of Women Voters, and resident Alan Dailey. Representing ACES were Mary Michelman and George Johnston.

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 P.M.

Comments From Citizens:

Resident Alan Dailey of 11 Carriage Drive asked if the sediment was still getting stirred up as the water at his residence was brown in color every 2-3 days. He also asked if it was possible to flush now using a hose that would go directly into a storm drain. Mr. Deming said that if a catch basin is located near his residence, it could be done but, this wouldn't be the case for all of South Acton. He also said that out of the 21 wells located in Acton, 19 are completely unfiltered. He informed Mr. Dailey that the AWD will be building a computer based program for South Acton which will be ready in the spring. Mr. Dailey asked Mr. Deming if there have been any recent water main breaks and the response was that the latest major break was on December 15th and a small one occurred yesterday morning.

Mr. Dailey mentioned that he has had a brown water problem for the last 2-3 weeks and that it just comes out of the cold water pipes. Mr. Deming informed him that his residence has an issue unrelated to the brown water/sediment problem that has been occurring in the South Acton Area. He suggested to Mr. Dailey that he contact the Acton Water District to make an appointment to have an AWD employee go to his home and

Mr. Dailey said that he would make an appointment.

Mr. Stuntz moved to accept the minutes of the meeting of January 8, 2007 and Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The Commissioners were all in favor of approving the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

Final Approval of FY 2008 Budget & Warrant Articles

Mr. Deming said that the FY 2008 Appropriation Line on the FY 2008 Budget hasn't changed since the last Commissioners' Meeting held on January 8, 2007. The six month figure for FY 2006 was incorrect and Ms. Bates will make the correction.

Mr. Stuntz moved to accept the FY 2008 Appropriation and Mr. Parenti seconded the motion. The Commissioners were all in favor.

Mr. Deming said that the only change to the Warrant Articles was the numbering of Articles 8 and 9 and that the figures remained the same.

Mr. Parenti moved to accept the Warrant Articles and Mr. Stuntz seconded the motion. The Commissioners were all in favor.

Mr. Stuntz moved to close the Warrant Articles and Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The Commissioners were all in favor of closing the Warrant Articles.

Final Approval of Reports for Annual Report

Mr. Phillips stated that they had a few grammar and spelling corrections on the report to the M.I.S. Coordinator. Mr. Deming said that he had received the Commissioners report.

NEW BUSINESS

Abatement Applications

Mr. Deming stated that the Acton Water District has received a total of 56 abatement requests. Out of the 56 received, 49 were approved, 1 was disapproved (sent in from a North Acton resident) and the 6 remaining would be reviewed with the Commissioners at a future meeting. It was noted that February 9, 2007 is the cut off date for requests.

W.R. Grace Issue Update

Mr. Deming mentioned that there is a lot of pressure regarding various reports that are being presented from the Town of Acton, ACES, etc. He also said that the Northeast work plan is the most concern with him at this time. A meeting will be held next week with W.R. Grace regarding the plume, which Mr. Deming and Ms. Ceraso will attend.

Mr. Deming wanted the Commissioners to be aware of this situation.

Ms. Michelman said that she hasn't read the sediment statement and Mr. Deming described how they will take the water from the ground in the upper portion of bedrock and it will be treated for VOC removal and then put back into the ground. He feels that they are taking water that doesn't contribute to our wells and it may contain things that we are not testing for today. He said that comments will be made from the AWD, ACES, and the Town of Acton. Mr. Parenti questioned how the AWD validates this logic and Mr. Deming responded from experience and he explained the process. He feels they should sample the water they are taking out of the bedrock.

Ms. Michelman reviewed a map with the Commissioners and said if the water is going back in the same hole, they say this makes the discharge issue go away. Mr. Deming said that the important thing is whatever they take out of the ground, they should analyze it. He also said that they don't have an agreement to do this with BOC??

Mr. Deming will keep the Commissioners informed on this issue.

Assabet #3 Site Visit with D.E.P.

Mr. Deming stated that there will be a site visit with D.E.P. tomorrow morning, January 23, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. This visit will be the same as the visit the AWD had with MEPA. They will meet at Assabet I and walk over to Assabet III. It will just be a walk through and any questions D.E.P. may have. The submission to have a pump test was late in the fall and they should have something back by early March to the Acton Water District.

Mr. Stuntz moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations with the District Manager. Mr. Parenti seconded to motion. It was unanimously approved by a roll call vote. The Commissioners entered into Executive Session at 8:18 pm.

The Commissioners reconvened in open session at 8:24 P.M.

Mr. Stuntz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 P.M. and it was unanimously approved.