

Board of Water Commissioners  
Meeting Minutes  
Acton Water District  
693 Massachusetts Avenue, Acton MA  
Monday, January 27, 2020

**AGENDA**

- A. Comments from Citizens
- B. Approve Minutes of January 13th Meeting

**C. OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1. Review & Approve FY '21 Budget & Warrant
  - The District's Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 18th at 7 PM at the Acton Public Safety Facility
- 2. Commissioners' 2019 Annual Report

**D. NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Amendment to the "Option to Lease" with EDF Renewables for Proposed Solar Arrays

**Present at Tonight's Meeting:**

Commissioners: Stephen Stuntz (Chair), Erika Amir-Lin, Barry Rosen  
District Manager: Chris Allen  
District Treasurer: Mary Jo Bates  
District Counsel: Mary Bassett  
Commissioners Secretary: Lynn Protasowicki

The Board of Water Commissioners' meeting was called to order at 7:00PM on Monday, January 27, 2020 at the Acton Water District office by Mr. Stephen Stuntz.

**A. Comments from Citizens:**

No comments

**B. Approve Minutes of January 13th Meeting:**

Ms. Amir-Lin motioned to approve the minutes of January 13, 2020. Mr. Rosen seconded, and it was unanimously approved by all.

**C. OLD BUSINESS:**

*1. Review & Approve FY '21 Budget & Warrant.*

No additional budget comments.

Enclosed in tonight's packets to the Commissioners is the current draft of the Warrant Articles which have some minor changes to Article 14; Article 15; Article 19 that Counselor Bassett made on Friday.

Mr. Rosen has question regarding Article 17. He would like to see the lease reduced to 10-year term. He stated that if we give them a long-term lease that they will continue to not do anything on this property. Mr. Stuntz suggests 5-year options. Counselor Bassett stated the following: (1.) do not want to enter into a long-term lease with a lot of options. Mr. Allen stated that we can take Article 17 off the Warrant. (2.) Still get authorization from voters for no more than 20 years but Commissioners can enter into a 5, 10, 20-year lease. The lease expires at the time of the Annual Meeting. Mr. Rosen suggests that we take this Article off the Warrant. Mr. Stuntz implies that the owners are going to drag their feet. Mr. Allen states

that the landowner has asked the District to purchase 104 Powder Mill Road-Rear aka, the Baldco property. Commissioners agreed to get an appraisal done on this land.

Mr. Rosen motioned to have an appraisal done on property 104 Powder Mill Road-Rear. Mr. Stuntz seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The Commissioners agree to remove Article 17 from the 2020 Annual Meeting Warrant.

Mr. Rosen motioned to accept the revised Warrant Articles. Ms. Amir-Lin seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Ms. Amir-Lin motioned to approve the FY' 21 Budget. Mr. Stuntz seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Assignment of Warrant Articles are as follows: Mr. Stuntz, Ms. Amir-Lin, Mr. Rosen to each article in order beginning with Article 1.

## *2. Commissioners' 2019 Annual Report.*

Mr. Stuntz plans to add another paragraph about the senior discount. He will ask Matt Mostoller to redistribute once added.

### *Other Old Business:*

Mr. Allen mentioned that the draft Article 97 bill was reviewed and edited by the MA Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EEA). Enclosed is the new draft copy. Mr. Stuntz inquired as to when it will be submitted to legislature. Counselor Bassett states that once approved by the Commissioners it will be submitted.

Mr. Stuntz moved to approve the Article 97 legislature as written and presented to the state legislature. Mr. Rosen seconded the motion and it was approved.

## **D. NEW BUSINESS:**

### *1. Amendment to the "Option to Lease" with EDF Renewables for Proposed Solar Arrays.*

Mr. Allen stated that the Option to Lease with EDF Renewables will be expiring as of February 21st so EDF has offered a one-year extension and agrees to pay the District \$2,000 for such. He informed the Commissioners that in late spring/early summer they hope to break ground on the Lawsbrook array. The District is locked into Block 3 of the SMART program. Eversource approved Lawsbrook for interconnection to the local power grid.

Mr. Stuntz moved to accept the amendment to the "Option to Lease" with EDF Renewables for the proposed solar arrays. Ms. Amir-Lin seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

*Mr. Rosen motioned to adjourn the open meeting at 7:55 PM. Mr. Stuntz seconded, and it was unanimously approved.*