

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

February 12, 2007

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 Accept Minutes of January 22, 2007

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Minutes of February 12, 2007 Commissioners Meeting

Regular bi-monthly meeting. Present were Commissioners Parenti, Phillips, and Stuntz. Also in attendance, Attorney Mary Bassett Stanford, District Manager James Deming, Finance Committee member Ted Jarvis, Environmental Manager Jane Ceraso, Treasurer/Collector Mary J. Bates, Barbara Chick from the League of Women Voters, and resident Alan Dailey. Representing ACES was George Johnston.

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 P.M.

Comments From Citizens:

Barbara Chick asked how long it has been since a Commissioner had opposition in the annual election. Mr. Stuntz indicated that he had opposition when he ran for his second term, which would have been 1991.

Alan Dailey, 11 Carriage Drive reported that on February 2 he had brown water. When he called the office he was asked if he was near the water main break. He indicated he was not aware of where the main break was. He was also informed that there was some flushing being done on Carriage Drive. He questioned flushing in the winter. Mr. Deming informed him that it was not flushing, but that a hydrant was being run on Carriage Drive to try to alleviate the dirty water that Mr. Dailey had complained about at

the last meeting. Mr. Deming never got any feedback, so he was not sure if this had helped the situation. Mr. Dailey said that there was an improvement in the water quality. He also indicated that he installed a filter and seen even greater improvement. He will report back at the next meeting.

Minutes of January 22, 2007

Mr. Stuntz made a motion to accept the minutes of January 22, 2007 as presented. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Stuntz made a motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Session held on January 8, 2007. Mr. Parenti seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Stuntz made a motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Session held on January 22, 2007. Mr. Parenti seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Abatement Requests

Mr. Deming informed the Commissioners that 237 abatement requests have been approved. There were 6 applications that were denied and 19 others that were marginal. After discussion, it was decided that unless the application was late or outside of the S. Acton area, it would be approved.

Kennedy/Marshall Pilot Study Approval

Formal approval has been received from DEP to proceed with the treatment facility in North Acton.

Avalon Bay

Mr. Deming had a meeting with representatives of the Avalon Bay project scheduled but it was postponed. He will update the Commissioners after the meeting.

LWUAC Report

Mr. Parenti had a copy of the LWUAC report, which will be distributed to everyone. The Committee would like to present the report at the next Commissioners meeting. Mr. Deming will contact them to arrange for a 7:30 presentation.

NEW BUSINESS

District Manager Search

The file from the last Manager search is available for review. Mr. Deming has spoken to 3 firms that do municipal searches. All have indicated that the cost of the search would

be between \$9,000 and \$15,000, depending on what the Commissioners want. The Commissioners agreed to hire a third party to conduct the search, direct the process. Mr. Deming will contact all 3 firms to meet with the Commissioners at the next meeting.

Assabet #3 Land Acquisition

Mr. Deming informed the Commissioners that a small piece of the 400' Zone 1 radius at Assabet #3 is not owned by the District. He indicated that this must be acquired before that well can be developed. The Commissioners instructed Atty. Bassett Stanford to move forward with taking that parcel by eminent domain.

2006 Annual Statistical Report

Mr. Deming presented the Commissioners a copy of the 2006 Annual Statistical Report. The report shows that the average daily use for 2006 was 1.6 million gallons. Also, unaccounted for water, which should be less than 10%, was 7.2% for the year. Per capita consumption is less than 65 gallons per person per day. Mr. Deming indicated that the District has done a leak detection survey every two years and this has been very effective.

Letter from 102 Main Street

A letter was received from 102 Main Street indicating that there was property damage from a water main break outside of their home earlier this month. It was decided to forward that information to MIIA, our insurance carrier.

MWWA letter

Jennifer Pederson sent a letter thanking the District on behalf of the MWWA.

Letter from 46 Conant Street

A letter was received from 46 Conant Street regarding the abatement request. The abatement has been approved and will be reflected on the next bill.

Conant I Land Purchase

Mr. Deming informed the Commissioners that there has been no recent activity.

Nagog Woods

Mr. Parenti indicated that he has heard that Nagog Woods wants to individually meter the condo units there. Mr. Deming informed the Commissioners that this request comes up quite frequently. Most Condominium Associations find it to be cost prohibitive because of the re-plumbing needed throughout the complex.

Mr. Stuntz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 P.M. and it was unanimously approved.