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Commissioners Meeting
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Agenda: Comments from Citizens
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NEW BUSINESS

Water & Land Management Advisory Committee (WLMAC)

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Christofferson Well Replacement Investigation
Update on Survey for Assabet Property
Annual Meeting Discussion

Executive Session

Minutes of March 8, 2010 Commissioners Meeting

Regular bi-monthly meeting. Present were Commissioners Parenti, Phillips, and Stuntz, District Manager Chris Allen, Treasurer/Collector Mary Jo Bates, District Counsel, Mary Bassett, Environmental Manager, Matthew Mostoller, Commissioners Secretary Lynn Protasowicki. Finance Committee Members Dave Butler and Bill Kingman. Also in attendance: Mary Michelman and George Johnston representing ACES, and Barry Rosen, Chuck Olmstead, Greta Eckhardt, and Paul Malchodi of The WLMAC.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 P.M.

Comments from Citizens

There were no comments from Citizens at tonight's meeting.

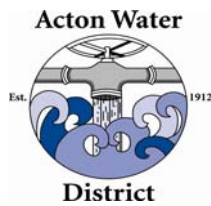
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Mr. Parenti moved to accept minutes of the meeting held on February 22, 2010 and Mr. Stuntz seconded the motion. The Commissioners were in favor of approving the minutes as modified.

NEW BUSINESS

Water & Land Management Advisory Committee (WLMAC)

Mr. Malchodi, representing WLMAC, provided to the Commissioners a PowerPoint presentation and subsequently provided an overview of who WLMAC is and what their purpose is. There are three



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purposes of WLMAC: (1) act as an advisory committee who reviews and makes recommendations to the Commissioners on matters relating to water and land management policies of the district, (2) any matter relating to the agreement authorized under the "By-Law to Regulate the Removal of Sale, of Sand and Gravel, From Lands in District Use", (3) will undertake such other tasks related to water and land management as the Commissioners deem appropriate.

Mr. Malchodi stated that of the three purposes of the WLMAC, the last two seemed to be well served or not as relevant as when the by-law was written. His concern shared by some of the Committee was that the review of policies was not being done in all cases. There was a discussion about the definition of what is a policy and to what level of detail their involvement should carry. For instance, if carbon treatment were to be taken off line was that a policy or an operating detail.

Mr. Phillips states that WLMAC is a rare and valuable commodity.

Mr. Malchodi asks, "When the Commissioners need something does WLMAC respond and fulfill request?" Mr. Phillips states, "Yes."

Mr. Parenti states that he does not feel threatened by the Group and appreciates their input. He finds them to be valuable when they attend Board meetings. Mr. Parenti asks Mr. Malchodi, "Do they feel like the Board doesn't take advantage of them enough and get their input on certain matters?" Mr. Malchodi stated that he didn't think that they did. Mr. Rosen then states examples: 60 Lawsbrook, sidewalks, when to use carbon versus when not to use it. Mr. Rosen though that these were just a couple areas that WLMAC should have been consulted as read by the duty of the by-laws.

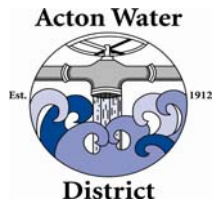
Mr. Parenti stated that when no one is present from WLMAC at Board meetings the Board must proceed on making decisions so there is no delay in whatever work needs to get started/completed.

Mr. Malchodi states that as outsiders to the Board WLMCA brings their experience and knowledge to make sound recommendations on issues related to by-laws. Mr. Stuntz notes that they are a valuable asset and that the Board should consult with WLMAC on pertinent issues such as acquiring land.

Mr. Parenti noted that back in the 1970's the Commissioners did not have the technical expertise which is why WLMAC was created.

Mr. Parenti recommends that a WLMAC representative be present at each Board meeting to provide professional expertise. Prior to the meeting WLMAC will have an opportunity to review the agenda so that they can prepare themselves for any issues, concerns, and/or questions that may arise and need attention to. Mr. Allen will email the agenda to WLMAC and also notes that the agenda is posted on AWD's web site.

In conclusion, Mr. Malchodi states that WLMAC will do what by-law states and will attempt to join-in and be present at all Board meetings. In-turn, Mr. Rosen will email the Commissioners the WLMAC meeting agendas.



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OLD BUSINESS

Update on Christofferson Well Replacement Investigation

Mr. Mostoller provided an update to the Commissioners on the Christofferson well replacement investigation. He stated that one test well advanced about three weeks ago with out the desired yield and water quality was poor; it contained elevated nitrates and sodium. They were going to move the test well south however the location is no longer viable. The new test well location will be geoprobed in hopes that they will find desirable yield and improved water quality. The project will move forward only if the hydrogeology turns out favorable. However, the project may be abandoned if the conditions turn out unfavorable.

Update on Survey for Assabet Property

At the January 25th board meeting, Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that Assabet Sand & Gravel is encroaching on the Water District's Zone 1 property (Assabet Well). Mr. Allen was notified by an appraiser for the Assabet Sand & Gravel of the encroachment. Mr. Allen provided an update to the Commissioners and informed them that he solicited the surveyors who are under agreement with Assabet Sand & Gravel however he has not heard back from them yet. He has been in contact with Acton Survey & Engineering who is doing the survey to find out what the level of encroachment is.

Annual Meeting Discussion

Ms. Bassett asked the Commissioners if they had any questions regarding the warrants that will be presenting at the March 17th Annual Meeting. She noted that Article 17 has been amended because the new mid-size pick-up truck has been purchased. The Moderator will read motion; Mr. Philips is to explain that funds have been used and that they move to amend the article by deleting section 17A.

Ms. Bates gave copies of the Articles to the Commissioners this evening so that they can prepare for the Annual Meeting.

Executive Session

The Commissioners entered into executive session, by a roll call vote, at 8:55 p.m. and ended the session at 9:15 p.m. They resumed the regular meeting to adjourn at 9:16 p.m. The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Parenti, seconded by Mr. Stuntz and was unanimously approved.