

Board of Water Commissioners  
Meeting Agenda  
Monday, March 27, 2017

7:00 -- The Commissioners moved to go into executive session, by unanimous roll call vote, at 7:00 pm, pursuant to G.L., Ch. 30A, sec. 21 (a)(4) to discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices, or strategies with respect thereto, as it relates to security of the water supply/sources and treatment facilities finding that that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the District's security issues.

7:30 – adjourn, by roll call vote, to open meeting

- A. Comments from Citizens
- B. Approve Minutes of February 27th & March 15th Meetings

C. OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Discussion of Proposed Articles for Acton Town Meeting Related to Nagog Pond
  - \*Article #26, #27 & #28 on the Town Meeting Warrant
- 2. Nuclear Metals Superfund Site
  - \* Update on deployment of the temporary treatment at 16 Knox Trail
  - \* Approve long-term land lease for permanent treatment system

D. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Introduction to Powder Mill Place 40B Housing Project
  - \*4 buildings and 254 unit affordable housing project on Powder Mill Road on the Acton/Maynard town line
  - \* District personnel meeting with development team on March 29th

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**Present at Tonight's Meeting:**

Commissioners: Ronald Parenti, Stephen Stuntz (Chairman), Leonard Phillips  
District Manager: Chris Allen  
District Treasurer: Mary Jo Bates  
District Counsel: Mary Bassett  
District Environmental Manager: Matthew Mostoller  
Finance Committee: Bill Guthlein  
WLMAC: Barry Rosen  
Town Selectmen: Janet Adachi

Citizens: Terra Friedrichs and Robert Sekuler

The Board of Water Commissioners meeting was called to order at 7:36 pm on Monday, March 27, 2017 at the Acton Water District Office by Mr. Stephen Stuntz.

**A. Comments from Citizens**

Mr. Sekuler commented that two of the water related articles, #27 & #28, which will be on Acton's town meeting warrant will be mirrored on Littleton's town meeting warrant.

**B. Approve Minutes of February 27th & March 15th Meetings**

Mr. Stuntz motioned to approve the minutes of February 27th and March 15th, 2017 meetings and Mr. Parenti seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

## **C. OLD BUSINESS**

### *1. Discussion of Proposed Articles for Acton Town Meeting Related to Nagog Pond*

\*Article #26, #27, #28 on the Town Meeting Warrant: Mr. Stuntz stated that the Commissioners essentially agreed to support all 3 Articles. Mr. Stuntz asked, why are these articles being handled at the Acton town meeting and not with the Water District? And, why did it take a citizen petition and not the Water District for putting them on the warrant. Ms. Friedrichs stated that citizens need to petition to request to have articles put on town meetings. Mr. Sekuler stated that these articles were discussed at many different boards and committees around town and they received strong support from all of them.

Mr. Sekuler commented on Article #26, a long-range study to establish the Town's quantitative water needs, risks to the security and quality of its resources, and the measures needed to protect those water resources. He stated that in an ideal world that kind of survey might include part of the water shed in which Littleton sits. Mr. Parenti asked about the cost of the study and cost sharing? Mr. Rosen mentioned that there is a committee meeting next Wednesday and the topic of cost sharing will come up. He asked the Commissioners, why isn't the District involved in some of the funding? Mr. Stuntz stated that the District tends to look at funding as part of the overall scope. Mr. Rosen stated that if you are a stakeholder you are a funder. Mr. Phillips stated that he has no problem with working with all parties. In regards to what the District does, our mission is to provide water, very limited and focused function. Mr. Stuntz, is in favor of helping to fund the study if over a period of time. He stated that the District normally pays for a 5 year plan but would be happy to assist in a longer plan. Ms. Friedrichs encourages the District to pay for 1/2 because District would have a larger stake and more leverage with the scope of the work and outcome. She stated that if the District goes to the meeting on Monday and state that the District will pay for 1/2 the study then the Article will pass. Mr. Phillips stated that the District needs to determine the scope, we know we have lots of statistics to help but we don't have GIS overlay from the past 20 years. Mr. Stuntz stated that we can't say we can fund 1/2 just yet. We want to be a major player in it but not sure we can fund 1/2. Selectmen Adachi stated that Town's Finance Committee did approve and recommends passing all 3 Articles. Mr. Sekuler stated that he would be disappointed if the District was not a major player in this. Mr. Allen stated that speaking from staff perspective we have full plates. What is the objective of the study? Ms. Friedrichs response is that the committee wants to make sure that in 20 years there will be enough water in Town and so they want to start planning properly.

### *2. Nuclear Metals Superfund Site*

\* Update on deployment of the temporary treatment at 16 Knox Trail: Mr. Allen stated the EPA has stalled and so there isn't much to update. The contractor, *de maximis*, is still awaiting EPA approval to start the temporary extraction system, which may include a second well.

\* Approve long-term land lease for permanent treatment system: Mr. Allen stated that *de maximis* has the lease and that there have been comments made between parties and are working to get to the final approved lease. There is no upcoming meeting planned.

## **D. NEW BUSINESS**

### *1. Introduction to Powder Mill Place 40B Housing Project*

\* 4 buildings and 254 unit affordable housing project on Powder Mill Road on the Acton/Maynard town line: Mr. Allen mentioned that there will be 80+ units in Maynard and 170 units in Acton. The housing project is bisected by the town line. It is being proposed that the Acton Water District would supply all water to these units and Maynard would collect and treat sewer. Maynard does not have water capacity to supply even the portion of this project that is in Maynard.

\* District personnel meeting with development team on March 29th to review the proposal and discussion for using Water District for water. Mr. Allen also mentioned that supplying water to this housing project would also be for fire suppression.

On April 10th the development team has requested to meet with Board of Water Commissioners.

Mr. Rosen asked the Commissioners if they would like WLMAC to write another paper on this like we did with the Avalon project. Mr. Stuntz like the idea and said yes to this suggestion.

*Other New Business:*

1. Mr. Allen stated that beginning next Monday, April 3rd; the District will start flushing the piping system in West Acton. This will continue for the month of April.

*Mr. Stuntz moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm and it was unanimously approved.*

Board of Water Commissioners  
693 Massachusetts Avenue  
Acton, MA 01720  
EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES  
March 27, 2017

Mr. Stuntz called the meeting to order and moved that the Commissioners enter into executive session at 7:00 pm, pursuant to G.L., Ch. 30A, sec. 21 (a)(4) to discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices, or strategies with respect thereto, as it relates to security of the water supply/sources and treatment facilities finding that that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the District's security issues.

Roll call vote: Mr. Stuntz, yay, Mr. Parenti, yay, Mr. Phillips, yay.

Mr. Stuntz also moved that the after the executive session that the Board reconvene in open session.

Roll call vote: Mr. Stuntz, yay, Mr. Parenti, yay, Mr. Phillips, yay.

Present:

Commissioners: Stephen Stuntz, Ronald Parenti, Leonard Phillips

District Manager: Chris Allen

District Counsel: Mary Bassett

MIS Coordinator: Robert Murch

Environmental Manager: Matthew Mostoller

Treasurer/Collector: Mary J. Bates

Mr. Murch briefed the Commissioners on network configuration and cyber security measures. There was also discussion of the physical security of District offices and properties.

The Commissioners adjourned Executive Session at 7:32 and entered into open session.