

Commissioners Meeting
Water Supply District of Acton
Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2016

Agenda:

- A. Comments from Citizens
- B. Approve Minutes from the March 7, 2016 Meeting
- C. OLD BUSINESS:
 - 1. Town of Concord's Proposed Connection to the District off Knox Trail to Supply Their School Bus Depot.
 - 2. Nagog Pond Water Rights
 - 3. Nuclear Metals Superfund Update
- D. NEW BUSINESS:
 - 1. Reserve Fund transfer to Legal Account
 - 2. Spring Water Main Flushing

The Board of Water Commissioners meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm on Monday, March 28, 2016 at the Acton Water District Office by Mr. Ronald Parenti.

Present at Tonight's Meeting:

Commissioners: Ronald Parenti (Chair), Leonard Phillips, Stephen Stuntz

District Manager: Chris Allen

District Treasurer: Mary Jo Bates

Finance Committee: Bill Guthlein

WLMAC: John Cipar

Bob Sekuler, 17 Parkland Lane

Barry Elkin, 57 Skyline Drive

Franny Osman

A. Comments from Citizens:

Mr. Sekuler and Mr. Elkin are present for the Town of Concord proposed connection to the system and the Nagog Pond Water rights. Mr. Sekuler had written the letter to the Editor that was in the Acton Beacon regarding Nagog Pond when he read that Concord would be utilizing the pond to give their wells a rest. He updated the Commissioners that as a ~~great pond~~ Nagog is actually owned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Concord owns land around the pond. He distributed copies of the original act. Mr. Elkin questioned whether Acton has access to the pond. Mr. Allen said that the Nagog Hill Tank abuts the pond.

Mr. Allen updated the Board on the meeting with Katie Green and Steve Ledoux from the town of Acton. The Acton BOS has written a letter to Rep. Atkins, who suggested that the BOS from both Towns should meet and discuss this issue. Concord was not interested at this time.

Ms. Osman asked about the future water needs for Acton and if our supply can handle projected demand. Mr. Allen said that currently we are using below our permitted withdrawal of 1.94mgpd. The current permit renewal is requested at the same rate we have now. Ms. Osman asked if Acton could supply those services in Acton that Concord currently supplies. Concord is currently not taking on any additional

Acton customers. Mr. Allen responded that we could, but there is no water main in that section of Town. There would need to be infrastructure upgrades.

Ms. Osman inquired if the Commissioners would express an opinion on Nagog Pond. Mr. Parenti indicated that there are legal issues as well as feasibility issues. Discussion continued about the capacity of the pond, new source permitting, and future growth projections.

Mr. Allen has discussed purchasing additional water from Littleton in the event of a shutdown of any of our South Acton sources. The South Acton Treatment Plant has room for additional treatment if that would be needed in the future.

B. Approve Minutes of March 7th meeting:

Mr. Stuntz moved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on March 7, 2016 and Mr. Parenti seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

C. Old Business:

1. Town of Concord's Proposed Connection to the District off Knox Trail

Mr. Allen updated the Commissioners that the Town of Concord intends to drill a bedrock well for their use at Knox Trail.

2. Nagog Pond Water Rights

Discussed above in Comments from Citizens.

3. Update on the Nuclear Metals Superfund Site.

Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that the S. Acton wells had been turned off for a week and they are currently back on line pumping at the summer rate to assist with data collection. The most recent 1.4 dioxane testing showed levels below .3. New data is expected in April from the most recent sampling.

D. New Business:

1. Reserve Fund Transfer to Legal Account

The request is to transfer \$25K to the Legal Account. This is due to the increased legal costs associated with the NMI Superfund site. The Finance Committee approved the request at their last meeting.

Mr. Parenti made a motion to approve the transfer and Mr. Stuntz seconded it. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Spring Water Main Flushing

Mr. Allen stated that the Spring flushing program will begin April 4 in Acton Center. Flushing will be done Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm. If time permits, there may be additional flushing in S. Acton.

Mr. Allen also informed the Commissioners that the S. Acton Treatment Plant has been chosen as the tour site for the NEWWA Annual conference to be held this week on Wednesday and Thursday. 100 are expected to tour the facility over 2 days.

The District will hold an open house at the South Acton Water Treatment Plant on Saturday, May 7, 2016.

Mr. Parenti moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm and it was unanimously approved.