

Water Supply District of Acton

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Commissioners Meeting
Water Supply District of Acton
Meeting Minutes
March 30, 2015

Agenda:

- A. Comments from Citizens
- B. Approve Minutes from the March 9th Meetings
- C. OLD BUSINESS:
 - 1. Update on South Acton Water Treatment Plant Project.
- D. NEW BUSINESS:
 - 1. Nuclear Metals/Starmet Superfund Site in Concord.

The Board of Water Commissioners meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 30, 2015 at the Acton Water District Office by Mr. Leonard Phillips.

Present at Tonight's Meeting:

Commissioners: Ronald Parenti, Leonard Phillips (Chair)
District Manager: Chris Allen
District Treasurer: Mary Jo Bates
District Counsel: Mary Bassett
Environmental Manager: Matthew Mostoller
Commissioners Secretary: Lynn Protasowicki
Finance Committee: William Guthlein
WLMAC: Barry Rosen
Acton Selectman: Janet Adachi

A. Comments from Citizens

No comments this evening.

B. Approve Minutes from the March 9th Meeting.

Mr. Phillips moved to accept minutes of the meeting held on March 9, 2015 and Mr. Parenti seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

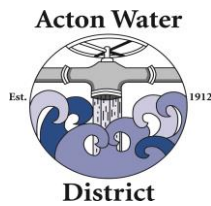
C. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Update on South Acton Water Treatment Plant Project.

Mr. Allen showed progress photos of the facility to the Commissioners including the variable frequency drives, with which all pumps will be equipped, that have been installed at School Street in the existing pump station. He informed the Commissioners that the filter manufacturer, Pall, was on-site last week testing and starting up their equipment. Lawsbrook and Scribner wells are still pending a main power circuit renewal by Ever Source. This should be accomplished by the end of next week. Operators are able to connect to the office from the treatment plant. Testing of the treatment plant is still pending the supply of actual raw water feed from all sources.

He stated that there is at least another two weeks to go before the plant will be operational.

All documents referred to in meeting minutes are available for inspection at the office of Acton Water District, 693 Massachusetts Avenue, Acton, MA 01720 (978) 263-9107.



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Other Old Business:

1. Property Tax Relief for Acton customer: Ms. Bates is waiting on further information from the Town of Acton regarding citizen eligibility for tax relief to assist with creating a program for the District. Utilizing the Town's database for those residents that are eligible prevents the need for the District to undertake any additional approval.

D. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Nuclear Metals/Starmet Superfund Site in Concord.

Enclosed in tonight's packet to the Commissioners is copy of an EPA newsletter from September 2001 regarding the history of the nuclear metals site in Concord; information on the history of Nuclear Metals, Inc.; and a January 14, 2015 letter from Acton Water District to Melissa Taylor, Superfund Project Manager, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regarding comments on Nuclear Metals, Inc. superfund site proposed cleanup plan and feasibility study. Mr. Mostoller mentioned that the current proposed cleanup plan is to pump and treat water on the Concord side of the Assabet River. The District commented in their letter that they would also like to pump and treat the Acton side too.

Mr. Mostoller stated that the District's main concern is the cleanup of groundwater contaminants that were identified in a plume moving in a northwesterly direction from the site. In particular is 1,4-dioxane which the current air strippers cannot remove from the water.

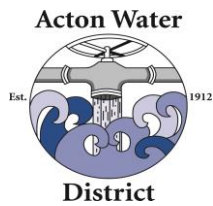
Mr. Mostoller informed the Commissioners that on March 17th there was a stakeholders meeting and were told that all parties acknowledged the need to move forward with further characterization of the plume, and a subsequent pump and treat system. The hope is this could be accomplished as a Non-Time Critical Removal Action (NTCRA), in advance of a final remedy being implemented for the site. The issue is that the project management does not have the money or authorization to do this interim work. Matt said that they needed approximately \$40,000 to do a comprehensive round of testing. A scope of work for further subsurface investigations is being developed.

Mr. Phillips asked the question, "what other "critters" are there in the water that we don't know about?" Mr. Mostoller responded by stating that there probably are other "critters" (i.e. emerging contaminants) in the water. These contaminants are becoming a major topic relative to public health and the environment.

Mr. Mostoller mentioned that he is working with Ray Talkington, of Geosphere, to get a better understanding of what is happening with the plume, how this relates to our Zone 2 delineations, and what impact it will have on the wells in the area. Geosphere will also help the District assess any proposals for the pump and treat system for the plume.

Mr. Mostoller informed the Commissioners that in his comment letter to the EPA, he recommends that there be long term groundwater monitoring as part of the proposed cleanup plan and that the District be a key stakeholder in the development and review of this monitoring plan.

Mr. Mostoller stated that he believes between now and September, some of the additional characterization work will be done. The concern is whether or not a remediation system can be implemented in a timely fashion.



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Mr. Mostoller recommends that the District consult with an Attorney specializing in Environmental Law and the Commissioners agree.

Mr. Phillips moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. and it was unanimously voted.