

Board of Water Commissioners  
Meeting Minutes  
693 Massachusetts Avenue  
Monday, May 8, 2017

- A. Comments from Citizens
- B. Approve Minutes of April 24 meeting
- C. OLD BUSINESS:
  - 1. Powder Mill Place 40B Housing Project  
WLMAC Report
  - 2. Nuclear Metals Superfund site  
Execute Long Term land lease for permanent treatment system at 16 Knox Trail  
Public information session Thursday, 5/25 @ 6:30 pm, Acton Town Hall, Rm 204
  - 3. Concord's permit for Nagog Pond Water Treatment Plant  
Concord's appeal of conditional approval by Acton Selectmen
- D. NEW BUSINESS:
  - 1. Email from resident at 2 Martin Street
  - 2. Results of 2017 distribution system leak detection survey  
Report from Water & Waste Pipe Testing on the survey of the 130 mile system
  - 3. District's summer outdoor water use program and state drought update  
May 1<sup>st</sup> triggered the beginning of the annual conservation program
  - 4. Approve \$20,000 Reserve Fun transfer to the Legal Account

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**Present at Tonight's Meeting:**

Commissioners: Ronald Parenti, Stephen Stuntz, 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: John Cipar, Barry Rosen, Paul Malchodi, Chuck Olmstead

Also present: Louis Levine and Bruce Ringwall for Powder Mill Place.

The Board of Water Commissioners meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm on Monday, May 8, 2017 at the Acton Water District Office by Mr. Leonard Phillips.

**Comments from Citizens**

There were no citizen comments.

**Approve Minutes of April 24 meeting**

Mr. Stuntz made a motion to approve the minutes of April 24, 2017. It was seconded by Mr. Phillips and unanimously approved.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Powder Mill Place 40B Housing Project: WLMAC Report**

Barry Rosen presented the report of the WLMAC on the Powder Mill Place 40B Housing Project, as attached. The WLMAC is recommending the approval of the project based on the criteria previously established. Mr. Allen indicate that the C factor testing of the water main in that area showed that there may not be adequate volume for the development in its current configuration. The proponent will be responsible for taking care of that, either by cleaning and re-lining or replacing the existing 6" Cast Iron water main. Atty. Levine indicated that they had expected to be responsible for improvements needed to get adequate water to the property. He also stated that they are still working towards a resolution on the sewer issue with the Town of Maynard. The formal application is expected to be filed at the end of May. There was some discussion about the District providing water outside the bounds of Acton. Atty. Bassett is reviewing case law as the actual supply of water will be in Acton, even though 2 buildings will straddle the town line.

### **Nuclear Metals Superfund Site**

Atty. Bassett has negotiated the lease for 16 Knox Trail with demaximis, with an annual payment of \$10,400. This is for the location of the permanent treatment system for 1.4 dioxane contamination from the Nuclear Metals site on Main Street in Concord. Mr. Stuntz made a motion to approve the lease, which was seconded by Mr. Phillips. It was unanimously approved and the Board executed the lease.

Mr. Allen informed the Board that there will be a public information session on Thursday, May 25 at the Acton Town Hall, Room 204, at 6:30 PM. This session, sponsored by the EPA and Mass DEP, will give Acton residents an update on the progress at the Nuclear Metals, Inc. Superfund site. There will be a pre-meeting with Acton officials on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> @ 1 PM in same location.

### **Concord's Permit for Nagog Pond Water Treatment Plant**

Concord has appealed the conditional approval by the Acton Board of Selectmen. Att. Bassett summarized the appeal for the Commissioners as attached.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Email from resident at 2 Martin Street**

The resident at 2 Martin Street has complained via email about the water quality at his home and has indicated that this is a chronic problem. He currently has a whole house filter and has requested that the District pay for his filters. The District has flushed the main and saw improvement in the water quality flowing from the hydrant Mr. Allen has remained in communication with the resident to remain informed of the conditions. The resident has consented to keeping the District apprised of said conditions.

### **Results of 2017 Distribution system leak detection survey**

Water & Waste Pipe Testing completed the 130 mile distribution system leak detection survey. 11 leaks were detected. 1 was a water main leak, 3 were hydrant leaks and 7 were service line leaks. 3 of the leaks have been repaired to date. This is a high priority due to the stringent regulatory threshold for Unaccounted for Water (UAW) of 10% of the total pumped into the system vs. metered.

### **District's summer outdoor water use program and state drought update**

Mr. Allen reminded the Board that May 1 is the start of the calendar triggered annual conservation program. Mr. Mostoller sent a reminder through WaterSmart to all registered customers. No escalation of the program will be made at this time. The State drought task force will be meeting next week, and it is believed that the conditions have returned to normal statewide.

### **Approve \$20,000 Reserve Fun transfer to the Legal Account**

Mr. Allen presented a transfer request for \$20,000 to be transferred from the Reserve Account to the Legal account due to the on-going Superfund site negotiations. Mr. Stuntz made a motion to approve the request, previously approved by the Finance Committee at their May 2 meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Phillips and unanimously approved.

### **OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Conservation Award from Mass DEP**

Mr. Allen indicated that he and Mr. Mostoller will be attending the Drinking Water Week ceremony tomorrow, May 9, to accept the 2017 Public Water System Award for Outstanding Performance and Achievement for Water Conservation in 2016.

#### **Solar array at 16 Knox Trail & 62 Lawsbrook Road**

Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that he has hired MacLeod Energy Group to assist with the siting of this project. The funds for this will come from the state grant that was received by the District for the siting and establishment of the solar arrays at these two properties.

Mr. Stuntz moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 pm and it was unanimously approved.