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Commissioners Meeting Water Supply District of Acton 693 Massachusetts Avenue Acton, MA 01720

Agenda: Comments from Citizens

Approve Minutes of April 27th Meeting

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Kennedy-Marshall Treatment Plant Update on Water Main Project on Main Street/Coughlin Street/Taylor Road and Huckleberry Lane

NEW BUSINESS

Execute Bonds for Water Main Project Update on Hiring of New Environmental Compliance Manager

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Minutes of May 18, 2009 Commissioners Meeting

Regular bi-monthly meeting. Present were Commissioners Parenti and Phillips. Also in attendance were District Manager Chris Allen, Treasurer/Collector Mary Jo Bates, District Counsel Mary Bassett, Clerk Charles Orcutt III, and Finance Member David Butler. Also attending tonight's meeting was Barry Rosen representing WRAC.

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 P.M.

Comments from Citizens

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

Approve Minutes of April 27, 2009

Mr. Parenti moved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on April 27, 2009 and Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The Commissioners were all in favor of approving the minutes.

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OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Barry Rosen representing the Town of Acton's Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC) attended tonight's meeting to inform the Commissioners that WRAC was newly constituted and a new charter was formed. The new committee consists of Ron Beck, Joni Paceta, Carol Holly, Chris Schaffner, Helen Probst, and Barry Rosen.

Mr. Rosen informed the Commissioners regarding a letter that was sent to the Acton Board of Selectmen which discussed the issue about a low-pressure sewer system that the Town of Acton is investigating. The Town is looking to use 3-4 inch wide pipes. Mr. Rosen stated in his letter that if the Town goes forward with this plan of using the 3-4 inch wide pipes that there will likely be a chance in the wintertime of freezing and that other problems will occur. The letter recommended that a corporation or entity be formed to handle maintenance for all users of this low-pressure sewer system. Currently, Mr. Rosen has not heard back from the Acton Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Rosen also informed the Commissioners of the changes to the Acton by-laws to use porous/pervious paving. Mr. Rosen is currently reviewing studies from the University of Iowa and the University of Washington to help understand the effects porous/pervious paving has on drinking water.

Mr. Rosen asked the Commissioners if they would like to form an opinion on the issue of porous/pervious paving in case the design board asks. The Commissioners stated that they need more information before they can state opinions.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Kennedy-Marshall Treatment Plant

Mr. Allen has informed the Commissioners that the Zenon filter tank has been modified with the 12 inch inlet, in addition, the piping has been completed and the membrane cassettes have been installed into the filter vessels. Mr. Allen informed Commissioners that a Zenon representative will be available to train Water District personnel during start-up period. Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that the site will be controlled via a virtual internet which is on a private network. They are working with Verizon who is doing the installation on Wednesday, May 20, 2009. The current date of substantial completion is June 9, 2009 with the contractors and final completion of the entire project scheduled for July 19, 2009.

Included in tonight's Commissioners package was a letter from Javier DeLuna of GE's North American Operations to Chuck Boudreau of Waterline Industries Corporation regarding the Acton WTP warranty on membrane tank rework. GE warrants the finished repaired tank for an additional two years beyond the warranty term as originally agreed in the terms and conditions of the as sold proposal No. 10238157 Rev 5 (Dated 24 January 2008) section 3.5.

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Mr. Allen also informed the Commissioners that he took photos during the installation of the vessels and a video of the membrane tank being installed. These photos will be available at the next board meeting being held on June 1, 2009.

Mr. Allen also discussed with the Commissioners a dedication ceremony which would include the naming of the site and a ribbon cutting ceremony. The Commissioners will need to deliberate on naming the facility.

<u>Update on Water Main Project on Main Street/Coughlin Street/Taylor Road and Huckleberry</u> Lane

Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners of the existing Telecom duct bank that resides directly over the 10 inch cast iron water main on Main Street at the intersection of Main Street and Coughlin Street. The first part of the water main project is to tie-in a three-way gating system at that intersection. Due to the presence of the duct bank, the contractor had to deflect the pipe further into the Northbound travel lane using 45-degree bends to get them clear of the duct bank. This was accomplished on Monday, May 18, 2009. The contractor will begin laying water main down Coughlin Street on Tuesday, May 19, 2009.

NEW BUSINESS

Execute Bonds for Water Main Project

Mrs. Bates moved to award Eastern Bank to issue \$565,000 in bonds, on the basis of its bid that was submitted for a rate of 1.9% for 1 year. Mr. Parenti moved to accept the bid and Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The Commissioners were all in favor of approving the bid from Eastern Bank.

Update on Hiring of New Environmental Compliance Manager

Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that a candidate has been selected for the position of Environmental Compliance Manager. Matthew Mostoller, previously with the Town of Concord, accepted the position of Environmental Compliance Manager and will start on June 1, 2009. Mr. Mostoller will be able to do some training with Mrs. Ceraso, whose last day will be on June 12, 2009.

Plans are currently being formulated for a farewell party for Mrs. Ceraso the second week in June.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. The Commissioners unanimously voted to move into Executive Session. A roll call vote was taken and all were in favor.

Mr. Parenti moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8.45 p.m.