



# Water Supply District of Acton

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Commissioners Meeting  
Water Supply District of Acton  
Meeting Minutes  
June 21, 2010

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The regular bi-monthly meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. on Monday, June 21, 2010 at the Acton Water District Office by Mr. Stephen Stuntz.

Present: Commissioners Stephen Stuntz, Ronald Parenti, and Leonard Phillips. District Manager Chris Allen, Treasurer/Collector Mary Jo Bates, District Counsel Mary Bassett, Environmental Manager Matthew Mostoller, Commissioners Secretary Lynn Protasowicki. Finance Committee member(s) David Butler and Chuck Bradley. Also in attendance: Mary Michelman representing ACES and John Cipar representing WLMAC.

## **A. Comments from Citizens**

There were no comments from citizens at this evening's meeting.

## **B. Approval of Minutes from June 7, 2010 Meeting**

Mr. Stuntz moved to accept minutes of the meeting held on June 7, 2010 and Mr. Parenti seconded the motion. The Commissioners were all in favor of approving the minutes.

## **C. Old Business**

### Update on Nitrate Testing at School Street

Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that drilling of the geoprobes for nitrate testing was completed. The sample results are currently non-validated. These results will need to go to a lab to validate the findings. As of today nitrates are definitely coming from residences, agricultural field and commercial buildings in the area. There are multiple points of contribution. The degree of contribution from each source will be more evident when the consultant, Weston & Sampson, direction of flow of recharge to the site.

The engineer will provide a report on the findings and provide recommendations on how to proceed.

### Update on Arlington Street Water Main Improvement

Mr. Allen stated to the Commissioners that there has not been much happening on the Arlington Street water main improvement due to a sub-contractor's saw breaking when saw-cutting the trench. The contractor procured another sub-contractor from Springfield and that contractor will begin working this week.

### Discussion of Waterless Fixtures

Mr. Mostoller provided an update to the Commissioners regarding waterless fixtures. In his research he found a report that was done by the State suggesting that installing waterless urinals in schools is not the best place because of little or no activity during the summer months. He stated that when toilets are not in use during summer months the liquid can break-down and/or congeal and then you are basically throwing out a good cartridge that would have had a life of 2-3 months (good situation) or every 6 weeks (bad situation). The cartridges cost \$50 each. Mr. Mostoller suggested that these fixtures are good for public buildings such as Town Hall, Public Library, Highway Department, and Fire Station. He stated that there is grant funding of up to \$50,000 towards the cost and installation of the fixtures. Each urinal costs \$300-\$500. He recommends that we should pursue and would need town buy-in. Need to promote the fact that these waterless fixtures are environmentally friendly, and would save the town on water use.

### Other Old Business

Mr. Phillips inquired about receiving any feedback from the ribbon cutting ceremony for the North Acton Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Allen stated that he has received positive feedback and that Waterline had written a press release.



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Mr. Stuntz inquired about Assabet Sand & Gravel's encroachment onto the Water District's Zone 1 property (Assabet Well). Mr. Allen stated that he has been in touch with the consultant, Acton Survey & Engineering, and the survey is to be done as soon as possible.

## **D. New Business**

### Execute Change Order #1 for Arlington Street Water Main Improvement

In this evening's Commissioners packets there is the change order for the Arlington Street water main improvement project. The change order quantifies the asphalt cutting, gravel importing, and trench cutting of the deeper paving which was not originally noticed during initial assessment by the boring sub-contractor. The change order extends the contract time 21-days, and adds an additional \$72,444 to the contract price to cover costs of unforeseen conditions with the existing hot top depth in excess of 12-inches. The contract currently only provides for a hot top depth of 6-inches.

Mr. Stuntz motioned to accept change order #1 for the Arlington Street water main improvement project and Mr. Parenti seconded the motion. The Commissioners were all in favor of change order #1.

### Execute Easement Agreement with Town of Acton for Sidewalk on Main Street

Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that the execution of the easement agreement with the Town of Acton for a new sidewalk on Main Street will need to be continued at the next meeting on July 19th. There are several terms and language in the agreement that are currently in edit form, and the agreement is not final format.

### Update on Leak Detection Survey Completed Spring 2010

Included in this evening's Commissioners packets is the summary regarding the system wide leak detection survey that was completed spring 2010. Mr. Allen reviewed with the Commissioners the findings of the survey. He noted that there were six service leaks detected and pinpointed throughout the entire system. Three of the six service leaks are on the main side of the curb stop valve. These service leaks are located at #8 Castle Drive, #342 Mass Ave., and #1 Piper Road. The remaining three service leaks are located at #8 Mohegan Road (leak on homeowner's side), #20 Lincoln Drive (curb stop needs to be locate), and the Concordian Motel (leak to be evaluated by Acton Water District personnel, who needs to access the meter to determine if the leak is after the meter or before).

In addition there are four hydrant leaks that were detected throughout the entire water system. Two of them have been repaired. The other two are located at the Town Highway garage and in front of the Conant well on Main Street.

Mr. Allen noted that all remaining locations that still need to be repaired should be addressed by mid-July.

### Other New Business

Mr. Allen presented to the Commissioners the warrant for the first pay requisition for Arlington Street water main improvement project. He stated that the numbers are correct and that the quantities had not been verified by the engineer. The Commissioners all signed the warrant.

## **E. Executive Session**

The Commissioners entered into executive session to discuss pending litigation of Knox Trail eminent domain taking, by a roll call vote, at 8:15 p.m. and ended the session at 8:50 p.m. They resumed the regular meeting to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Stuntz, seconded by Mr. Parenti and was unanimously approved.