

Water Supply District of Acton

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Commissioners Meeting
Water Supply District of Acton
Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2016

AGENDA:

- A. Comments from Citizens
- B. Approve Minutes of June 13th Meeting
- C. OLD BUSINESS:
 - 1. Nuclear Metals Superfund Update
 - 2. Update on the Indian Village Water Main Improvement Project
 - 3. Update on Water Management Act Permit Renewal
- D. NEW BUSINESS:
 - Any agenda item(s) which did not come to the attention of the Board of Water Commissioners 48 hours prior to this meeting and were not reasonably anticipated.

The Board of Water Commissioners meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. on Monday, June 27, 2016 at the Acton Water District Office by Mr. Stephen Stuntz.

Present at Tonight's Meeting

Commissioners: Ron Parenti, Stephen Stuntz (Chairman)
District Manager: Chris Allen
District Treasurer: Mary Jo Bates
District Counsel: Mary Bassett
Environmental Manager: Matthew Mostoller
Commissioners Secretary: Lynn Protasowicki
Finance: Committee: Bill Guthlein
WLMAC: Barry Rosen
Acton Board of Selectmen: Janet Adachi

A. Comments from Citizens

None

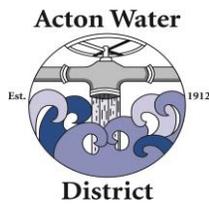
B. Approve Minutes of June 13th Meeting

Mr. Parenti moved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on June 13, 2016, Mr. Stuntz seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Nuclear Metals Superfund Update:

Special Environmental Counsel Meeting with MA DEP: Mr. Allen provided an update to the Commissioners on the Nuclear Metals Superfund site. On June 15, 2016, Counselor John Shea met with Commissioner Marty Suuberg regarding drinking water provision and enclosed in tonight's packets to the Commissioners is a list of all the major points that were addressed at that meeting. A meeting will be scheduled in July to begin discussion of Point Of Entry treatment (POE) system for the remediation of 1,4-Dioxane located at the South Acton Water Treatment Plant.



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Site access agreement for 16 Knox Trail: Counsel presented a draft of the access agreement for review by the Commissioners. Mr. Allen explained that a test well is proposed just outside the Zone 1 of the Assabet 1A well to determine extraction rates and monitor water quality and groundwater levels. The final Extraction well location will attempt to intercept the 1,4-Dioxane plume moving toward the Assabet 1A well. The District has its own concerns about the proposed treatment and prefers the POE treatment which is not an option in the Superfund program that only addresses waste site cleanup.

DeMaximis' work plan for well installation, test pumping & aquifer restoration: Initially the plan is to discharge treated water to Assabet River. That part of the plan is yet to be approved by the EPA and DEP. Test pumping waste will be pumped in storage Frac Tanks to be analyzed and a determination made on the final disposition of the pumping effluent.

Mr. Allen met with Onyx on June 24, 2016 and they will do the site grading to flatten the entire site and fill in the detention pond from the prior Assabet Sand & Gravel operation. The installation of the Extraction Well will be done after the site grading is complete.

2. Update on the Indian Village Water Main Improvement Project.

Results of bid opening on Friday, June 17th: Mr. Allen briefed the Commissioners on the status of the bid opening results for the Indian Village and Littlefield Road water main renewal project. Mr. Allen stated that the roads included in this project are Littlefield, Agawam, Mohegan, Seminole, Quaboag, Sioux, Freedom Farm & Olde Barne. N. Granese & Sons from Salem, MA won the bid. However, neither that company nor their subcontractor, Green Mountain Pipeline, was qualified to do the work based on experience criteria in the bid specification that dictated 10-years and 750,000-linear feet of Cure In Place Pipe (CIPP) completed in North America. Through Wright-Pierce, the engineering consultant, it was determined that N. Granese wanted to change the pipe lining subcontractor to Aqua Rehab, but MGL Chapter 30B states they cannot change any provisions of the bid after the bid opening, thus, Mr. Allen disqualified their bid. However, due to public works construction being governed by MGL Ch. 30 Sect. 39M, Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that N. Granese & Sons filed a formal protest with the MA Attorney General's office. If the project is re-bid, the protest will probably be cancelled.

Sanexen, the parent company of Aquapipe, also bid on the project, and was the second lowest bidder. Mr. Allen explained that he and Wright-Pierce believe that Aquapipe should be used as a proprietary specification for the District for CIPP projects, and he explained the reasons why. Mr. Allen will reduce the reasoning to writing for the project file.

Recommendation of Award for project contract: Mr. Allen stated that at this time he does not have a Recommendation of Award for the project contract. He will most likely cancel this bid and rebid the project with a reduced scope based on the bid results. As the project is now delayed, Mr. Allen plans to scope the project with 3-5 roads, rather than all 8 as originally planned. Since financial limitations only permit the completion of the five priority roads, Agawam, Sioux, Littlefield, Mohegan and Quaboag, this will be the project scope. The hope is to have the project completed prior to the November 15th deadline for utility work in the public right of way.

Mr. Stuntz moved to approve that the District adopt a proprietary specification for CIPP projects that only Aquapipe be used for relining water mains. Mr. Parenti seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

3. Update on Water Management Act Permit Renewal.

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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Mr. Allen provided an update on the Water Management Act Permit renewal. He informed the Commissioners that there appears to be some confusion with the regulators regarding water management permits. Our permit is delayed until 2018 unless the District goes back to the regulators and asks for a brand new permit.

Mr. Stuntz moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm and it was unanimously approved.