

**Board of Water Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
Acton Water District
693 Massachusetts Avenue, Acton, MA
Monday, June 28, 2021**

Pursuant to Governor Baker’s March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor ’s March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting was conducted via Zoom.

AGENDA

- A. Comments from Citizens
- B. Approve minutes from meeting of 6/14/21
- C. Appoint one Commissioner to approve warrants while conducting meetings virtually

D. OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Update on Per- and Poly-Fluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS).
 - Notice of Non-Compliance from MA DEP
 - Current sample data, if available
 - Any updates or discussion from PFAS Working Group
- 2. Update on proposed solar arrays off Lawsbrook Road & Knox Trail

E. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) for 2020
- 2. Meeting schedule for July-December 2021

Present at Tonight’s Meeting:

Commissioners: Erika Amir-Lin, Barry Rosen (Chair), Stephen Stuntz

District Manager: Chris Allen

District Treasurer: Mary Jo Bates

District Counsel: Mary Bassett

Environmental Manager: Matthew Mostoller

Finance Committee: Chuck Bradley

Citizens:

Ron Parenti

Victoria Selesnik

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM on Monday, June 14, 2021 by Mr. Barry Rosen.

A. Comments from Citizens

There were no comments from citizens.

B. Approve Minutes from Meeting of 5/24

Mr. Stuntz motioned to approve the minutes of June 14, 2021. Ms. Amir-Lin seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by a roll call vote:

Ms. Amir-Lin, yes Mr. Stuntz, yes Mr. Rosen, yes

C. Appoint One Commissioner to Approve Warrants While Conducting Meetings Virtually

Mr. Rosen motioned to appoint Ms. Amir-Lin as the Commissioner to approve warrants while conducting meetings virtually. Mr. Stuntz seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by a roll call vote:

Ms. Amir-Lin, yes Mr. Stuntz, yes Mr. Rosen, yes

D. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Update on Per- and Poly-Fluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS).

Mr. Allen informed the Board that the District has received a Notice of Non Compliance from MA DEP for the North Acton Treatment Plant. The quarterly average of PFAS concentration for the first quarter exceeded the 20 ppt. A response is required within 30 days, July 9, 2021, with a plan to address the problem. Mr. Allen indicated that the District has altered pumping schemes, and that the May sample was at 19.9 ppt. Mr. Mostoller informed the Board that the plant is currently not serving water to customers. June sample results have not been received yet. The South Acton treatment plant sample for May was 16 ppt.

Mr. Allen updated the Board on the progress of the PFAS working group. Currently, they are researching alternate supply, including bottle filling stations, rebates to those in the sensitive sub-population for purchase of bottled water, and temporary treatment for the North Acton treatment plant. Ms. Selesnick asked if there were considering rebates for treatment for residents. Mr. Allen indicated that currently that is not being discussed.

2. Update on the proposed solar arrays off Lawsbrook Road & Knox Trail

Mr. Allen provided an update on the solar projects. EDF will be mobilizing to the Lawsbrook Road site within the next 2 weeks. Construction is expected to be completed by the end of 2021, with commissioning in early 2022. The alternate on bill credit agreement is still under negotiation. The Knox Trail site is in the conceptual design phase. The Lawsbrook Road site will be completed first and then they will move on to Knox Trail. The PILOT for Knox Trail still needs to be negotiated with the Town of Acton. It will be a direct municipal benefit for the Knox Trail site, as the District will take all of the power generated. This should simplify the PILOT negotiation.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Annual Consumer Confidence Report(CCR) for 2020

Mr. Allen informed the Board that the CCR has been published and all customers were notified that it is available.

Mr. Rosen observed that he has seen violations of the lawn watering program and asked what can be done to get customers to comply. All customers with an email on file have received notice of the lawn watering program. There is a message on all the bills, which will be out the first week in July. Mr. Allen will ask the Town of Acton to advertise on their electronic sign boards. Mr. Allen said that employees regularly police for violators, usually in the early morning hours. Customer are warned, then fined, starting at \$50 and escalating to \$200. There are also a number of private irrigation wells in town. Mr. Mostoller reminded the Board that with the Water Management Act Permit up for renewal this year, the irrigation program may be impacted.

2.Meeting Schedule for July – December 2021

Mr. Allen presented the schedule for the remainder of 2021. The schedule currently lists 2 meetings a month for the summer, due to the ongoing PFAS issues.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has extended the option of virtual meetings through April 2022. The Board will continue with remote meetings until that time.

Mr. Stuntz motioned to adjourn the open meeting at 7:55 pm. Ms. Amir-Lin seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by a roll call vote:

Ms. Amir-Lin,yes Mr. Stuntz,yes Mr. Rosen, yes