

Board of Water Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
693 Massachusetts Avenue
Monday, July 17, 2017

- A. Comments from Citizens
- B. Approve Minutes of June 12th Meeting
- C. OLD BUSINESS
 - 1. Update on Solar Project Status at 16 Knox Trail & 62 Lawsbrook Road
 - 2. Request from Town of Concord for Reconsideration of Water Supply from the District's System to its Bus Maintenance Facility off Knox Trail
- D. NEW BUSINESS
 - 1. Indian Village & Littlefield Road Water Main Improvement
 - Review of proposed construction schedule for water main improvements on Agawam, Mohegan, Quaboag, Sioux, Seminole and Littlefield using Aquapipe beginning in mid-July.

Present at Tonight's Meeting:

Commissioners: Ron Parenti, Stephen Stuntz
District Manager: Chris Allen
District Treasurer: Mary Jo Bates
District Counsel: Mary Bassett
Commissioners Secretary: Lynn Protasowicki
Finance Committee: Bill Guthlein
Town of Acton Selectmen: Janet Adachi

Citizen: Tara Friedrichs

The Board of Water Commissioners meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM on Monday, July 17, 2017 at the Acton Water District office by Mr. Stephen Stuntz.

A. Comments from Citizens:

No comments from citizens tonight.

B. Approve Minutes of June 12th Meeting:

Mr. Stuntz made a motion to approve the minutes of June 12, 2017. It was seconded by Mr. Parenti and unanimously approved.

C. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Update on Solar Project Status at 16 Knox Trail & 62 Lawsbrook Road.

Mr. Allen mentioned that since the last time this topic was brought up at open meeting a few things have transpired regarding Margaret Campbell and the two grants. The grant for solar with storage was not submitted because she could not get a third party commitment; however she did apply for the Micro-grid feasibility grant, maximum amount is \$75k. Document in tonight's packet to Commissioners shows the conceptual array at Lawsbrook Road (3.5 megawatt installation). There is some discussion with Town of Acton officials around establishment of walking trails and parking on the northeasterly parcel at 16 Knox for passive recreation. Mr. Allen stated that he asked DEP about solar in zone 1 & 2 and it wouldn't be a problem, the battery storage unit would preferably be located outside zone 1 (most of it is zone 2 - 16 Knox Trail). How to manage storage in Zones I & II is currently being contemplated by the regulators. They are waiting to hear about the application grant to fund feasibility study for the micro grid (not sure how long it will take).

2. Request from Town of Concord for Reconsideration of Water Supply from the District's System to its Bus Maintenance Facility off Knox Trail.

Enclosed in tonight's packet to the Commissioners is a letter from Richard Reine, Concord Public Works Director, requesting the District to reconsider supplying water to Concord's bus facility at 37 Knox Trail. In the letter, Mr. Reine is requesting that the Commission permit this connection under Article I of the District's regulations allowing emergency supply of water. Mr. Allen noted that the regulation is for an interconnection during an emergency and that Concord is requesting a permanent connection to the District's system to service its property in Concord.

Counselor Bassett suggested that Mr. Allen request from Mr. Reine any new data that can be shared with the District for its consideration and review. Mr. Stuntz stated that WLMAC should review the request and make its recommendation to the full board.

Mr. Allen stated that if the District wanted to move forward with this request that it would need to be put on a warrant for next spring 2018.

D. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Indian Village & Littlefield Road Water Main Improvement.

-Review of proposed construction schedule for water main improvements on Agawam, Mohegan, Quaboag, Sioux, Seminole and Littlefield using Aquapipe beginning in mid-July.

Enclosed in tonight's packet to the Commissioners is a copy of the construction schedule for the Indian Village and Littlefield Road water main improvement. Mr. Allen mentioned that the entire project should take 88 days (from ground breaking to restoration). He stated that 18 hydrants being replaced. There will not be a lot of police details (low impact). Borrowing a million dollars short term. \$2.19 million project.

2. Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that low level flushing will begin in North Acton mostly at dead-end streets for maintenance of water quality.

Mr. Stuntz moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 pm and it was unanimously approved.