



# Water Supply District of Acton

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Commissioners Meeting  
Water Supply District of Acton  
Meeting Minutes  
July 20, 2015

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## Agenda:

- A. Comments from Citizens
  - \*Residents of 143 Summer Street for Abatement Request
- B. Approve Minutes from the June 1<sup>st</sup> Meetings
- C. OLD BUSINESS:
  - 1. South Acton Water Treatment Plant Project Update.
  - 2. Nuclear Metals/Starmet Superfund Site in Concord.
- D. NEW BUSINESS:
  - 1. Massachusetts Water Works Association (MWWA) Tenancy at 693 Massachusetts Avenue Property.

The Board of Water Commissioners meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. on Monday, July 20, 2015 at the Acton Water District Office by Mr. Ronald Parenti.

## Present at Tonight's Meeting:

Commissioners: Ronald Parenti (Chair), Leonard Phillips, Stephen Stuntz  
District Manager: Chris Allen  
District Counsel: Mary Bassett  
District Treasurer: Mary Jo Bates  
Environmental Manager: Matthew Mostoller  
Commissioners Secretary: Lynn Protasowicki  
Finance Committee: William Guthlein & Bill Mullin

## A. Comments from Citizens

Residents of 143 Summer Street were not present at tonight's meeting. Mr. Allen will invite them to the August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. They did call earlier in the day, and inform Mr. Allen of their inability to attend.

## B. Approve Minutes from the June 1st Meeting

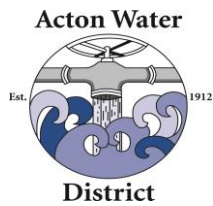
Mr. Stuntz moved to accept minutes of the meeting held on June 1, 2015 and Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

## C. OLD BUSINESS:

### 1. South Acton Water Treatment Plant Project Update.

Mr. Allen provided an update of the South Acton Water Treatment Plant project to the Commissioners. He informed them that the plant has been online now since May 11<sup>th</sup> and overall it's operating pretty well with some minor issues to still be worked through. He mentioned that the 12" Combined Filtrate flow meter and 12" Filtrate back pressure valve are two of the items that they are working with Pall to get rectified. Although these items were confirmed during design by Pall, the filter manufacturing company, they have not worked properly. He stated that the MassDEP provided them with the final certification for the construction of the new South Acton Water Treatment Plant (a copy has been enclosed in tonight's packet to the Commissioners). The plant is currently pumping at a rate of 820 gallons/minute. He stated that a tracer study still needs to be done for

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regulatory disinfection compliance He informed the Commissioners that there was a large main break on June 28<sup>th</sup> on Parker Street which caused disruption in the system. The break happened at 4:30 in the morning and was fixed and back on line by 11 p.m.

## 2. Nuclear Metals Inc. (NMI)/Starmet Superfund Site in Concord.

Mr. Mostoller provided an update to the Commissioners regarding the Nuclear Metals/Starmet Superfund site in Concord. He let them know that he and Ray Talkington of Geosphere had a meeting on July 2<sup>nd</sup> with MassDEP regarding the groundwater investigation plan. The DEP has allocated \$800,000 for an assessment to be done on the property. He stated that they plan to start drilling for installation of monitoring wells for water quality testing in August and be wrapped up by September. Mr. Allen executed a site access agreement only for this purpose. Any long-term stationing of pumping equipment at 16 Knox Trail would require a separate agreement to be accepted by the Board of Water Commissioners. Mr. Mostoller stated that the District requested that EPA and MassDEP look at the 1-4,dioxane more broadly and how it's impacting District land. On July 16<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Mostoller, Ray Talkington and Counselor John Shea attended a site meeting at Nuclear Metals at which discussion ensued about any treatment of the contamination being about a year out, pending authorization through the Superfund program. The Record of Decision (ROD) for the site is still expected in September of this year.

Mr. Mostoller stated that deMaximis is proposing 22 new monitoring wells to be installed, with 9 being on District property. It is expected that the extraction wells, when in service, will yield approximately 40-50 gallons per minute.

### Next Steps:

- Waiting for assessment work to start
- Waiting on response letter from EPA regarding 1-4,dioxane

### Other Old Business:

*Brown Water in South Acton:* Mr. Parenti asked Mr. Allen if the brown water issue is getting any better. Mr. Allen stated yes, that they are receiving less complaints however they do still have regular conversations with certain residents who experience brown water on occasion. It is being addressed on a case-by-case basis.

## **D. NEW BUSINESS:**

### 1. Massachusetts Water Works Association (MWWA) Tenancy at 693 Massachusetts Avenue Property.

Enclosed in tonight's packets to the Commissioners is a copy of the "Tenant-At-Will" Agreement between Acton Water District and MWWA that was signed and dated back in 2007. Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that MWWA would like to do some cosmetic upgrades to the space that they currently occupy. He further stated that he received a call from the MWWA Treasurer, Matt Pearson, who asked about entering into a long-term lease since they are about to invest approximately \$30k into the building. The desire to enter into a lease was introduced by MWWA to protect their interests. Mr. Allen informed them of the requirements of "Use of Real Property" per MA procurement law. Counselor Bassett stated that the current situation is acceptable given the nature of MWWA's role in supporting Public Water Suppliers, including the District, in the state. He is awaiting return contact by MWWA representation to confirm their desires in regard to their tenancy, and will keep the Commissioners informed.

*Mr. Parenti moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. and it was unanimously voted.*

Next Meeting: Monday, August 10, 2015

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