

Water Supply District of Acton

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Commissioners Meeting
Water Supply District of Acton
Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2013

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- Agenda:**
- A. Comments from Citizens
 - B. Approve Minutes of September 24th meeting
 - C. OLD BUSINESS:
 - 1. Update on Hayward Road & Stow Street Water Main Improvement
 - 2. Update on Assabet Sand & Gravel Property Acquisition
 - 3. Discussion of Shutdown of the Northeast Area Remedial Action at the WR Grace Superfund Site in South Acton
 - D. NEW BUSINESS: No New Business tonight.

The regular bi-monthly meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 7, 2013 at the Acton Water District Office by Mr. Stephen Stuntz.

Present at Tonight's Meeting:

Commissioners: Ronald Parenti, Leonard Phillips, and Stephen Stuntz (Chairman)
District Manager: Chris Allen
Treasurer/Collector: Mary Jo Bates
District Counselor: Mary Bassett
Environmental Manager: Matthew Mostoller
Commissioners Secretary: Lynn Protasowicki
Finance Committee Member(s): David Butler
WLMAC: Barry Rosen and Paul Malchodi

A. Comments from Citizens

There were no comments from citizens at tonight's meeting.

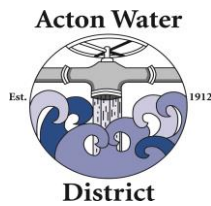
B. Approval of Minutes from September 24th Meetings

Mr. Stuntz moved to accept minutes of the meeting held on September 24, 2013 and Mr. Parenti seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on Hayward Road & Stow Street Water Main Improvement.

Mr. Allen provided an update to the Commissioners on Hayward Road and Stow Street water main improvement. He informed the Commissioners that he had a progress meeting last week with Wright-Pierce, the engineer, and Onyx Corp., the contractor. The project is three weeks behind schedule due to many unforeseen issues. Onyx is planning to start on the second phase of the water main improvement project on Stow Street. Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that the District has received many complaints from the community regarding the trench restoration. It is the goal of the contractor to be completed with this project by November 15th.



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2. Update on Assabet Sand & Gravel Property Acquisition.

Enclosed in the packets to the Commissioners are some email threads from Counselor Bassett to Attorney Howard D'Amico regarding the closing on 16 Knox Trail. Mr. Allen provided an update for the Commissioners on the Assabet Sand & Gravel property acquisition. He stated that the closing was originally scheduled for September 22nd, and then moved to October 1st, and then October 4th and now it's currently scheduled for October 10th. At the time of the inspection on September 20th, there were no keys available to do the inspection of the buildings. Counselor Bassett stated that tomorrow after (10/8), they hope to have the keys for this inspection. Bank has not filed a foreclosure deed to take possession of the property. They would like Acton Water District to handle this. Counselor Bassett had another outside attorney review some documents that Attorney D'Amico's office sent her. She is also having this attorney prepare a settlement statement.

3. Discussion of Shutdown of the Northeast Area Remedial Action at the W.R. Grace Superfund Site in South Acton.

Enclosed in the packets to the Commissioners is the correspondence from TetraTech, Town of Acton, US Environmental Protection Agency, Acton Water District, and de Maximis, Inc. regarding the shutdown of the W.R. Grace Superfund site in South Acton. Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that the Town of Acton filed a lawsuit against W.R. Grace over the company's shutting down of a ground-water pumping and treatment system that was put in place to remove chemical contaminants allegedly flowing from its hazardous waste site in South Acton. Mr. Allen and Matthew Mostoller agree that the operation of the Northeast Area treatment could be suspended. The District recommended that after a period of 6 months of the system being shutdown, additional groundwater monitoring should be completed to evaluate how the plume responds. Mr. Mostoller reiterated that that the District disagrees with the dismantling the treatment facility or abandoning the extraction and injection wells. Mr. Allen and Matthew Mostoller have strong concerns with the presence of 1,4-dioxane in the Northeast area. By keeping the infrastructure intact, the addition of an advanced oxidation process could help reduce concentrations of this contaminant associated with the migrating plume of VDC in this area. Mr. Allen, Mr. Mostoller and Commissioners agree that the big concern is the 1,4-dioxane in this area because it mixes readily with water, and how it will be treated.

Counselor Bassett stated that because the District signed a release with W.R. Grace many years ago stating that we would not sue them should issues arise, the District cannot be a part of the lawsuit that the Town of Acton has filed.

D. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that the Town of Concord is looking to acquire a parcel of land on Knox Trail in Acton for a bus depot. Mr. Allen stated that the land is outside the Zone II and because the purchase is through the Town of Acton there is very little that the District can do in terms of what the plan is for a building and storage of buses. He does have concerns with gas and oil and other contaminants from the buses flowing into groundwater. He stated that this acquisition is through the Town of Acton and will be going to vote at a Special Town Meeting.

Mr. Phillips made a motion to adjourn 8:45 p.m. and was unanimously approved.