

Board of Water Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
693 Massachusetts Avenue, Acton MA
Monday, November 13, 2017

A. Comments from Citizens

B. Approve Minutes of October 30th Meeting

C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Green Acton for Discussion of Concord's Amended Site Plan Permit for the Proposed Nagog Pond Water Treatment Plant

a. Public hearing scheduled for Monday, 11/20/17 with Acton Select board

D. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Update on Indian Village & Littlefield Road Water Main Improvement

a. Review of progress for water main improvements on Agawam, Mohegan, Quaboag, Sioux, and Seminole using Aquapipe re-lining technology

b. Contract change order for full replacement of water main on Littlefield Road with 8" ductile iron versus re-lining

2. Solar Project Request for Proposal (RFP)

a. Results of RFP submittals that closed on Friday, November 3rd

b. First meeting of the selection sub-committee scheduled for Thursday, 11/16/17

Present:

Commissioners: Ron Parenti, Leonard Phillips (Chairman), Stephen Stuntz

District Manager: Chris Allen

District Counsel: Mary Bassett

Commissioners Secretary: Lynn Protasowicki

Finance Committee: Bill Guthlein

WLMAC: John Cipar

Green Acton: Lucy Kirshner, 35 Parker Street

Citizens:

Kim Kastens, 294 Parker Road

Robert Sekuler, 17 Parkland Lane

The Board of Water Commissioners meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM on Monday, November 13, 2017 at the Acton Water District office by Mr. Phillips.

A. Comments from Citizens:

None

B. Approve Minutes of October 30th Meeting:

Mr. Stuntz made a motion to approve the minutes of October 30, 2017. It was seconded by Mr. Parenti and unanimously approved.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Green Acton for Discussion of Concord's Amended Site Plan Permit for the Proposed Nagog Pond Water Treatment Plant

a. Public hearing scheduled for Monday, 11/20/17, with Acton Select board:

Ms. Kastens, of 294 Pope Road, stated that she is speaking as an individual and not on behalf of Green Acton.

Mr. Parenti stated that with currently available information, we are not certain that the District wells would not be impacted if Concord started drawing more water, more consistently from Nagog pond.

Mr. Stuntz stated that he plans to speak at the meeting on behalf of the District and wants to educate the public on what the District does. And, will talk about the recommendations from last time and why we came up with those recommendations.

Ms. Kastens agreed that educating the public is very important and valuable. She is definitely in favor of more education to the people that are present at the meeting. She stated that Concord has twisted the words of the District. She wants to emphasize how important the comments of the District are at this meeting. She showed how Concord deleted the whole area of the water monitoring program from the original permit and took out the requirement to have regional conversation and legal basis of Acton's access to Nagog Pond.

Mr. Stuntz continues on to say that Nagog Pond is not a key component to the District's system. We have a well that we are not using, Assabet #3 Well that was received in the settlement with WR Grace.

Ms. Kastens stated that she spoke with Sarah Levin, of the US Geologic Survey (USGS), who wrote two reports (Firm Yield and Evaluation, 2011 Nagog has .86- million gallons per day (MGD)) and now the new one with a reservoir model and makes predictions of what happens downstream.

Ms. Kastens asked the Commissioners, "What has the District learned over time with the Conant I Well and the Nagog Pond connection. Mr. Stuntz replied, "We haven't learned anything because we haven't done any study."

Ms. Kastens stated that what she hopes the District will say at the meeting is "Don't have data, hard to predict and we favor collecting more data."

Mr. Sekuler mentioned that it is important for the District to let the Acton Selectmen know where the District stands and to inform them that Concord is misunderstanding and/or misrepresenting the District's comments regarding the Modified Special Permit Decision document.

Mr. Phillips stated the ultimate goal at the hearing is to convince the Acton Selectmen to not approve the permit.

Other New Business:

1. Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that the 2017 Annual Report will be due in January. Mr. Phillips will work on the Commissioners' report that is included in this report.

2. Mr. Allen polled the Commissioners regarding having a new meeting on 11/27 to talk about draft budget or to wait until the next meeting on December 11th. The Commissioners are fine with waiting until the December 11th.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Update on Indian Village & Littlefield Road Water Main Improvement

- a. Review progress for water main improvements on Agawam, Mohegan, Quaboag, Sioux, and Seminole using Aquapipe re-lining technology: Mr. Allen informed the Commissioner that the project is getting close to completion. He showed a photo of a failed liner that did not cure

properly. Aquapipe had to pull the whole liner out and re-line it. He stated that the project contractor, Onyx Corp. of Acton, sampled Mohegan, Seminole and Sioux for bacteria, it will be placed back in service if samples show absence of bacteria, and then all connections will be back in service.

- b. Littlefield Road Change Order from Onyx Corp. Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that the proposal for the change order is in the packets that the Commissioners received for tonight's meeting. The additions from the original project scope have been starred. Onyx Corp thinks it should take 10-14 days to complete. It costs \$25,000 more because of the additional roadway restoration from open-cut trenching. The backfill and pavement work are what is largely comprising this difference. Mr. Allen mentioned that Onyx is cutting Littlefield Road tomorrow and the residents have been notified of what is to come. The existing main will remain in service. The new main will be installed as close to existing main as possible without disrupting it. The ½ of the roadway (Approximately 11-foot wide) will be re-surfaced in the spring of 2018. The trench will be paved and allowed to settle over the winter.

2. Solar Project Request for Proposal (RFP)

- a. Results of RFP submittals that closed on Friday, November 3rd: Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that there were 10 RFPs submitted. Each was about 140 pages long. He was pleased with robust response. There were many national companies from San Francisco, North Carolina, New Jersey, and New York. The sub-committee will look at qualifications first before looking at the pricing.
- b. First meeting of the selection sub-committee scheduled for Thursday, 11/16: Mr. Allen mentioned that it will take some time to go through the submitted RFPs. Mr. Allen reminded the Commissioners that the sub-committee includes Stephen Stuntz (Commissioner), Bill Guthlein (Finance Committee), Mary Jo Bates (District Treasurer), Chris Allen (District Manager), and Matthew Mostoller (Environmental Manager) along with Counselor Mary Bassett and Margaret Campbell of MacLeod Energy Group acting as consultants.

Mr. Phillips moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM and it was unanimously approved.