

Commissioners Meeting  
Water Supply District of Acton  
693 Massachusetts Avenue  
Acton, MA 01720

November 19, 2007

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Minutes of November 19, 2007 Commissioners Meeting

Regular bi-monthly meeting. Present were Commissioners Parenti, Phillips, and Stuntz. Also in attendance were District Manager Chris Allen, Treasurer/Collector Mary J. Bates, District Counsel Mary Bassett, and Finance Committee Member Bill Kingman.

Residents attending the meeting from Indian Village:

Allen Bachrach	19 Oneida Road
Michael Bachrach	12 Oneida Road
Pamela Bachrach	12 Oneida Road
James Harrington	8 Oneida Road
Carol Mahoney	16 Oneida Road
John Mahoney	16 Oneida Road
Elizabeth Matson	17 Oneida Road

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 P.M.

## **Correspondence from Citizens in Indian Village Neighborhood Requesting Abatements**

Mr. Mahoney of 16 Oneida Road informed the Commissioners of the problem of brown water in his neighborhood and said that there has been 4-5 water main breaks in the past six months. He said that his ice maker had to be repaired at a cost of \$70.00 and he has been buying bottled water. Mrs. Mahoney stated that they have lived in Acton for 43 years and have never had this type of problem until the past five years.

Mr. Bachrach of 12 Oneida Road also stated the problems he has had with his filtration system, dishwasher, and ice maker. He feels that sediment is the cause of these problems.

The residents were informed of the estimated cost to repair the water mains in the Indian Village area which consisted of \$200.00 per linear foot. The cost for upgrades to three streets would be \$1.2M.

Mr. Mahoney of 16 Oneida Road asked if the Commissioners would consider supplying filters as an option to the Indian Village residents affected as they did for the South Acton residents. The residents were told that the problem in South Acton was a unique chemistry problem and a more extended period of time. Mr. Stuntz explained that the AWD didn't pay for the filters, but supplied abatement to the South Acton residents.

Ms. Matson of 17 Oneida asked how often testing is performed on the water and Mr. Allen replied that testing is done two times a month. Mr. Allen said that the water main replacement in Indian Village would be put to bid in the late winter 2008 and the upgrade of water main would be done in the spring of 2008. Mr. Allen felt that replacing the water mains would be a long term solution. He explained to the residents how the new piping will work.

Mr. Bachrach of 12 Oneida Road questioned how much water was lost during these breaks and Mr. Allen responded with hundreds to thousands of gallons. Mr. Bachrach thought that he was being charged for the water that was lost during the breaks and Mr. Phillips explained that the residents are only being charged for water that goes through the meter on their residence.

Mr. Mahoney asked the Commissioners what they will do for the residents now for reimbursement, i.e., will they give abatements. It was decided that the Commissioners will discuss what they feel is fair and respond to the residents with their decision.

## **Approve Minutes of October 15, 2007**

Mr. Phillips motioned to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 15, 2007 and Mr. Parenti seconded the motion. The Commissioners were all unanimously in favor of approving the minutes.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Update on Assabet #3**

Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners of the memo he received from the R. E. Chapman Company regarding the Assabet III Well inspection. The inspection was done on October 15,

2007 and a volume of sand was located at the bottom of the well. The sand was pumped out and testing will begin the week after the Thanksgiving Holiday and will take approximately 5 days.

### **Discussion of Land Sale Inside Conant I Zone II and Groundwater Protection Zoning By-Law**

Mr. Allen reviewed the report on Groundwater Protection Zoning By-Laws with the Commissioners which includes information on what can be constructed in Zone II. He said that there is currently no new information on this agenda item and that he has given Michael King an update.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Proposal from Stantec for Infrastructure Improvements in Indian Village**

Mr. Allen reviewed the proposal that he received from Stantec for the water main replacement costs in Indian Village. The total estimated cost would be \$1.2M consisting of \$307K for Seneca Road, \$300K for the Mohawk Drive Extension, and \$600K for Oneida Road. Mr. Parenti asked if there are other areas in Acton that will need to be updated and Mr. Allen responded that there are two water mains on Main Street and a water main near the Kennedy Well/Intersection of Route 2A that need to be updated.

Ms. Bassett said that funds would need to be appropriated for this project. Mr. Stuntz questioned if the AWD would have to wait until July for the funds and Ms. Bates responded that warrant article funds would be available immediately.

#### **Draft Agreement from Crown Castle for Perpetual Control of Great Hill Cell Tower**

Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that Crown Castle has sent a proposal for perpetual control of the Great Hill Cell Tower. This would be in lieu of annual rental payments, with the total paid upon execution of the agreement of \$408K. The Finance Committee will evaluate the proposal.

#### **Potential Land Purchase in Boxborough in Clapp-Whitcomb Zone II**

Mr. Allen reviewed the map of the area of land that will be for sale in Boxborough located at the Clapp-Whitcomb Zone II area. The AWD was contacted by the owner of the parcel. The Commissioners asked if the town owns any land outside of Acton and Mr. Allen responded that this would be the first. Ms. Bassett will investigate to see if there would be any problems with buying land outside the Town of Acton. Mr. Allen said that he will proceed with this project.

### **ADDITIONAL NEWS**

The December 3, 2007 Commissioners Meeting has been cancelled. The next Commissioners Meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 17, 2007. The Holiday Party is scheduled for Monday, December 10, 2007 at the Colonial Inn, Concord, MA.

Mr. Stuntz moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Phillips seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.