



# Water Supply District of Acton

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Board of Water Commissioners  
Meeting Agenda  
Monday, December 19, 2016

- A. Comments from Citizens
- B. Approve Minutes of November 14th Meeting
  
- C. OLD BUSINESS:
  - 1. Drought Status Update
  - 2. Town of Concord's Proposal to Construct a Water Treatment Plant on Nagog Pond in Acton  
Town of Concord's Response to the Acton Board of Selectmen
  
  - 3. Nuclear Metals Superfund Update
    - Update from meeting of 11/17 and plan for commencement of temporary extraction
    - Latest 1,4-dioxane sample results
    - Long-term access at 16 Knox Trail
  
  - 4. DRAFT Budget for FY 2018
    - Review of DRAFT budget and warrant articles for the 2018 Fiscal Year

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Any agenda item(s) which did not come to the attention of the Board of Water Commissioners 48 hours prior to this meeting and were not reasonably anticipated.

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#### Present at Tonight's Meeting:

Commissioners: Ronald Parenti, Stephen Stuntz (Chairman), Leonard Phillips  
District Manager: Chris Allen  
District Counsel: Mary Bassett  
District Treasurer: Mary Jo Bates  
District Environmental Manager: Matthew Mostoller  
Commissioners Secretary: Lynn Protasowicki  
Finance Committee: Bill Guthlein  
District Moderator: Richard O'Brien  
WLMAC: Barry Rosen

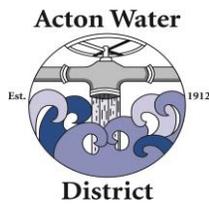
The Board of Water Commissioners meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm on Monday, December 19, 2016 at the Acton Water District office by Mr. Stephen Stuntz.

#### A. Comments from Citizens:

No comments at tonight's meeting.

#### B. Approve Minutes of November 14th Meeting:

Mr. Stuntz motioned to approve minutes of the November 14, 2016 meeting and Mr. Parenti seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.



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## C. OLD BUSINESS:

### 1. Drought Status Update

Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that on December 9, 2016 the state Drought Task Force met, and Central Massachusetts remains under a Drought Warning. The Task Force will meet again in approximately a month. The District utilized the Water Smart program to remind residents of continued indoor water conservancy. We will continue to maintain our website with current information. Mr. Allen mentioned that due to snow/rain/warming/melting there is an upward trend in the water table.

### 2. Town of Concord's Proposal to Construct a Water Treatment Plant on Nagog Pond in Acton

Town of Concord's response to the Acton Board of Selectmen: Mr. Allen hopes that the inter-town priorities surrounding Nagog Pond will remain a priority for Concord. He mentioned that the meeting held on December 14, 2016 has been continued to on, or around, January 18, 2017 (next public hearing) and the Acton Selectmen Board can take up to 90 days to deliberate and render a decision on Concord's application once the public hearing closes. The enclosed map in tonight's packets to the Commissioners shows the modified fence proposal significantly reducing the size of the fenced area that had been originally proposed. Mr. Allen stated that the District is acting based on assistance requested by the Acton Select board and will continue to do so moving forward.

### 3. Nuclear Metals Superfund Update

Update from meeting of 11/17 and plan for commencement of temporary extraction: Enclosed in the packets to the Commissioners is a response from Bruce Thompson of *de maximis, inc* regarding the 11/17 meeting with all the parties involved in the NMI Superfund clean-up. Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that *de maximis* will be moving forward with the installation and operation of a temporary pump and treat system noting that this temporary system will be in place until the permanent system is designed and constructed.

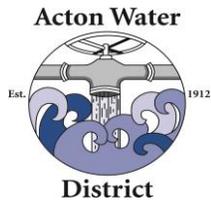
Latest 1,4-dioxane sample results: Enclosed in tonight's packets to the Commissioners is a summary of the sample results of 1,4-dioxane testing that was done in November 2016. Mr. Allen mentioned that anything above 3 Parts-per-Billion (ppb) was flagged (.3 is a guideline by the State of MA). The wells with high 1,4-dioxane include Assabet Well 1A & 2A combined and Lawsbrook. The current point of compliance is a running annual average of the South Acton Treatment Plant discharge into the distribution system, and that average is currently .268 ppb. Mr. Mostoller mentioned that a site specific risk assessment that was supposed to have been completed by Massachusetts Office of Research and Standards (MA ORS) has not been completed. This study will give the District a better indication of the health risks of our site specific conditions.

Long-term access at 16 Knox Trail: Mr. Allen stated that they have a short term access agreement currently with *de maximis* that expires on January 15, 2017. The long term access agreement, since it will be a rental agreement for real property, will need to go to vote before the residents of Acton at the District's Annual Meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup>. He expects to hear from the commercial appraiser, Gail Mann, after the New Year regarding the fair market value for the land lease. The treatment compound is a proposed 100' x 150' fenced area to be located on the District's property at 16 Knox Trail (Formerly Assabet Sand & Gravel).

Mr. Mostoller mentioned that another local stake holder meeting will hopefully take place the third week in January and would be to get local comment.

### 4. DRAFT Budget for FY 2018

Review of DRAFT budget and warrant articles for the 2018 Fiscal Year (FY): Enclosed in tonight's packets to the Commissioners are current drafts of both the budget and warrant articles for the coming FY. Mr.



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Allen mentioned that they will add a warrant article associated with the lease with *de maximis*. He informed the Commissioners that the only modification to the budget since the last review of it was the raising of "Information Reports" line item expense to pay the annual fee to WaterSmart and a proportional reduction in the "Meters" line item due to the current metering technology upgrade effort winding down. The Finance Committee has not approved the budget yet they are still reviewing. Mr. Allen stated that they will look to approve the budget and warrant by the open meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

District Counsel drafted the verbiage for the warrant articles and will have a current draft prepared for January 9th meeting for the Commissioners to review and approve.

*Mr. Stuntz moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm and it was unanimously approved.*