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WLMAC MEETING NOTES OF FEBRUARY 11, 2014

Documents: Any documents utilized during this meeting are either included in these minutes and/or can be examined at the District offices during regular business hours.

Present: John Cipar, Paul Malchodi, Barry Rosen, Matthew Mostoller (AWD Environmental Compliance Manager), John Sonner (Board of Selectman Liaison)

Note Taker(s): Paul Malchodi, Barry Rosen

Chairperson: Barry Rosen

Called To Order: The chairperson called the meeting to order on February 11, 2014 at 7:45 PM. A quorum was present.

New Business:

1. Approval of Minutes:

- 1.1. On a motion by Mr. Malchodi which was seconded by Mr. Cipar, the committee voted unanimously to accept the minutes of January 28, 2014 as presented.
- 1.2. On a motion by Mr. Malchodi which was seconded by Mr. Cipar, the committee voted unanimously to accept the minutes of February 3, 2014 as presented.

2. Date/Time of Next Meeting:

- 2.1. The committee decided that it would be necessary to hold an additional meeting (3rd meeting) in February prior to the next meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners. The next meeting of the WLMAC will be held on MONDAY, February 24, 2014 beginning at 6:30 PM in the AWD HQ Conference Room. [This is just prior to the meeting of the Board.]
- 2.2. FUTURE MEETING CHANGES: Because of a conflict that will occur on Tuesdays for one of the members, the committee decided to change the day of the week of all future meetings. Beginning in March, the WLMAC will attempt to hold its regular meetings on Thursdays except for additional meetings as needed. In March, the first meeting will take place on March 13, 2014 beginning at 7:30 PM at the AWD HQ. All meetings will begin at 7:30 PM and be held in the AWD HQ conference room. The future meeting schedule for the remainder of 2014 is as follows:

- March 13
- April 10
- May 8
- June 12
- July 10
- August 14
- September 11
- October 9
- November 13
- December 11

3. Decision on Continuing Work on Articles For Publication:

- 3.1. The committee was not certain whether or not it would continue its work on writing a series of articles for publication. It will consider this in the future.
- 3.2. Mr. Mostoller mentioned to the members that Drinking Water Week is observed in early May. He believes that it is the first week. He thinks that a water article written for that week, particularly by a person not employed by the District, would have a good possibility of being published in *The Beacon* newspaper. Mr. Malchodi believes that he would have the time to do this and will try to write something for it.

4. Discussion of AWD Commissioners Request For Multi-Stage Bylaw Change:

- 4.1. At the last AWD Board meeting, Mr. Stunz stated that during a meeting he had with Mr. Ledoux, it was clear that any changes to the source water protection bylaw would have to be done in two stages to get it passed by TM. He explained that the first submission for any change would have to be a simple one that did not require a great deal of explanation.
- 4.2. Mr. Rosen recounted a telephone conversation that he had with Mr. Clymer (Chair, Planning Board) on Monday (2/10). The purpose was to help the PB get up-to-speed on the Knox Trail situation and to ask how the AWD and WLMAC could best work with the Acton PB to modify a source water protection bylaw (section 4.3). *[Section 4.3 may be viewed on the WLMAC section of the AWD web site.]* Mr. Clymer explained that the PB was mildly aware of the Knox Trail situation but had not been involved at all. He explained to Mr. Rosen what would have to be done to change a zoning bylaw and offered his assistance if we are going to move forward. The timing is critical here as the PB must provide notice of and conduct a public hearing on any zoning bylaw change.
- 4.3. The committee decided to move forward and continue its work on a proposed zoning bylaw change.

5. Announcement: Mr. Malchodi wanted to make the WLMAC aware of the death of a water district employee in Natick who was killed by a backhoe while working on the job. The details of the accident were not clear as of this meeting. He wanted it noted that we care about the safety of our water district employees. The committee observed that our District employees work hard we know that it is not a picnic to be repairing a water main in this freezing weather.

Old Business:

6. Continue Work on Zoning Water Protection Bylaw: The members continued their discussion and work on creating a simplified zoning bylaw proposal. Mr. Malchodi reviewed the previous work that had been agreed by the committee and we looked for the least number of changes in the existing bylaw that would provide more protection particularly in zone 3. The only point of contention was whether any amount of petroleum product(s) should be allowed to be stored in a zone 3. If so, what is an acceptable maximum quantity of product allowed on a parcel? A compromise was reached on this difference of opinion without bloodshed.

7. Recommendations to the AWD Board of Water Commissioners:

Mr. Malchodi moves and Mr. Cipar seconds a motion that the Acton Zoning Bylaw section 4.3 be modified as follows:

In Table 4.3.7.1 modify sub-paragraph 6 to read:

“STORAGE of liquid petroleum products for purposes other than heating the premises on which it is located.”

Zone 1 NO, Zone 2 NO, Zone 3 Yes

In Table 4.3.7.1, add new sub-paragraph tentatively numbered 26, reading

“STORAGE of liquids: petroleum products, cleaning chemicals, detergents, antifreeze solutions, solvents, swimming pool treatment chemicals, in aggregate quantities exceeding 90 gallons, for purposes other than heating the premises on which it is located”

Zone 1 No, Zone 2 No, Zone 3 No

In Table 4.3.7.1 change Sub Paragraph 13 to read

“STORAGE outside of a building of Fertilizer, Pesticide, Herbicide or deicing chemicals”

Zone 1 No, Zone 2 No, Zone 3, No

Add a new sub paragraph tentatively numbered 27: “Storage outside of a building of animal manure, soil conditioner, or compost”

zone 1, N, zone 2, N zone 3 Y

The motion passes unanimously.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Mr. Malchodi and seconded by Mr. Cipar, the committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 PM ET on February 11, 2014.