



# Water Supply District of Acton

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## WLMAC MEETING NOTES OF DECEMBER 10, 2013

**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:** Paul Malchodi, Charles Olmstead, Barry Rosen, John Cipar, Matthew Mostoller (AWD Environmental Compliance Manager)

**Note Taker(s):** Paul Malchodi, Barry Rosen

**Chairperson:** Barry Rosen

**Called To Order:** The chairperson called the meeting to order on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 7:50 PM ET. A quorum was present.

### **New Business:**

#### 1. Approval of Minutes:

- 1.1. October 24, 2013: On a motion by Mr. Olmstead which was seconded by Mr. Malchodi, the revised minutes were approved unanimously.
- 1.2. November 12, 2013: On a motion by Mr. Olmstead which was seconded by Mr. Cipar, the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.
- 1.3. November 18, 2013: On a motion by Mr. Olmstead which was seconded by Mr. Malchodi, the minutes were approved unanimously.

#### 2. Date/Time of Meetings:

- 2.1. Next Meeting Date: The committee reviewed their calendars and decided that the next meeting of the WLMAC will take place on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 in the AWD conference room.
- 2.2. Meeting Schedule for 2014: The committee reviewed the list of proposed meeting dates for 2014. Mr. Cipar makes a motion that the meeting schedule as presented be adopted by the WLMAC. The motion is seconded by Mr. Olmstead. The motion is passed unanimously.

### **Old Business:**

#### 3. Review/Discussion of 55/55R Knox Trail Pending Purchase by Concord:

- 3.1. Mr. Malchodi, who attended and spoke at the Concord STM, provided his perspective of what took place.
- 3.2. The members discussed whether there was more to say about the situation since we had provided some of our thoughts at the last meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners. Mr. Olmstead said that we provided our thoughts and they can choose or not choose to use our ideas. Mr. Malchodi concurred. The consensus was that we did have a message that we wanted to be heard if the AWD was going to be active in protecting the water supply.
- 3.3. Mr. Olmstead indicated that Concord's consultant, Mike Webster, stated that the water flow in the parcel in question flows away from our wells. Mr. Malchodi pointed-out that based upon what we know of the wells' history, all of the water does not flow in the same direction. Water flow is affected by the water table height and the amount of pumping by many wells in the aquifer—all of which have substantial variation. Mr. Mostoller concurred that the site presents varied ground water flows.
- 3.4. Mr. Malchodi would like to see a requirement that septage be tested for contaminants that the AWD is required to test for their presence. He would like to see this in commercial and industrial pump-outs. Mr. Mostoller said that the testing of the leaching fields would also work.
- 3.5. Mr. Rosen indicated that he would prefer to see a short term plan to stop Concord from utilizing the Knox Trail parcels completely, if at all possible. He suggested a number of different methods that might be employed by the AWD and/or the Town of Acton. He also agreed that a longer term solution that would more permanently address better protection of Acton's ground water supply need to be put into place.
- 3.6. Depending upon how the Board of Water Commissioners decides to deal with Concord, Mr. Rosen may ask to present some of his thoughts as an individual.
- 3.7. The consensus of the WLMAC was summed-up by Mr. Cipar who suggested:
  - 3.7.1. The District needs to take a longer view of better source protection but it needs to do this quickly enough to deal with Concord. The real purpose of anything that is done is to protect our ground water.
  - 3.7.2. As suggested by Mr. Malchodi, modify the water protection zoning bylaws.
- 3.8. Mr. Mostoller asked the WLMAC "what protective measures they would want to see" if an agreement were reached with Concord:
  - 3.8.1. Mr. Malchodi would like to see septage testing for contaminants.
  - 3.8.2. If Concord can't be stopped by using the land, Mr. Rosen would like to see the use restricted to the parking of a maximum of 40 school buses. No maintenance or fueling would be permitted. No washing of the buses on-site and no discharging to the MS4 (which discharges into zone 2).
  - 3.8.3. Mr. Rosen and Mr. Olmstead want Concord to install state-of-the-art spill and leak containment systems along with a program to maintain and report the regular maintenance of these systems to the Acton Health Department. This should also include assuring that the pavement has no cracks that could allow any seepage should a bus leak any fluids.
- 3.9. Committee decided that Mr. Rosen would speak for the WLMAC. Any other WLMAC members present would speak as individuals including Mr. Rosen after he has made a brief WLMAC statement.
4. Motion to Continue: Mr. Cipar moves that the remaining agenda be continued to the next meeting of the WLMAC. The motion is seconded by Mr. Olmstead and is passed by a unanimous vote.

**Adjournment:**

On a motion by Mr. Olmstead and seconded by Mr. Cipar, the committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 PM ET on December 10, 2013.

# **WATER/LAND MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WLMAC) MEETING SCHEDULE 2014**

All meetings will begin at 7:30 PM and be held in the conference room at District headquarters.

January 14

February 11

March 11

April 8

May 13

June 10

July 8

August 12

September 9

October 14

November 11

December 9