

# Water Supply District of Acton

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Commissioners Meeting  
Water Supply District of Acton  
Meeting Minutes  
May 10, 2010

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The regular bi-monthly meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. on Monday, May 10, 2010 at the Acton Water District Office by Mr. Stephen Stuntz.

Present: Commissioners Stephen Stuntz, Ron Parenti, and Len Phillips, District Manager Chris Allen, Treasurer/Collector Mary Jo Bates, District Counsel, Mary Bassett, Commissioners Secretary Lynn Protasowicki. Finance Committee members David Butler. Also in attendance: John Cipar representing WLMAC, Barry Rosen representing WRAC, and Mary Michelman of ACES.

## **A. Comments from Citizens**

There were no comments from Citizens at tonight's meeting.

## **B. Approval of Minutes from April 26th Meeting**

Mr. Stuntz moved to accept minutes of the meeting held on April 26, 2010 and Mr. Parenti seconded the motion. The Commissioners were in favor of approving the minutes as modified.

## **C. New Business**

### Owner of 124 Main Street, Mr. Frank Chen, for Bill Abatement Request

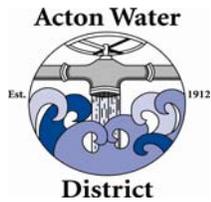
Frank Chen, owner of the commercial property at 124 Main Street, Acton spoke at this evening's meeting requesting abatement on his water bill. Mr. Chen explained to the Commissioners that he does not understand why his water bill for the 2009/2010 winter season was so high, stating that he used 9,000 gallons of water. He stated to the Commissioners that the coffee shop on the first floor ceased operation in November 2009. The real estate office located on the second floor has only one bathroom and no kitchen. The third floor is occupied by a single father with two children who visit on weekends only. The bathroom on this floor has a new water saving toilet. He stated that neither of these floors has any leak issues.

Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that the Water District went ahead and changed out the old water meter and installed a new meter. Mr. Allen stated that he can have the old meter tested by a certified testing agency for a charge of \$30. The Commissioners agreed to move forward on the testing. If the meter test is accurate, then there will be no abatement. Mr. Allen will contact Mr. Chen when the testing has been completed.

### Approve Reserve Fund Transfer

The Commissioners approved the reserve fund transfer of \$15,000 to legal funds to help maintain expenses for the remaining 2010.

### Other New Business



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Ron Parenti expressed concern over the car that is parked on land owned by the District on Lawsbrook Road. Mr. Allen stated that he will contact the Acton Police Department and will send a letter to the owner. The plan is to post a "No Parking" sign at this location.

## **D. Old Business**

### Update on Christofferson Well Replacement Investigation/Nitrate Source Investigation

Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that he has accepted the proposal from Weston & Sampson regarding the Christofferson Well/Nitrate source investigation. The proposal will identify the source or sources of high nitrate concentrations discovered on Water District land and evaluate the fates of those plumes if identified. The scope of the work is designed to determine the potential source of the high nitrate concentrations up gradient of the Wellfield as well as the groundwater flow directions in an effort to establish fate and transport of the nitrate. The project consists of three tasks including drilling; survey; and data analysis and reporting. The cost of the work not to exceed \$13,000 with results in three to four weeks. Mr. Allen will continue to keep the Commissioners informed as to how the project is moving forward.

### Update on Letter of Request from Crown Castle for Great Hill Cell Tower Site

Counselor Bassett informed the Commissioners that she received a letter of request from Crown Castle regarding the Great Hill Tower site. Crown Castle has asked the Water District that under their lease they would like to be able to put a new user on without having to notify the District. Counselor Bassett in agreement with the Commissioners determined that they will not allow this. Counselor Bassett will send a letter to Crown Castle stating this.

### Discussion of Petitioning State of MA to Reduce Road Salting Activity

Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that he petitioned the State of Massachusetts regarding the reduction of road salting. There is a significant process which can take 10 years at a cost of \$40,000. Because the Water District has no historical samples they would have to start now and then they would need another nine years worth of samples.

### Other Old Business

Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that the ribbon cutting ceremony for the North Acton Water Treatment Plant will be held on Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **E. Adjourn**

Mr. Stuntz moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Parenti seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.