

Finance Committee Meeting
Acton Water District
693 Massachusetts Avenue
Acton, MA 01720

May 14, 2015 12:00 noon

In attendance were Finance Committee Members Bill Guthlein, Chuck Bradley and David Butler. Also in attendance were Bill Kingman, Brewster Conant, Chris Allen, District Manager, Mary J. Bates, District Treasurer, Matthew Mostoller, Environmental Manager and Karen Bottar, Boston Financial.

The meeting was called to order 12:05.

Boston Financial

Karen Bottar presented an update on our investments with Boston Financial.

The Grace Fund, with a current market value of \$2,404,246 has returned 3.65% over the past year and 4.6% over the past 5 years.

The OPEB Fund, with a current market value of \$559,140, has returned 5.3% over the last year and 5.6% since 2011.

The Committee discussed the status of the Prudent Man legislation. It would certainly help the returns on the Grace Fund. It is still pending in the Legislature.

Investment Policy

The final draft of the investment policy was approved. Mr. Butler made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Bradley. It was unanimously approved.

Nuclear Metals Superfund Update

Matt Mostoller, Environmental Manager updated the Committee on the Nuclear Metals Superfund site. There is depleted uranium on the site and 1.4 dioxane is currently a threat to the water supply in South Acton. 1.4 Dioxane is a class B carcinogen and is currently considered an emerging contaminant.

The clean-up at the site should begin this year. The District has been advocating for treatment on the Acton side of the Assabet River, to protect the sources in South Acton. It is anticipated that this will be a long term clean up, with a treatment system potentially on the 16 Knox Trail site. The Record of Decision from the EPA is expected in September, 2015. 1.4 dioxane has been detected in multiple sources. Current levels are between .15 and .56 ppb. The current DEP drinking water guidance and groundwater cleanup guideline is .3 ppb and the current proposed remediation goal is .67 ppb. Both the District and WR Grace monitor for it. The Grace cleanup standard was 3.0. Mr. Mostoller and the Committee discussed the engagement of GeoSphere and John Shea to assist the District with this problem.

Reserve Transfers

There were 2 requests for transfer at this time.

The Legal Account will need an additional \$40,000 for costs associated with the NMI contamination.

The Debt, Interest and Fees account will need an additional \$12,500. This will allow payment of the Loan Origination Fee with the Clean Water Trust to be made in June.

Both requests were approved. Mr. Bradley made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Mr. Guthlein. They were unanimously approved.

Minutes

Mr. Butler made a motion to approve the minutes of January 15 and February 19 as presented.

Mr. Bradley seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Bradley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:26 pm. It was seconded by Mr. Butler and unanimously approved.

All documents referred to in the minutes are available for inspection at the Acton Water District Office, 693 Massachusetts Avenue 978 263.9107