



# Water Supply District of Acton

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Commissioners Meeting  
Water Supply District of Acton  
Meeting Minutes  
January 25, 2016

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## Agenda:

- A. Comments from Citizens
- B. Approve Minutes from the January 11, 2016 Meeting
- C. OLD BUSINESS:
  - 1. Town of Concord for Request to Connect to the District on Knox Trail in Acton.
  - 2. Review and Approval of Budget and Warrant Articles for Fiscal Year 2017.
- D. NEW BUSINESS:
  - 1. Summary of Corrective Action Plan (CAP) for the Conant I Well.

The Board of Water Commissioners meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. on Monday, January 25, 2015 at the Acton Water District Office by Mr. Ronald Parenti.

### Present at Tonight's Meeting:

Commissioners: Ronald Parenti (Chair), Stephen Stuntz, Leonard Phillips  
District Manager: Chris Allen  
District Treasurer: Mary Jo Bates  
District Counsel: Mary Bassett  
Commissioners Secretary: Lynn Protasowicki  
Finance Committee: Charles Bradley  
WLMAC: Barry Rosen

### A. Comments from Citizens

Mr. Rosen asked the District if they have made any inquiries to the rail trail and/or Town of Acton about what they are doing at Routes 27 & 2A and if it impacts the Zone I at the Conant I and II wells? Mr. Rosen explained that he saw them cutting and taking trees out in this area so it appears as though they widening the trail. Mr. Allen stated that he has had no conversations with the Town and will look into it.

### B. Approve Minutes from the January 11, 2016 Meeting

Mr. Stuntz moved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on January 11, 2016 and Mr. Parenti seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

### Old Business:

#### 1. Town of Concord's proposed connection to the District off Knox Trail

Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that he was contacted by Mr. Richard Reine, Concord Public Works Director, after the January 11<sup>th</sup> Commissioners meeting to inquire about the Commissioners' position on the proposed article for Annual Meeting. Mr. Allen informed him that Mr. Phillips was not present at the meeting and that the Commissioners were to discuss the warrant article at the January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Reine responded and has committed to attending the March 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting for technical support on the article.



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Mr. Parenti stated that the Commissioners did not discuss this topic much at last meeting due to Mr. Phillips not being present at that meeting. Mr. Phillips stated that he respects the findings of the WLMAC and their stand on the issues because and they are our advisors Mr. Phillips stated that his initial tendency is to lean toward not allowing Concord to connect; there is no benefit to inter municipal agreement; and the supplies issues the district is facing, seems like an in opportune time due to capacity restrictions. He can't be in favor of this at this time. He feels as though the Commissioners should take no position.

Mr. Allen stated it is unknown at this time whether or not Concord may have the excess water capacity to sell to the District. More specific information will be required before Concord can consent to this arrangement.

Mr. Rosen stated that WLMAC will take a negative position. Mr. Phillips suggested to Mr. Rosen that at the Annual Meeting, WLMAC should describe their findings and state that we have so advised the Commissioners to not be in favor of the article. Mr. Rosen stated that WLMAC has plenty of information to back-up the case of not supporting the article.

Mr. Stuntz stated that the inter-municipal agreement needs to be favorable for both parties.

Counselor Bassett reread Article 5 to the Commissioners confirming the language and asked them if the Article covers all the major issues. The Commissioners confirmed that it does and decided that it should be kept on the Warrant.

## 2. Review and Approval of Budget and Warrant Articles for FY 2017

Commissioners were assigned each Article they will present at Annual Meeting.

Mr. Stuntz moved to accept the Budget and Warrant Articles for Fiscal Year 2017, Mr. Phillips seconded. It was unanimously approved.

### **New Business:**

#### 1. Summary of Corrective Action Plan (CAP) for the Conant I Well

Mr. Allen reviewed for the Commissioners the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) for the Conant I Well. Enclosed in tonight's packets to the Commissioners is all the paperwork related to the CAP. Mr. Allen stated that the final plan, which was written by Wright-Pierce, was sent to the Mass DEP on December 30, 2015.

Mr. Allen provided a summary in the Commissioners packets of the Corrective Action Plan and reviewed for them the summary this evening. He highlighted that the finished water manganese concentration at the Conant I Well is over the MassDEP's standard level of 0.30 mg/L. Mr. Allen stated that the well is mainly used during high demand periods (i.e. summer months) and that they don't use it now due to poor water quality. There are four options that were presented in the CAP including combining the Conant I and Conant II wells together; connecting it to the North Acton Water Treatment Plant; connecting it to the South Acton Water Treatment Plant; and a constructing a new consolidated treatment plant for Conant I and Conant II Wells off Post Office Square at the Conant II well site. Cost of these ranges from \$2.5-million to \$5-million, depending on the option.

Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that the District is currently waiting to hear back from MassDEP with and comments on the Corrective Action Plan.

*Mr. Parenti moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. and it was unanimously voted.*