

Water Supply District of Acton

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Commissioners Meeting
Water Supply District of Acton
Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2014

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- Agenda:**
- A. Comments from Citizens
 - B. Approve Minutes from the January 13th Meetings
 - C. NEW BUSINESS:
 - 1. Representatives of AT&T for Site Proposal for a Land Lease at the Wampus Hill Storage Tank off Main Street and Wyndcliff Drive.
 - 2. Update on the Forthcoming DRAFT Water Management Act Regulations Associated with the Sustainable Water Management Initiative (SWMI).
 - 3. Discussion of Proposed Amendment to the Town of Acton's Groundwater Protection District (GWPD) By-Law.
 - D. OLD BUSINESS:
 - 1. Discussion of the Town of Concord's Land Acquisition at 55 Knox Trail in Acton.
 - 2. Discussion and Approval of Operating Budget and Warrant Articles for Fiscal Year 2015.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. on Monday, February 3, 2014 at the Acton Water District Office by Mr. Stephen Stuntz.

Present at Tonight's Meeting:

Commissioners: Ronald Parenti, Leonard Phillips, and Stephen Stuntz (Chairman)
District Manager: Chris Allen
Treasurer/Collector: Mary Jo Bates
District Counsel: Mary Bassett
Environmental Manager: Matthew Mostoller
Commissioners Secretary: Lynn Protasowicki
Finance Committee Member(s): Charles Bradley
WLMAC: Barry Rosen, Paul Malchodi and John Cipar
District Moderator: Richard O'Brien

A. Comments from Citizens

No comment from citizens at tonight's meeting.

B. Approve Minutes from the January 13, 2014 Meeting.

Mr. Stuntz moved to accept minutes of the meeting held on January 13, 2014 and Mr. Parenti seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

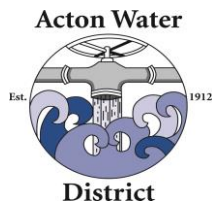
C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Representatives of AT&T for Site Proposal for a Land Lease at the Wampus Hill Storage Tank off Main Street and Wyndcliff Drive.

Representing AT&T:

- Edward D. Pare, Jr. of Brown Rudnick (outside Counsel)

All documents referred to in meeting minutes are available for inspection at the office of Acton Water District, 693 Massachusetts Avenue, Acton, MA 01720 (978) 263-9107.



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- Gregory Terrien of Dewberry Engineers (drew the plans/site civil design)
- Dick Wai-Cheong Man of Building Networks, LLC (site acquisition agent)

Enclosed in tonight's packets to the Commissioners is a copy of the conceptual site plan for the AT&T wireless tower compound. Mr. Pare presented the land lease proposal to the Commissioners using the conceptual site plan in his presentation. He stated that AT&T can put in an access road from the public right of way on Main St to the tower and further to the Wampus Hill Tank pursuant to the lease agreement. The design of the tower will be constructed to host four carriers. They propose that a back-up power generator be installed (this is a standard for all installations). Counselor Bassett inquired as to how the back-up power generator is fueled. Mr. Pare stated they typically use diesel fuel. Through much discussion it was requested that they design the backup generator for propane and not diesel. Since there is a warrant article for the lease, Mr. Allen invited the AT&T representatives to the Annual District meeting on March 19th in case the voters have any questions about the tower.

2. Update on the Forthcoming DRAFT Water Management Act Regulations Associated with the Sustainable Water Management Initiative (SWMI).

Mr. Mostoller summarized for the Commissioners the forthcoming draft Water Management Act (WMA) regulations associated with the Sustainable Management Initiative (SWMI). Since the existing WMA permit is expired, it is not clear what the impact will be on our withdrawal volumes. He stated a public comment period would be opening up around March and the District should plan on providing comments.

3. Discussion of Proposed Amendment to the Town of Acton's Groundwater Protection District (GWPD) By-Law.

Mr. Stuntz wants to know what amendments to the by-law can be made to protect the District and what they can do about re-delineating the Zone 2 for the Assabet wells. He mentioned that he spoke with Steven LeDoux, Acton Town Manager, who stated that the Commissioners should write formal request to the Acton Selectmen to get an article on the special town meeting warrant about the amendment to the by-law.

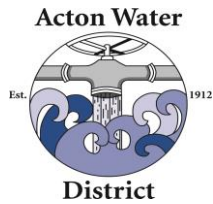
Mr. Mostoller directed the Commissioners to a map which shows the current Zone 2 that goes to Sinking Pond. He mentioned that the District delineated the Assabet well field in 2007-2008 during the Assabet 3 pumping test. Due to the limited pumping ability of the Assabet 3 well, and additional pumping locations at the WR Grace site, actual conditions may not have been reflected. Over reliance on the WR Grace groundwater model may minimize the extent of the Zone 2 in this area. It took 1 ½ years for the Town of Acton to adopt the rezoned Assabet well field.

Mr. Stuntz asked Mr. Malchodi for the WLMAC's recommendations. Mr. Malchodi stated that WLMAC extensively reviewed the Groundwater Protection District bylaw allowable uses and they came up with four categories that should be changed to increase protection. He will draft specific changes to the zoning by-law and will provide those to the Commissioners. The Commissioners will then suggest to the Town of Acton to add this new article to their town meeting warrant.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of the Town of Concord's Land Acquisition at 55 Knox Trail in Acton.

See item #3 in New Business.



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2. Discussion and Approval of Operating Budget and Warrant Articles for Fiscal Year 2015.

Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that all changes and alterations have been made to the budget and warrant articles and that tonight these need to be approved and passed. The Finance Committee met at noon on Monday, 2/3/14, and recommended approval of the FY 2015 Budget & Warrant Articles.

Mr. Stuntz moved to accept the Warrant Articles and Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2015 and Mr. Parenti seconded the motion. The motion to accept the Warrant Articles and Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2015 was unanimously approved.

Mr. Stuntz made a motion to adjourn 9:50 p.m. and was unanimously approved.