



Water Supply District of Acton

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Commissioners Meeting
Water Supply District of Acton
Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2016

Agenda:

- A. Comments from Citizens
 - B. Approve Minutes from the February 16th Meeting
 - C. OLD BUSINESS:
 - Town of Concord's Proposed Connection to the District Off Knox Trail to Supply Their School Bus Depot.
 - Update from Meeting with the Town of Acton Regarding Nagog Pond.
 - Update on the Nuclear Metals Superfund Site.
 - D. NEW BUSINESS:
 - Any agenda item(s) which did not come to the attention of the Board of Water Commissioners 48 hours prior to this meeting and we're not reasonably anticipated.
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The Board of Water Commissioners meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm on Monday, February 22, 2016 at the Acton Water District Office by Mr. Ronald Parenti.

Present at Tonight's Meeting:

Commissioners: Ronald Parenti (Chair), Stephen Stuntz
District Manager: Chris Allen
District Treasurer: Mary Jo Bates
District Counsel: Mary Bassett
Environmental Compliance Manager: Matthew Mostoller
Finance Committee: Chuck Bradley
WLMAC: Barry Rosen

A. Comments from Citizens:

None

B. Approve Minutes of February 16th meeting:

Mr. Stuntz moved to accept the modified minutes of the meeting held on February 16, 2016 and Mr. Parenti seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

C. Old Business:

1. Town of Concord's Proposed Connection to the District Off Knox Trail to Supply Their School Bus Depot.
Enclosed in tonight's packets to the Commissioners is a copy of the email that Counselor Bassett sent to the Commissioners regarding Article 5 on the Warrant for the Annual Meeting on March 16th. Counselor Bassett stated that as the Commissioner decided to pass over Article at the Annual Meeting, then the Commissioners should move to "take no action on the Article 5" at the Annual Meeting.



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Mr. Allen will speak with Dick O'Brien, District Moderator, and inform him about the motion so that he is aware of what will be taking place with Article 5 the night of the Annual Meeting.

2. Update from Meeting with the Town of Acton Regarding Nagog Pond.

Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that on Friday, February 19th, he and Mr. Mostoller met with Katie Green, Chair of Acton Board of Selectmen, and Steve Ledoux, Acton Town Manager to discuss Concord's proposed new water treatment plant at Nagog Pond, the 1884 Act originally giving Concord access to the waters of Nagog Pond, and whether there will be a need from Acton to want access to this water in the future.

Mr. Parenti asked if Concord was mandated to make a new treatment facility? Mr. Allen stated that it's Concord's desire to use Nagog Pond with more regularity. It was a seasonal source/peak demand offset. Mr. Parenti asked in order to improve treatment plant do they need to dismantle what is there? Mr. Allen stated that Concord can repurpose tanks and is proposing to construct a new 2-story facility with a larger footprint than what is currently on the property.

Mr. Allen mentioned that the Town of Acton had sent a letter to the legislative delegation to inquire about the process to allow Acton to access the waters of Nagog Pond, as is provided in the 1884 Act.

Mr. Allen stated that they also discussed the inter-municipal agreement with Boxborough regarding the water rights in that town, and the legislative process that was undertaken back in 2010. Ms. Green was familiar with the agreement because she had been working with Jen Benson, Massachusetts State Representative at the time.

Mr. Parenti mentioned that he spoke with one of the librarians at the Acton Memorial Library asking if they could help look for any historical documents on the 1884 legislation. The information was provided and Mr. Parenti will share with the group at the next open meeting.

Mr. Allen will continue updating the Commissioners as the information becomes available.

3. Update on the Nuclear Metals Superfund Site.

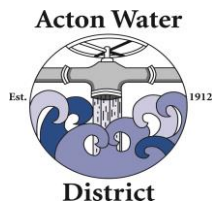
Mr. Allen provided an update to the Commissioners on the Nuclear Metals Superfund Site. He stated that he and Mr. Mostoller met with Bruce Thompson from DeMaximis who provided information about the sampling of 1,4-dioxane from well MWS40 (a new monitoring well recently installed at 16 Knox Trail). It has been discovered that the 1-4, dioxane concentration in this well is at 42.3 ppb.

Mr. Mostoller stated that DeMaximis is proposing to pump from an extraction well in the vicinity of Assabet 1A until they can get treatment plant approved and built which could take from 6-12 months. They would build extraction wells which would pump the untreated water back into the Assabet River using the existing line from the previous Assabet Sand & Gravel material washing process.

Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that the pump station is located on the banks of the Assabet River and right across the street from 16 Knox Trail.

Mr. Allen stated that availability of funds will drive progress on the project. Federal government would pay for the treatment plant. Acton would not operate the plant (deMaximis would operate it).

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Other Old Business:

Mr. Allen reported to the Commissioners that the Annual Report is now live on the website and customers have been notified.

Mr. Parenti moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm and it was unanimously approved.