

Board of Water Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
Acton Water District
693 Massachusetts Avenue, Acton, MA
Monday, February 27, 2023

AGENDA

A. Comments from the public

B. Approve minutes from the 2/6

C. Appoint one Commissioner to sign warrants while conducting meetings virtually

D. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

- Current sample data, if available

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2022 District Annual Report

2. Prepare for Annual Meeting

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- To consider the purchase, exchange, lease of real property as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the District.

Due to the Covid-19 stay-at-home order by Governor Charles Baker, the Board of Water Commissioners meeting was not held at the Acton Water District Office; instead, the meeting was held via Zoom Webinar and was recorded. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM on Monday, February 27, 2023, by Mr. Stephen Stuntz.

Present at Tonight's Meeting:

Commissioners: Erika Amir-Lin, Barry Rosen, Stephen Stuntz (Chair)

District Manager: Matthew Mostoller

District Treasurer: Christine McCarthy

District Counsel: Mary Bassett

Finance Committee: Ron Parenti

Commissioners Secretary: Lynn Protasowicki

District Moderator: Bill Mullin

Public Present:

Lucy Kirshner, David Hardt, Chris Allen, Susan Mitchell-Hardt

A. Comments from the Public.

Lucy Kirshner has three messages from the Green Acton Water Committee. They are really from Kim Kastens who is attending the Selectboard meeting this evening. She is asking the Selectboard to schedule an agenda item to discuss PFAS data from the Adams Street Wastewater

Treatment plant. There is a new post on the Green Acton website regarding the road salt runoff and although most of it is about the elevated conductivity data in the brooks and streams there is also a quote from Matt Mostoller about the rising chloride in the AWD well water. Lastly, in early February the Acton Area League of Women's Voters held a community workshop who were interested in having a local nonprofit newspaper. The "icebreaker" question was "where do you get your local news from". Most responded that they get their information from the Acton Water District newsletter especially their concern and information regarding PFAS.

B. Approve Minutes from the 2/6 Meeting.

Mr. Rosen moved to approve the meeting minutes of 2/6/2023 as modified. Ms. Amir-Lin seconded, and it was unanimously approved by a roll call vote: Mr. Rosen, Ms. Amir-Lin, and Mr. Stuntz.

C. Appoint One Commissioner to Sign Warrants While Conducting Meetings Virtually.

Mr. Rosen moved to appoint Stephen Stuntz as the Commissioner to approve warrants while conducting meetings virtually until the next meeting of the Commissioners. Ms. Amir-Lin seconded, and it was unanimously approved by a roll call vote: Mr. Rosen, Ms. Amir-Lin, and Mr. Stuntz.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

- Current sample data, if available

Matt Mostoller provided an update on current samples for the month of January for North Acton. It came in at 18 PPT. The District is meeting the standard. He reminded the Commissioners that in January South Acton Water Treatment Plant was at 17.5 PPT and the Central Acton Water Treatment Plant was at 25.8 PPT. We have now collected all of our February samples but don't expect results until the March 20th meeting. We did violate the MCL for the last quarter of 2022 so we will be sending another public notice. MassDEP is going to allow the District to mail a postcard in lieu of the full 2 page notice.

Both pilots are now completed in Central and South Acton. We are currently waiting on the pilot test reports from the engineer. We expect to see those sometime in April.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2022 District Annual Report

Matt Mostoller stated that the District mailed a postcard and also emailed customers announcing the availability of the annual report on the District's website www.actonwater.com/annualreport. The annual report includes the warrant articles, the proposed budget, and financials from the audit as well as the various reports from Commissioners, staff, Finance Committee and Treasurer/Collector.

The newest *WaterWords* newsletter was linked onto the website. The website is www.actonwater.com/waterwords and it will take you directly to the newsletter. There is an article about PFAS, an article about changes in personnel, an article about the 549 Main Street acquisition, and the warrant articles for March 15th.

2. Prepare for Annual Meeting

The Commissioners, Counselor Bassett, Matt Mostoller and Christine McCarthy reviewed each of the articles with District Moderator, Bill Mullin, in preparation for the Annual Meeting on March 15th.

Barry Rosen – did the Finance Committee recommend approving Articles 15 - 25?
Matt stated that the Finance Committee met on February 14th and voted to recommend all the articles.

Counselor Bassett will send a final copy of the Articles to the Commissioners and Bill Mullin.

Matt reminded folks that the Annual Meeting will be in person on Wednesday, March 15th at the RJ Gray Junior High auditorium and it will be starting at 6PM.

Mr. Stuntz moved to adjourn the open meeting and move into Executive Session at 8:02 PM to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease of real property as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the District. Mr. Rosen seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by a roll call vote: Mr. Rosen, Ms. Amir-Lin, and Mr. Stuntz.

Next Meeting: March 20, 2023