

Commissioners Meeting
Water Supply District of Acton
693 Massachusetts Avenue
Acton, MA 01720

March 30, 2009

Agenda: Comments from Citizens
 Approve Minutes of March 9, 2009 Meeting

NEW BUSINESS

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Review Recommendation for Revoli Construction and Execute “Notice of Award”
for Main Street/Coughlin Road/Taylor Road/Huckleberry Lane Water Main Project
Execute MTBE Settlements from Global Petroleum and Gulf

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Kennedy-Marshall Treatment Plant Construction
Review and Execute Inter-Municipal Agreement

Minutes of March 30, 2009 Commissioners Meeting

Regular bi-monthly meeting. Present were Commissioners Parenti, Phillips, and Stuntz. Also in attendance were District Manager Chris Allen, Treasurer/Collector Mary J. Bates, District Counsel Mary Bassett, and Finance Committee Member David Butler.

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 P.M.

Comments from Citizens

Residents of Gioconda Avenue and Hillcrest Drive discussed the water quality that they are receiving and brought in a few samples to show the Commissioners. Attendees:

Henry Jiang	9 Gioconda Ave	978-263-0631	henryljiang@yahoo.com
Alex Patrick	14 Gioconda Ave	978-266-0019, 617-375-1760	alex_patrick@comcast.net
Lucy Smith	7 Hillcrest Drive	978-929-9897	smithville7@verizon.net
Rodney Smith	7 Hillcrest Drive	978-929-9897	smithville7@verizon.net

Alex Patrick of 14 Gioconda Avenue informed the Commissioners of the reoccurring problems they have been experiencing in their area. He stated that the area was flushed twice last summer and no change in the quality of water has occurred. He said that this problem has been going on for the past two years and that his neighbors have called the AWD many times. Mr. Phillips explained to the residents about the WaterCAD analysis model program that was applied to the system in the Silver Hill area. Mr. Allen discussed the system wide leak protection that was done in the area, but said that no leaks were found in that area of the system.

Henry Jiang of 9 Gioconda Avenue discussed the dirty water quality that he receives in the early morning (approximately 1:00 a.m.). He lets his faucet run for approximately 20 minutes, which use to clear the water, but no longer is working.

Mr. Allen stated that Fox Hill Road, which is a dead end connected to Gioconda, doesn't have a problem with dirty water and he described how the water main runs through this area. He also said that School Street and River Street are the two main transmission lines that supply this area.

Mr. Allen informed the residents that their area is being studied by Stantec using the hydraulic model. He said that there is low demand in this area and also there is an elevation change which could cause the settling of sediment. He stated that this problem could be similar to the Silver Hill Road area and that a temporary fix could be to flush the area and install a bleeder line that would continuously flush the area.

A resident questioned how should they go forward and Mr. Allen responded that analysis is being carried out this week and that they should follow up in a couple of weeks or attend the next Commissioners Meeting scheduled for April 13th. The resident asked the cost of the new North Acton water filtration system and Mr. Allen responded approximately \$6M. Mr. Allen will ask Stantec to attend the next Commissioners Meeting to give a presentation of the WaterCAD model for the residents of this area.

Approve Minutes of March 9, 2009

Mr. Parenti moved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on March 9, 2009 and Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The Commissioners were in favor of approving the minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

Residents of Gioconda Avenue and Hillcrest Drive for Water Quality Concerns

Discussed in Comments from Citizens

Review Recommendation for Revoli Construction and Execute "Notice of Award" for Main Street/Coughlin Road/Taylor Road/Huckleberry Lane Water Main Project

Included in tonight's Commissioners packet was Stantec's recommendation of Revoli Construction Co., Inc. for the water main replacement project for Main Street, Coughlin Road, Taylor Road, and Huckleberry Lane. The Commissioners and Mr. Allen reviewed the references that were attached for Revoli Construction Co., Inc and Mr. Allen stated that there

was overall positive feedback.

Mr. Phillips voted to approve the Notice of Award and Mr. Parenti seconded the motion. All the Commissioners were in favor of approval. The "Notice of Award" was signed by all of the Commissioners.

Execute MTBE Settlements from Global Petroleum and Gulf

Ms. Bassett gave the Commissioners the paperwork for their signature for settling with another party in the MTBE Settlement; which all of the Commissioners signed. A settlement statement was included in the Commissioners' packet. It was noted that the Acton Water District will receive approximately \$1 million in total from the MTBE Settlement.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Jane Ceraso, Environmental Manager of the Acton Water District, gave Chris Allen her resignation this week and said that she will be leaving after the first week in June. Mr. Allen said he will start the process of filling the position and would like to keep the job title as Environmental Compliance Manager and perhaps adding a role in treatment management in the future. Mr. Stuntz thought that this would be a good time to rethink the job description.

Mr. Parenti questioned how the AWD website is maintained and the response was that Bob Murch is in charge of updating the website.

Mr. Phillips also recommended that Mr. Allen contact Waterline to obtain drawings of the layout and basic operation/flow direction, etc. of the North Acton Filtration Plant. Such drawings would be produced and posted as large signage in the Filtration Plant to serve as a guide for touring groups. Waterline is likely to have CAD drawings of the filtration plant components from which a simplified view could be derived.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Kennedy-Marshall Treatment Plant Construction

Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that the filter tank has been removed and is being modified. The vessel will have a warranty as brand new and certification of the tank modifications will come in the form of a letter from General Electric/Zenon. The equipment went to a GE certified welding site and should be returned in approximately two weeks.

Mr. Allen said that the roof has been installed and that the trim is now being done; the building is pretty close to being closed. The control room hasn't yet been finished, wiring is being installed, but no control panels have been installed at this point. Mr. Allen said that the project is still on schedule at this time (June 9, 2009 completion).

Review and Execute Inter-Municipal Agreement

The Commissioners reviewed the Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) between the Acton Water District and the Town of Acton for the District to use the Connect-CTY program. The program will be used to inform residents when there are water main breaks in their area, flushing is

being done, etc. The cost to the AWD will be \$5,000 annually. The IMA provides three years of Reverse 911 service to the District as repayment for various charges incurred during the past few years, but not yet paid by the Town to the Water District.

Mr. Stuntz moved to authorized District Manager, Chris Allen, to enter into the Inter-Municipal Agreement and Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. Mr. Phillips motioned to call a vote and the vote was unanimous.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that he had received a correspondence from a Town of Acton resident questioning why the Acton Water District mails out the Annual Report and stated that they felt it was a waste of money. Mr. Allen will reply to the resident stating that the AWD has considered alternative ways for distribution of the Annual Report and that we may opt for a different method in the future.

Mr. Phillips moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Parenti seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm.