

Board of Water Commissioners  
Meeting Agenda  
Monday, April 24, 2017

- A. Comments from Citizens
- B. Approve Minutes of April 10th Meeting

C. OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Powder Mill Place 40B Housing Project
  - \* Update on progress of evaluating the 254 unit proposed residential project
- 2. Nuclear Metals Superfund Site
  - \* Update on aquifer extraction and deployment of the temporary treatment system at 16 Knox Trail
  - \* Long-term land lease for permanent treatment system

D. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Status of Special Environmental Counsel
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**Present at Tonight's Meeting:**

Commissioners: Ronald Parenti, Stephen Stuntz, Leonard Phillips (Chairman)

District Manager: Chris Allen

District Treasurer: Mary Jo Bates

District Counsel: Mary Bassett

District Environmental Manager: Matthew Mostoller

Commissioner Secretary: Lynn Protasowicki

Finance Committee: Dave Butler (via phone)

WLMAC: Barry Rosen

The Board of Water Commissioners meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm on Monday, April 24, 2017 at the Acton Water District Office by Mr. Stephen Stuntz.

**A. Comments from Citizens:**

None

**B. Approve Minutes of April 10th Meeting:**

Mr. Phillips motioned to approve the minutes of April 10, 2017 meeting and Mr. Parenti seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**C. OLD BUSINESS:**

*1. Powder Mill Place 40B Housing Project*

\* Update on progress of evaluating the 254 unit proposed residential project: Enclosed in tonight's packets are copies of a letter from the Water & Land Management Advisory Committee (WLMAC) to the District expressing concerns about this project. Mr. Allen forwarded those concerns to the developer of the project for a response and clarification. The developer's response was then passed onto WLMAC. Mr. Allen mentioned that the pool in middle of complex will get water from a well but the clubhouse will receive water from the District. The developer is questioning the necessity to install monitoring wells based upon recommendations from WLMAC.

Voting rights were discussed this evening regarding whether the residents receiving District water but who will reside in Maynard will be able to vote at District Meetings. Commissioners can choose on how to treat these water users. Counselor Bassett believes we need special legislation to either expand the District boundaries to include the real estate being supplied with water or special legislation that would allow the District to supply water outside the current boundaries to this specific parcel of land in Maynard.

Mr. Allen mentioned that the water meters will be on the Acton side of the parcel and the water bills will be paid by the property management company, as each building will have a master meter.

Ms. Bates stated that this project will provide a significant amount of money to the District, almost a million dollars in connection fees, and \$60,000 a quarter on bond debt fee.

## 2. Nuclear Metals Superfund Site

\* Update on aquifer extraction and deployment of the temporary treatment system at 16 Knox Trail: Mr. Allen stated that the project is progressing and are moving toward commencement of temporary extraction. He showed pictures of the building and area. *De maximis* is waiting on EverSource to complete the installation. They are pretty close to starting. The goal of the temporary treatment system is to intercept, extract, treat and pump the system effluent back to the Assabet River. The former sand & gravel wash supply pipe has been modified to allow this discharge to the river. The river bank has been stabilized for erosion control.

\* Long-term land lease for permanent treatment system: Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that in discussions today they spoke about formulating an emergency response plan that will be agreeable to all. Not going to give authority to *de maximis* to shut down well. Testing frequency for 1,4-dioxane at Assabet IA is twice a year. Mr. Phillips asked if they should test more frequently. Mr. Allen stated that it's an expensive test. Mr. Mostoller stated that compliance is based on finished water sample from the South Acton Water Treatment Plant, and we are doing that quarterly. There is currently one laboratory certified by the MA Department of Environmental Protection (MA DEP) for Method 522, the standard method for 1,4-dioxane in drinking water. A large portion of the cost is shipping.

Counselor Bassett was given authority by the Commissioners to extend the temporary access agreement to three 30 day extensions (May, June, and July) and to make the 30 days contingent upon starting the temporary extraction system.

Counselor Bassett stated that when the appraisal was done on the property, the 100' x 150' compound was appraised at a value of \$7,800. In the long-term lease agreement we asked for \$12,000 per year, however *de maximis* came back with \$9,600 per year. The Commissioners gave Counselor authority to negotiate an annual lease payment.

## D. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Status of Special Environmental Counsel, John Shea of Mackey-Shea: The Nuclear Metals Superfund site is going into the site management phase. If going into litigation, the firm would not be able to support the District and thus Attorney Shea will be advised that his services will no longer be required.

*Mr. Phillips moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm and it was unanimously approved.*