

# Water Supply District of Acton

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Commissioners Meeting  
Water Supply District of Acton  
Meeting Minutes  
May 11, 2015

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## Agenda:

- A. Comments from Citizens
- B. Approve Minutes from the April 27<sup>th</sup> Meetings
- C. NEW BUSINESS:
  - 1. Network and Cyber Security
- D. OLD BUSINESS:
  - 1. Nuclear Metals/Starmet Superfund Site in Concord.
  - 2. South Acton Water Treatment Plant Project Update.

The Board of Water Commissioners meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. on Monday, May 11, 2015 at the Acton Water District Office by Mr. Leonard Phillips.

### Present at Tonight's Meeting:

Commissioners: Ronald Parenti (Chair), Leonard Phillips, Stephen Stuntz  
District Manager: Chris Allen  
District Counsel: Mary Bassett  
Commissioners Secretary: Lynn Protasowicki  
Finance Committee: Bill Guthlein  
WLMAC: Barry Rosen  
Acton Town Selectman: Janet Adachi  
Green Acton: Jane Ceraso

### A. Comments from Citizens

No comments from citizens this evening.

### B. Approve Minutes from the April 27th Meeting

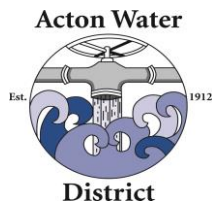
Mr. Stuntz moved to accept minutes of the meeting held on April 27, 2015 and Mr. Parenti seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

### C. NEW BUSINESS:

#### 1. Network and Cyber Security

Mr. Parenti stated that he spoke with Mr. Allen and asked him to add this topic onto the agenda. Mr. Parenti stated that he knows of a facility whose security system was "hacked" into and they had a highly sophisticated system so it was very shocking to learn what had happened. He stated that when he went on the tour of the South Acton Treatment Plant on Saturday he was very impressed but concerned with the level of automation. He just wants to make sure that the District's system is as hardened as it can be.

Mr. Allen provided a schematic of the District's Scada Communication configuration which Bob Murch, Technology Director, produced for the Commissioners to help them understand the existing cyber security set-up at the District. Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that there are firewalls located at the critical pieces of



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infrastructure. He stated that they could change over the system to a dedicated T1 line but would be very expensive to have this dedicated circuit that would still be leased from a third party.

Mr. Parenti proposed that either he locate someone at Lincoln Labs to work with the District on finding the vulnerabilities in the system and providing solutions OR we seek assistance from an outside consultant to do this for the District. Mr. Allen stated that whichever way they end up going the safety of the security of the District's system is a priority.

## **D. OLD BUSINESS:**

### 1. Discussion of Nuclear Metals/Starmet Superfund Site in Concord.

Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that he, Counselor Bassett, Matthew Mostoller and Ray Talkington met with Counselor John Shea and started their discussions of the environmental issues facing the District from the Nuclear Metals superfund site in Concord. Mr. Allen stated that Mr. Shea estimated 120 hours of work total based on the scope he provided to the District. Mr. Allen and Treasurer Bates will be consulting with the Finance Committee on May 14<sup>th</sup> and, pending their recommendation, at the June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the Commissioners will be asked to approve a transfer \$40,000 from the Reserve Fund account to the Legal account to fund these efforts for the remainder of the Fiscal Year.

Mr. Shea will also provide comments for the EPA's December 2014 Draft Operable Unit Three Monitoring Program Report, which are due from the District by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

### 2. Update on South Acton Water Treatment Plant Project.

Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that the MassDEP gave the District partial activation of the Assabet 2A well. He stated that Assabet 1A well has been shut down and turned over to the contractor. It will remain shut down for approximately 6 weeks.

Mr. Allen stated that on May 12<sup>th</sup> they plan to start pumping the plant into the system.

Mr. Parenti asked Mr. Allen how the town gets notified of any brown water issues in the system. Mr. Allen stated that they send out email blasts, post onto the website and will use their Twitter account, "@ActonWater".

Mr. Stuntz congratulated Mr. Allen on the South Acton Water Treatment Plant for his positive attitude and hard work on getting the treatment plant up and running.

*Mr. Parenti moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. and it was unanimously voted.*