

Water Supply District of Acton

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Commissioners Meeting
Water Supply District of Acton
Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2016

AGENDA:

- A. Comments from Citizens
- B. Approve Minutes of May 9th Meeting
- C. OLD BUSINESS:
 - 1. Superfund Update
- D. NEW BUSINESS:
 - 1. Discussion of the District's Retirement Investment Strategy
 - 2. Update on the Indian Village Water Main Improvement Project

The Board of Water Commissioners meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. on Monday, June 13, 2016 at the Acton Water District Office by Mr. Stephen Stuntz.

Present at Tonight's Meeting:

Commissioners: Stephen Stuntz (Chairman), Ron Parenti, Leonard Phillips
District Manager: Chris Allen
District Treasurer: Mary Jo Bates
District Counsel: Mary Bassett
Environmental Manager: Matthew Mostoller
Commissioners Secretary: Lynn Protasowicki
Finance Committee: William Guthlein, David Butler
WLMAC: Barry Rosen

A. Comments from Citizens:

None

B. Approve Minutes of May 9th Meeting

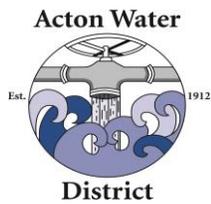
Mr. Parenti moved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on May 9, 2016, Mr. Stuntz seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Superfund Update

Mr. Allen provided an update to the Commissioners on the Nuclear Metals Inc. (NMI) Superfund site. He stated that the District team had met with DeMaximis on June 1st to discuss results of the shutdown test and plans to move forward with Extraction Well (EW) installation and test pumping at the District's property at 16 Knox Trail. DeMaximis also provided a community update to stakeholders on June 8th. At the meeting, DeMaximis reviewed for the group the site demolition plan and progress and results of the well shutdown test; analysis from when the different sources were shut down in April. DeMaximis presented their proposed extraction well locations for containment of 1,4-dioxane and their first choice was EW-1 which concerns Mr. Allen because it is only 325 feet from the Assabet 1A well, inside the well's Zone I, or direct groundwater recharge 400' radius. The work plan is now in the hands of Mass DEP and EPA for comment and they need to respond before

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anything can begin. A copy of the work plan will be provided to the District when it is available. MA DEP Drinking Water Division will also be consulted due to the proposed location of the EW inside Assabet 1A's 400' radius.

DeMaximis proposes developing and test pumping an extraction well where water will be discharged into frac tanks stored on site. The water will be held in these tanks until analyzed at which point, it will be determined where it can be discharged; it is hoped that the discharge initially can be to the Assabet River through newly lined existing piping (installed by the defunct Assabet Sand & Gravel) or the preliminary plan would be to discharge treated water up-gradient from the site to the Turtle and Muskrat Ponds, once water quality has been determined

Counselor Bassett is working on a draft for access agreement. The initial agreement will be shorter term covering the pump testing. Thereafter, a longer term agreement will have to be established for the long term aquifer restoration system.

Mr. Allen mentioned that he would like to bring site to level grade. The plan is to permit the site for a ground-mount solar Photo-voltaic system. Mr. Allen is working with a local site contractor to accomplish this grading. DeMaximis would prefer that the site be level graded prior to any well installation and test pumping. They will hold off on any activities until after that has been accomplished.

Next steps: Site grading needs to take place first, access agreement needs to be put together and signed, and get a copy of draft plan for District to comment on.

Other Old Business:

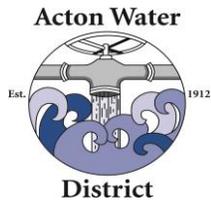
1. Water Smart Program. Mr. Allen mentioned that they have contracted with WaterSmart for a 36 month period. Welcome letters have been sent out (mailed to 5,400 households) and are directing customers to a Customer Service survey. To- date they have received 300 responses. The WaterSmart program will be able to give customers a monthly water reading for efficiency and leak detection, quarterly Home Water Reports, and, in the imminent future, access to e-bill presentment.

2. Enclosed in tonight's packet to Commissioners is a letter from Mr. Mostoller and Mr. Allen to MassEPA regarding comments on Acton/WR Grace draft Operable Unit Three Monitoring Program for the year 2015 Report and recommended modifications to 2016 Annual Sampling Round. Mr. Allen gave a brief overview to the Commissioners of what was stated in the letter.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of the District's Retirement Investment Strategy

Enclosed in tonight's packets to the Commissioners are the email threads generated by Bill Guthlein regarding alterations to the District's retirement investment strategies. Mr. Guthlein spoke and reviewed for the Commissioners his findings. More discussions still need to be had before determining what change of action, if any, will take place. Counselor Bassett will attend the next finance committee meeting, which will be held the last week of June



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2. Update on the Indian Village Water Main Improvement Project

Mr. Allen provided an update on the Indian Village water main improvement project. He stated that the Invitation for Bid (IFB) was advertised on June 1st, to date, approximately 10 contractors have requested bid packages from the engineer, Wright-Pierce, and the public bid opening is scheduled for Friday, June 17th at 11 a.m. He reminded the Commissioners that the District, based on the vote at the 2016 Annual meeting, will be borrowing \$1 million for this project. Together with appropriated funds, brings the available sum to \$1.8-million. The scope of the project will depend on the bidding results.

Other New Business:

Board of Water Commissioners Meeting Schedule:

Mr. Allen will add a meeting on for June 27th. The final schedule will be circulated and posted.

Mr. Stuntz moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm and it was unanimously approved.