

# Water Supply District of Acton

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Board of Water Commissioners  
Meeting Minutes  
693 Massachusetts Avenue, Acton MA  
Monday, June 18, 2018

## A. Comments from Citizens

## B. Approve Minutes off May 21st Meeting

## C. Old Business:

1. Approve Senior Citizen Discount Policy
2. Update on Solar Arrays Proposed for 16 Knox Trail & 62 Lawsbrook Road

## D. New Business:

1. Request from the Town of Acton to Waive Past Due Water Bills on Property at 43 & 45 School Street

## Present at Tonight's Meeting:

Commissioners: Ronald Parenti (Chair), Stephen Stuntz, Erika Amir-Lin

District Manager: Chris Allen

District Treasurer: Mary Jo Bates

District Counsel: Mary Bassett

Commissioners Secretary: Lynn Protasowicki

Finance Committee: Bill Guthlein

Acton Citizens:

Kim Kastens

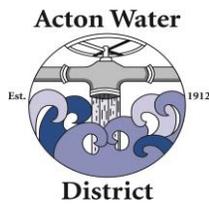
Mary Lynn Miller

The Board of Water Commissioners meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM on Monday, June 18, 2018 at the Acton Water District office by Mr. Parenti.

## A. Comments from Citizens:

Ms. Kastens presented to the Commissioners a document dated June 12, 2018 called Nagog Pond Update and referenced the June 6th note regarding the interaction between Littleton and Concord. She asked the Commissioners if they had any knowledge that this meeting took place? And, if so, how does the Commissioners feel about Littleton and Concord conversing and Acton being pushed aside. Would there be any opportunity for Acton to take part in the conversations? Mr. Parenti asked the Board if this Littleton/Concord conversation had something to do with the Cobb Well. Mr. Allen stated that it has to do with Cobbs Pond which is off Nashoba Road. Littleton is looking to build a well at Cobbs Pond. Mr. Parenti asked, if we wanted to tap into the same aquifer would we have to have land in the region to drill a well. Mr. Allen stated that we would not. Ms. Kastens stated that she'd like to see the District push for a joint facility. Ms. Miller stated that Nagog Pond is a beautiful resource and would not like it to be disturbed. She mentioned that she recently spoke with Kevin Hunt of the Littleton Water Department and he sounded serious about being able to use Nagog Pond for drinking water; he wants to tap into this other water shed. Littleton is having tremendous development and are in need of other water resources. Ms. Miller stated that she would like to see the District keep tabs on Littleton. Mr. Allen mentioned that the District stays in communication with Littleton on as needed basis. Ms. Kastens just asked that the District not get "squeezed" out of any discussions between Concord & Littleton.

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## **B. Approve Minutes of May 21st Meeting:**

Mr. Stuntz motioned to approve the minutes of May 21, 2018. Mr. Parenti seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

## **C. Old Business:**

### *1. Approve Senior Citizens Discount Policy.*

Mr. Stuntz motioned to accept the Senior Citizens Discount Policy as written. Mr. Parenti approved and it was unanimously approved.

### *2. Update on Solar arrays Proposed for 16 Knox Trail & 62 Lawsbrook Road.*

Mr. Allen gave an update on the solar arrays project proposed for 16 Knox Trail & 62 Lawsbrook Road. The letter enclosed from Mass DEP dated May 24, 2018 had concerns about the construction of the solar array impacting the network of groundwater monitoring wells in the WR Grace Superfund site. Mr. Allen mentioned that these concerns have been addressed. Also enclosed in tonight's packets is a conceptual rendering of the project which shows a 200 foot set back from the operating Assabet sources, Assabet 1A & 2A, due to Mass DEP's setback requirements that were recently promulgated.. Red clouded areas on the rendering denote possible areas of expansion of the array to maintain the projected output. Mr. Allen stated that he spoke with Peter Bay, Project Developer with EDF Renewables and asked them to start looking in east / southeast direction. Currently there are some old buildings in this area from the prior sand & gravel operation, and in their conversation Mr. Allen stated that those could be razed to create additional space for Solar panels. Mr. Allen stated that the conceptual rendering is still being worked on.

Mr. Allen mentioned that EDF Renewables is working with a developer seeking interconnection in the Town of Maynard. The theory is to undertake a combined interconnection study with Eversource as a money saving strategy. Due to this project being queued in front of the District's proposed projects, this could potentially delay the District's projects about 2-3 months. Original plan was to have the Knox Trail array commissioned by the end of 2018, and the Lawsbrook array in early 2019.

Mr. Allen mentioned that on June 27th in Worcester, he and Margaret Campbell will attend the kick off meeting will be held for the micro grid feasibility study at a session held by the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MA CEC).

## **D. New Business:**

### *1. Request from the Town of Acton to Waive Past Due Water Bill on Property at 43 & 45 School Street.*

Enclosed in tonight's packets is an email from Mark Hald, Assistant Town Manager of Acton to Mr. Allen asking the District if they would consider waiving the past due water bill on property at 43 & 45 School Street which is now owned by Habitat for Humanity. The bill is for \$496.68.

Mr. Allen stated that he would ask Mr. Hald if he would consider the possibility of waiving property taxes at 3-33 Knox Trail. Counselor Bassett stated that if the District has a bargained for exchange with the Town to waive taxes on 3-33 Knox Trail in exchange for the District's waiver of water use charges on 43 & 45 School Street, this would be legally acceptable. The exchange will be on the original amounts owed excluding interest, penalties or other fees Mr. Allen will write to Mr. Hald with this information.

*Mr. Parenti moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20PM and it was unanimously approved.*

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