

Board of Water Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
693 Massachusetts Avenue, Acton, MA
Monday, July 15, 2019

AGENDA

- A. Comments from Citizens
- B. Approve Minutes of June 3, 2019 Meeting

C. OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Follow-up Discussion on Designation of the WR Grace Settlement Fund

D. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Request from the Acton Selectboard for Joint Public Meeting
 - At their meeting of 6/17, the Selectboard voted to request a joint meeting with the Board of Water Commissioners.
- 2. Communication with the Town of Acton

Executive Session: To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.

Present at Tonight's Meeting:

Commissioners: Stephen Stuntz (Chair), Erika-Amir-Lin, Barry Rosen
District Manager: Chris Allen
District Treasurer: Mary Jo Bates
District Counsel: Mary Bassett
Environmental Manager: Matt Mostoller
Commissioner's Secretary: Lynn Protasowicki
Green Acton: Lucy Kirschner
Acton Citizen: Ron Parenti

The Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM on Monday, July 15, 2019 at the Acton Water District office by Mr. Stephen Stuntz.

A. Comments from Citizens:

None this evening

B. Approve Minutes of June 3, 2019 Meeting:

Mr. Rosen had some edits. Mr. Stuntz motioned to approve the minutes of June 3, 2019 as amended. Ms. Amir-Lin seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

C. OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. *Follow-up Discussion on Designation of the WR Grace Settlement Fund.*

Mr. Allen wanted to have a follow-up discussion with the Commissioners on the designation of the WR Grace Settlement Fund. Mr. Rosen asked to have Ms. Bates tell the fund manager to hold off on locking the District into anything new for this fund. Counselor Bassett stated that the Commissioners need to take a vote and then it needs to get a 2/3rd vote at District meeting.

Mr. Rosen motioned for the Acton Water District to begin the process of transferring /re-categorizing the WR Grace Fund to a WR Grace Stabilization Fund to be put onto the warrant at the March 2020 Annual District meeting. Ms. Amir-Lin seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

D. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Request from the Acton Selectboard for a Joint Public Meeting.

Mr. Rosen explained how the request to have a joint meeting came about. He stated that the Water Resources Advisory Committee presented a plan to do their water study in stages and asked Town to put up to \$50K. During the meeting Jon Benson, Selectboard asked if the Board would like to meet with the Board of Water Commissioners to discuss the water study. The BoS decided that they would like to have a joint meeting with the Water Commissioners.

Mr. Stuntz requested that in advance of this joint meeting, the Commissioners would like a scope of work from WRAC for the water study.

Mr. Parenti did some population analysis. In year 2025 Acton's population could be up to 35K people. Mr. Allen mentioned that the District currently serves 20K people. Mr. Mostoller will check with MAPC to see if there is an updated MAPC growth scenario beyond 2025 (i.e. more farmland turned into residential areas). Mr. Allen mentioned that MAPC is one of the resources in the District's Master Plan. MAPC cites population growth through 2035.

2. Communication with the Town of Acton.

Mr. Allen will request to have the Commissioners meet with the BoS on September 9th. The Commissioners agreed to have their District meeting at the library with a start time of 7 PM. Mr. Allen will request to be on the Town BoS's agenda for 8 PM.

Other New Business:

1. Mr. Allen gave a quick overview of the current rate increase which took effect with the July billing. He noted that usage down about 4% and revenue up about 10%.
2. Mr. Allen mentioned that he had a discussion with Town Engineer about an inquiry of a water line through town forest from Quarry Road to Nagog Park. The goal of this new water line would be to increase water quality in Nagog Park. As there is no Town Forest Commission to get approval to do this project, the Selectboard appointed the Conservation Commission as the point people for this project.

Mr. Stuntz moved to adjourn the open meeting at 8:22 PM and motioned to enter into Executive Session at 8:23 PM to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the District and to reconvene in open session. Ms. Amir-Lin seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by roll call vote.