

Board of Water Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
693 Massachusetts Avenue, Acton MA
Monday, July 16, 2018

A. Comments from Citizens

B. Approve Minutes of June 18th Meeting

C. New Business:

1. Common Ground Development Corp for Request for Waiver of Fees to Connection to the District's System for the "Residences at Kelly's Corner" Senior Housing.
2. Request from Green Acton for Commissioner's Participation in 1,4-Dioxane Forum.

D. Old Business:

1. Update on Conditions at 104 Powdermill Road (Baldco Property) Related to Land Lease with the District.

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: Charles Bradley

WLMAC: Barry Rosen

Green Acton: Lucy Kirshner

The Board of Water Commissioners meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM on Monday, July 16, 2018 at the Acton Water District office by Mr. Parenti.

A. Comments from Citizens

Mr. Rosen would like to know who on the Board will be attending the water resources strategic meeting on September 22nd workshop. Confirmed attending are Ms. Amir-Lin and Mr. Parenti; Mr. Allen and Mr. Stuntz are a tentative yes. This meeting is to help the Town of Acton design its water study. The Town of Acton is paying for a professional facilitator. The Board of Selectmen, Town of Acton is hosting this public forum.

B. Approve Minutes of June 18th Meeting

Mr. Stuntz motioned to approve the minutes of June 18, 2018. Ms. Amir-Lin seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

C. New Business

1. Common Ground Development Corp for Request for Waiver of Fees to Connection to the District's System for the "Residences at Kelly's Corner" Senior Housing.

This item is no longer necessary on this evening's agenda. There was a misunderstanding on the developer's side who thought that the fees were going to cost approximately \$1 million, but Mr. Allen

spoke with the developer and clarified that the actual cost is closer to \$100K. The developer then cancelled his request for a waiver.

2. Request from Green Acton for Commissioner's Participation in 1,4-Dioxane Forum.

Ms. Kirshner stated that Green Acton Water Committee wants to hold various public sessions to discuss different water topics. They would like to start with the topic of 1,4-dioxane and want to have experts in this topic present to the public. They would like three guest speakers to talk about the hydrogeology; the health concerns; the clean-up process; and then have questions/answers from public. Mr. Allen suggested that Matt Mostoller, AWD Environmental Manager, would be a good person to speak; he is extremely knowledgeable on this contaminant, and has been tracking it for a decade. He's also previously conducted technical presentations on 1,4-Dioxane in the past for various water works organizations. Ms. Kirshner mentioned that this session will be held in the evening sometime in October in Room 204.

Other New Business:

1. Drought Task Force – Mr. Allen mentioned that the task force met on July 12th and continues to urge water conservation - we are in a drought watch in our area of the state. Demand has been relatively minimal, and very manageable for the District.
2. Mr. Parenti mentioned that a friend attended the West Acton discussion about expansion of the sewer district into West Acton. Mr. Parenti was told by his friend that Tuttle Road folks turned down sewerage a few years back. During the course of this process, they were under the impression based on information provided that septic systems were polluting the water supply. This assumption is still being used in these discussions. Mr. Parenti suggested that the District may want to get involved in these discussions. Mr. Allen mentioned that the District is providing comments to the Acton Selectmen; where they are planning to put sewer lines on Tuttle Road; future well site; less septic less contamination. Woodward & Curran does contract operations for wastewater for the Town and they did the study for sewerage in this area.

D. Old Business

1. Update on Conditions at 104 Powdermill Road (Baldco Property) Related to Land Lease with the District.

Mr. Allen provided an update to the Commissioners on the conditions at 104 Powdermill Road related to the land lease with the District. Currently the District has a land lease with Baldco Property who owns the radio tower which broadcasts Money Matters Radio. The owner of Baldco, Susan Armstrong, had a land survey done. Based on the aerial view of the impacted parcels, it shows that Mr. Tom Dexter of DH Loam has encroached into Zone 1 property which is owned by Ms. Armstrong. The District will continue to work with her to resolve this zoning issue. The current lease has been renewed for one year, and will not be renewed long-term until the issue is appropriately addressed.

On July 10th, Mr. Allen, Counselor Bassett and Mr. Mostoller met with Susan Armstrong on her property to review the results of the land survey. Counselor Bassett stated that the District does not own the property so we don't have any standing to take legal action against Mr. Dexter. The District is trying to encourage Ms. Armstrong to do the right thing. Since this is a zoning issue, the Town of Acton should be taking action. Mr. Dexter is conducting business on property where he shouldn't. He could not get a special permit and could not get one on her property because it's on Zone I and Zone II Groundwater Protection District land. She has to enforce her rights. Counselor Bassett suggests that the Commissioners consider giving her another one-year land lease to allow her more time to resolve the issue.

Other Old Business:

1. Micro Grid Study Meeting: The consultant, Margaret Campbell, is guiding the District through the study that is funded by a state grant through the MA Clean Energy Center (MA CEC). Of the three parties involved, the Town of Acton is on board with participation in the study (Paul Campbell Town Engineer

will represent the town). But, the consultant has not heard back from the owners of the Stop & Shop plaza, the third participant.

Mr. Parenti moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM and it was unanimously approved.