



# Water Supply District of Acton

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Board of Water Commissioners  
Meeting Minutes  
693 Massachusetts Avenue, Acton MA  
Monday, August 13, 2018

## **A. Comments from Citizens**

## **B. Approve Minutes of July 16, 2018**

## **C. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Follow-up on Request from Green Acton for Participation in the 1,4-Dioxane Forum Planned for Thursday, 10/25.
2. Update and Discussion of Water Resources Workshop Scheduled for Saturday, 9/22.

## **D. NEW BUSINESS:**

Any agenda item(s) which did not come to the attention of the Board of Water Commissioners 48 hours prior to this meeting and were not reasonably anticipated.

**E. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate property.

## **Present at Tonight's Meeting:**

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

District Manager: Chris Allen

District Treasurer: Mary Jo Bates

Environmental Manager: Matthew Mostoller

District Counsel: Mary Bassett

Commissioner's Secretary: Lynn Protasowicki

Finance Committee: Dave Butler via phone

WLMAC: Barry Rosen

Acton Board of Selectmen: Janet Adachi

Green Acton: Kim Kastens

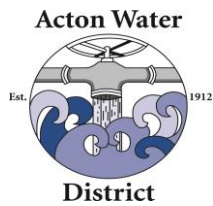
The Board of Water Commissioners meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM on Monday, August 13, 2018 at the Acton Water District office by Mr. Parenti.

## **A. Comments from Citizens**

Kim Kastens stated that she was disappointed to not see any materials on the website for tonight's meeting. Ms. Bates will look into it.

## **B. Approve Minutes of July 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

Mr. Stuntz motioned to approve the minutes of July 17, 2018. Mr. Parenti seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.



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## C. OLD BUSINESS:

### *1. Follow-up on Request from Green Acton for Participation in the 1,4-Dioxane Forum Planned for Thursday, 10/25.*

Matt Mostoller mentioned that he met with Kim Kastens and Lucy Kirchner of Green Acton to discuss what he would present at the forum taking place on October 25<sup>th</sup>. He stated that the presentation will take about 10 minutes and he will discuss where 1,-4 dioxane comes from and how it moves around in the aquifer; and then he will answer questions that the public may have. Kim Kastens informed the Commissioners that this forum will be held at the Public Safety building and that the League of Women Voters is sponsoring it.

Mr. Allen presented a slide showing the last round of quarterly sampling from TetraTech. The sampling was taken in July for the following wells: Assabet IA .32; Assabet IIA less.20; Lawsbrook .123; and Scribner .21 (did not sample Christofferson due to it not running at the time of the sample).

### *2. Update and Discussion of Water Resources Workshop Scheduled for Saturday, 9/22.*

The Water Resources workshop will be held on Saturday, 9/22 from 9-2PM with ½ hour lunch. Enclosed is a draft agenda of the Water Resources Workshop however Mr. Rosen stated that this agenda has changed some but that the scenarios listed may remain the same. He stated that the invited attendees will be changing; that they are reducing the size of the breakout groups go from 5 to 4 and compress the breakout time. He said that the Town Manager is looking at the invited attendee list and that the WRAC will get final approval.

Mr. Parenti stated that after the Acton Board of Selectmen's meeting took place that Joan Gardner was wondering if there will be materials sent out prior to the workshop. Barry Rosen stated that there may be some sort of survey that goes out before the meeting but not 100%. Mr. Parenti suggests that there should be something provided to the attendees prior to the meeting for them to prepare.

Kim Kastens stated that the goal of the workshop is to get a handle on what the dimensions of the water study should be and one of the ways to do this, which has been discussed, is to ask the participants what questions they would want to know the answers too. Ms. Amir-Lin agrees with Kim Kastens which is that that the focus of the workshop should be to generate a list of questions for each of these scenarios.

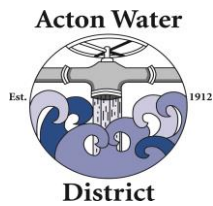
Mr. Allen mentioned that the agenda is heavily focused on water supply. He noted that much of this information about water supply is in the District's Master Plan. Mr. Allen stated that he thought the workshop was going to be focused on water conservation, waste water, and water resources. He is unclear as to what the objectives are of this workshop.

Mr. Allen also added an update on the current Master Plan update DRAFT that is being finalized by the Engineering consultant, and should be available on the District's website by the end of August.

Mr. Stuntz mentioned that he would like to see scenarios on how to protect present sources and operation of the Town and additionally planning and enforcement.

Mr. Stuntz mentioned that he won't be able to make the workshop.

Mr. Parenti asked Barry Rosen to share the new agenda once it has been finalized.



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## Other old business:

1. Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that the pilot study of Greensand Plus at the Conant I Well is completed. Report will be shared when becomes available.
2. September Water Commissioner's meeting - new date scheduled for 9/24/18

## **D. NEW BUSINESS:**

*Any agenda item(s) which did not come to the attention of the Board of Water Commissioners 48 hours prior to this meeting and were not reasonably anticipated.*

Matt Mostoller mentioned that there is some new service called Simple Water Tap Score ([mytapscore.com](http://mytapscore.com)) whereby a person can send in a water sample and this company will test it and provide the customer with a report of the results. They are claiming that they are an award-winning science and health services company founded at the **University of California in Berkeley** with the mission of improving drinking water and long term health. He mentioned that one Acton Water District customer paid \$400 to test their water. Mr. Mostoller mentioned that they are comparing lab results with poor EPA data sets that aren't up to date. This company is not certified whereas actual drinking water labs are certified and are very heavily regulated.

*Mr. Parenti moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM and they then moved into Executive Session.*