



Water Supply District of Acton

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Commissioners Meeting
Water Supply District of Acton
Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2016

AGENDA:

- A. Comments from Citizens
- B. Approve Minutes of August 15th Meeting
- C. OLD BUSINESS
 - 1. Drought Update and the District's Outdoor Water Conservation Measures
 - 2. Nuclear Metals Superfund Site
 - Status of installation of test wells and test pumping schedule
 - Extension of current access agreement
 - Update from stakeholder's meeting held on Wednesday, August 31st
 - 3. Town of Concord's Proposal to Construct a New Treatment Plant at Nagog Pond
 - Connection to AWD for potable water and fire protection at the proposed plant
 - Discussion with the Acton Selectmen regarding withdrawal from Nagog Pond
- D. NEW BUSINESS
 - 1. Public Records Request from Mr. Barry Rosen of 5 Windemere Drive

The Board of Water Commissioners meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm on Monday, September 12, 2016 at the Acton Water District office by Mr. Stephen Stuntz.

Present at Tonight's Meeting:

Commissioners: Ron Parenti, Stephen Stuntz (Chairperson), Leonard Phillips
District Manager: Chris Allen
District Counsel: Mary Bassett
District Treasurer: Mary Jo Bates
Commissioners Secretary: Lynn Protasowicki
WLMAC: Barry Rosen & John Cipar

A. Comments from Citizens:

No comments tonight.

B. Approve Minutes of August 15th Meeting:

Mr. Parenti moved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on August 15, 2016, Mr. Stuntz seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

C. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Drought Update and the District's Outdoor Water Conservation Measures.

Mr. Allen stated that the State Drought Task Force met on Thursday, 9/8, and Acton is still under a drought warning, as is all of Central & Northeastern Massachusetts.



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Mr. Allen mentioned that, in this latest meeting, MA Secretary of Environmental Affairs, recommended that private well owners conserve as much as possible. Mr. Parenti asked if there were any signs around town mentioning the drought and Mr. Allen stated no that we would have to have signs made and placed around town. Mr. Allen will look into this in the coming weeks, as the ban on outdoor use will most likely extend beyond the usual October 1st deadline.

Due to the recent ban on outdoor water use, peak demand has been cut in half, from around 3 to 1.5 million gallons per day. The ban was implemented on August 15th when the drought status was escalated to a drought warning.

2. Nuclear Metals Superfund Site.

Status of installation of test wells and test pumping schedule: Mr. Allen noted that the new proposed extraction well site is MW-SD40. Extraction well installation will begin week of September 12th. Mobilization of frac tanks will occur on or around September 14th.

Extension of current access agreement: NMI's attorney has inquired about entering into a long term access agreement but District doesn't think necessary at this time. The site of the extraction well is not set and test results are not available at this time. Most likely, the temporary access agreement will be extended for another 90 days.

Update from Stakeholder's Meeting Held on Wednesday, August 31st: Mr. Allen stated that the meeting was very well attended. Meeting consisted mainly of history of superfund, maturation of 1,4-dioxane as an emerging contaminant, and future steps that Nuclear Metals will take to clean up the contamination. Matt Mostoller, AWD Environmental Manager supplied EPA a list of concerns expressed by Acton residents since December 2014 at the meeting. However it is unclear when, or if, a forum will take place to talk to Acton's residents about these concerns.

Mr. Rosen asked Mr. Allen the following question, "does EPA require a customer comment period?" Mr. Allen stated that yes, typically on public release and they aren't there yet.

Mr. Rosen asks Mr. Allen the following question, "Do we have any contacts at UNH?" He stated that they have a big 1,4-dioxane problem in New Hampshire, and UNH is spearheading the piloting. He is wondering if they would know of any vendors that we aren't aware of that we could contact. Mr. Allen stated that through the New England Water Works Association (NEWWA), we have access to a large network of water works professionals. This could be used as a resource to contact the folks at UNH.

3. Town of Concord's Proposal to Construct a New Treatment Plant at Nagog Pond.

The extent of the Districts involvement in this highly political process is consideration of a connection to AWD for potable water and fire protection at the proposed plant: Mr. Allen stated that there is a public hearing tonight before the Acton Board of Selectman. He has taken several calls from Acton Selectmen and has been asked to render some sort of an opinion on the proposal. He stated that Concord will need a water connection with the District as the water being treated at the proposed new treatment facility is not potable until it gets to Great Road. Mr. Parenti suggested requesting a list of



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issues to which the District can respond and that there is no need for District to vote on the supply to Concord's plant until the official request/application has been made by Concord.

D. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Public Records Request from Mr. Barry Rosen of 5 Windemere Drive.

Mr. Rosen stated that his request was spearheaded by the outdoor watering ban for the community gardens. He received all the records that he has requested from the District. Mr. Rosen stated that he is trying to get information on the water restrictions from other agencies, local and state. Once he has all his information he will come back to the Commissioners with why he requested certain documents. He was not prepared to discuss in detail the request at this meeting.

Mr. Stuntz moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm and it was unanimously approved.

Next District Meeting:

Monday, September 26th 7:30 pm