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Commissioners Meeting
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Agenda: Comments from Citizens
 Approve Minutes of September 28th Meeting

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of Dedication and Naming of New Treatment Plant
Update on Stow Street Water Main Repair Road
Update on Proposed Legislation
Holiday Function Discussion

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of Funding for Capital Projects/Improvements

Minutes of October 19, 2009 Commissioners Meeting

Regular bi-monthly meeting. Present were Commissioners Parenti, Stuntz, and Phillips, District Manager Chris Allen, Treasurer/Collector Mary Jo Bates, District Counsel Mary Bassett, and Commissioners Secretary Lynn Protasowicki. Also in attendance was Mary Michelman representing ACES and Barry Rosen of WRAC.

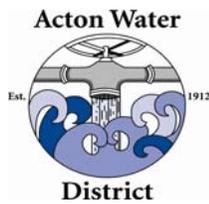
The meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M.

Comments from Citizens

Mary Michelman representing ACES informed the Commissioners that they received a letter from WR Grace informing them that there are high levels of 1,4-dioxane in the landfill close to the Assabet Wells. WR Grace is planning on fixing the problem and was alerting ACES to this in case they were creating a problem. ACES is supposed to comment on the document provided to them by WR Grace by October 26th; however, ACES cannot comment because they haven't seen the designs so they don't know what is being treated. Ms. Michelman then stated that WR Grace provided an extension so that ACES can do further investigation. Ms. Michelman wanted to inform the Commissioners of what was going on in case they wanted to provide future comment. Mr. Allen did mention that AWD has done significant research (i.e. sampled and treated) into the treatment of high levels of 1,4-dioxane.

Approve Minutes of August 31, 2009

Mr. Parenti moved to accept minutes of the meeting held on September 28, 2009 and Mr. Stuntz seconded the motion. The Commissioners were all in favor of approving the minutes.



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Discussion of Dedication and Naming of New Treatment Plant

Mr. Allen opened the discussion with the Commissioners by reviewing the past names that had been suggested (i.e. naming it after Charlotte Sagoff and naming it after Charles E. Orcutt). Mr. Allen suggested that the treatment plant be named, North Acton Water Treatment Facility. Mr. Phillips then went on to state why he feels strongly for naming it after Charles E. Orcutt and calling it, "The Charles E. Orcutt Water Purification Facility". Mr. Phillips stated that this facility will be a wonderful education facility for school field trips, engineers, government officials, etc.

After much discussion, Mr. Parenti moved to not name the treatment plant at this time. Mr. Phillips was not in favor. Mr. Parenti and Mr. Stuntz were in favor and the plant will simply be known as "The North Acton Water Treatment Plant".

Update on Stow Street Water Main Repair

Mr. Allen stated to the Commissioners that the water main repair on Stow Street is in progress. Directional Technologies has been hired to do the directional drilling of approximately 245 feet of new main. He stated that the pipe had been fused today, 10/19 and that the project will be done by the end of the week. The project cost \$17,000.

Update on Proposed Legislation

Mr. Allen stated that he had a scheduled meeting with Senator Eldridge for last week; however, that meeting did not take place due to the accident that Senator Eldridge suffered.

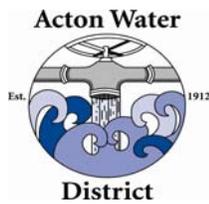
Discussion of Holiday Function

Mr. Stuntz opened discussion by stating that he thought the holiday function is necessary for staff and volunteers to get to know each other better in a social atmosphere. Mr. Parenti agreed with statement and stated that the holiday function will happen. The Commissioners agreed on December 14, 2009 as the function date and that it should be held at the same location as last year, Gibbet Hill.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of Funding for Capital Projects/Improvements

Mr. Allen stated to the Commissioners that there are many capital projects and improvements being made, and plans for those that should be made. Currently, infrastructure failures are requiring a



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significant amount of resources to correct, mostly in overtime, \$15,000 in the 3rd quarter alone, and materials. AWD is being somewhat reactive with long-term solutions to this aging and failing infrastructure. We would like to get to the point where we are being more proactive in this approach. Mr. Allen would like to have a separate informal meeting/working session with the Commissioners and Finance Committee to discuss future strategic capital planning and how to appropriate the necessary funds to support this. The Commissioners, Mr. Allen and Ms. Bates need to figure out whether to take the funds out of free cash or from the settlement funds. Any appropriations of funds for these projects will be subject to district vote either at a special meeting, or the regularly scheduled annual meeting in March of 2010.

Mr. Allen will consult with the Finance Committee to recommend moving funds to the Engineering budget to get projects started. Mr. Allen will then create a spreadsheet listing status of projects in progress as well as capital projects and recommended improvements that need to be scheduled and provide that to the Commissioners.

Mr. Parenti moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Stuntz seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.