

WLMAC MEETING NOTES OF August 18, 2011

Present: Greta Eckhardt, Paul Malchodi, Barry Rosen

Note Taker(s): Barry Rosen

Chairperson: Barry Rosen

Called To Order: The chairperson called the meeting to order on August 18, 2011 at 8:10 PM ET.

New Business:

1. Approval of Minutes:

- 1.1. Ms. Eckhardt moved and Mr. Malchodi seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the WLMAC meeting held on June 14, 2011. The motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business:

2. Member Resignation:

- 2.1. The Committee had some discussion concerning the resignation of John Cipar from the WLMAC due to job related temporary relocation. The membership felt that it was not clear as to whether Mr. Cipar would seek reappointment to the WLMAC nor did the members feel that the Committee could function as well without the fifth member.
- 2.2. *[Action Item]* The WLMAC asked Mr. Rosen to write a letter (attached to these notes) to the Board of Water Commissioners reminding them of Mr. Cipar's resignation and requesting that they appoint a new member as soon as possible.
- 2.3. Among the reasons cited by the Committee for this being necessary were:
 - 2.3.1. Easier to obtain a meeting quorum with the full membership.
 - 2.3.2. More diverse opinions during discussions and fresh thinking will be added to the group.
 - 2.3.3. Need to better distribute the work load.
 - 2.3.4. The sooner this is accomplished, the sooner the WLMAC will be able to get the new appointment up-to-speed.

3. Board of Commissioners' Meeting Summary:

- 3.1. Mr. Malchodi provided a brief summary of the 8/8/2011 AWD Commissioners' meeting.

- 3.2. One of the items discussed at the meeting was an apparent finding of *E. coli* bacteria during testing conducted at the Whitcomb well.
- 3.3. MA DEP wants a corrective action plan. The District is still investigating and we should learn more at a subsequent meeting.
4. Review of AWD Commissioners' Comments:
 - 4.1. The WLMAC reviewed and discussed the comments made by the various AWD commissioners concerning the proposed outline of the "Capacity" study.
 - 4.2. The sense of the Committee was that there were no negative comments received nor were any changes suggested to the proposed outline by the Commissioners. The comments all were positive.
 - 4.3. The members felt that we could proceed based upon the feedback from the Board.
 - 4.4. The WLMAC did mention to the District that it could make changes as it got further into the project if it encountered any study areas that were not feasible or that no longer seemed to fit into the study.
5. Initial Water Capacity Assignments:
 - 5.1. Paul will try to create something akin to the "cookie story" analogy discussed during the meeting to explain the time scale aspect of water capacity.
 - 5.2. Greta will begin work on the naturally occurring water resource.
 - 5.3. Barry will begin work on the human engineered infrastructure.
6. Next WLMAC Meeting: The next scheduled meeting of the WLMAC is scheduled for 8:00 PM on September 13, 2011 at the AWD HQ.

Adjournment:

On a motion made by Mr. Malchodi and seconded by Ms. Eckhardt, the meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 9:55 PM ET on August 18, 2011.

August 23, 2011

Dear Board of Water Commissioners:

At the last meeting of the WLMAC (August 18, 2011), we had a discussion concerning the resignation of John Cipar from the Committee due to an approximately six month out-of-state work assignment which prevents him from attending WLMAC meetings. It is unclear whether or not Mr. Cipar would seek reappointment to the WLMAC upon his return.

As you know, the Committee is beginning work on an "AWD Water Capacity Study" which will require considerable research, discussion, editing and writing. Having as many of our members as possible take part, will not only allow us to divide the labor but to also to utilize the diversity of our members' backgrounds to learn from each other and to analyze the information from different viewpoints.

The WLMAC has asked me to formally notify the Board of Water Commissioners of the Water Supply District of Acton that an opening exists on the Water Land Management Advisory Committee. The Committee is requesting that the Board fill this vacancy as soon as possible.

Very truly,

Barry R. Rosen
Chairperson
Water Land Management Advisory Committee

[This text was delivered to the AWD Commissioners with a copy to Chris Allen by email on District stationery.]