

## WLMAC MEETING NOTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2011

**Present:** Greta Eckhardt, Chuck Olmstead, Paul Malchodi, Barry Rosen

**Note Taker(s):** Barry Rosen

**Chairperson:** Barry Rosen

**Called To Order:** The chairperson called the meeting to order on October 17, 2011 at 8:20 PM ET.

### New Business:

#### 1. Approval of Minutes:

1.1. Mr. Olmstead moved and Ms. Eckhardt seconded a motion to accept the minutes of September 14, 2011. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### 2. Report On Last Meeting of The Board of Water Commissioners: (Mr. Rosen provided a brief summary of some salient items)

2.1. The AWD and the Massachusetts DOR use different methods of accounting to determine the amount of free cash so the AWD must actually maintain two sets of "books."

2.2. The District's Rules and Regulations is still being revised and reviewed.

2.3. A number of "water takers" did attend the Friday event at the AWD HQ to provide additional historical perspective and stories for the AWD's Centennial Celebration.

2.4. *The Beacon* Newspaper has still not run the advertisement for the WLMAC replacement position. Chris hopes that it will run in the next edition of the paper. He also mentioned that two of the people who had indicated an interest in the WLMAC earlier still seem to live in the District.

2.5. The Sweeney family that owns land on Squirrel Hill Road has apparently determined that they can not do anything more with some of their land and has offered to donate a parcel to the AWD. The District currently has a right of way through the parcel for water mains. The Board would like to accept the donation and has determined that it will add this question to the annual election ballot.

#### 3. Future WLMAC Meeting Dates:

3.1. The remaining meeting dates for the WLMAC for 2011 will be November 8 and December 13. *[Note: The meeting that had been scheduled for November 8 has since been moved by the WLMAC to Thursday, November 10, 2011.]*

3.2. On a motion by Mr. Olmstead which was seconded by Ms. Eckhardt and approved unanimously, the WLMAC adopted its meeting schedule for the first half of 2012. The meetings will be held at the AWD HQ office beginning at 8:00 PM

ET on the dates of: January 10, February 14, March 13, April 10, May 8 and June 12, 2012. Additional dates may be added to the schedule as needed.

- 3.3. Mr. Rosen will send the schedule adopted to the AWD and will ask the IT Manager to post the information on the District's web site.
4. Scheduling Help From Matt and/or Chris: The members felt that it may be necessary to request assistance from Mr. Allen and Mr. Mostoller at some point in the future during the current project. However, the sense of the committee was that any such help would not be needed until some point in 2012 and the WLMAC would make such as request well in advance. The members also discussed the possibility of holding any such meeting early in the morning. *[Note: Mr. Mostoller mentioned to Mr. Rosen that it would be helpful if any request for assistance from AWD staff would include a list of questions.]*

### **Old Business:**

5. Capacity Project Discussions:
  - 5.1. Mr. Olmstead spoke to the group on some of his initial thoughts on where he might begin to research:
    - 5.1.1. Examining the history of safe withdrawal limits.
    - 5.1.2. Broader regionalization and associated issues.
    - 5.1.3. How local government should monitor water usage, limits, new construction (related to water).
    - 5.1.4. Issues of what is happening "upstream" *vis a vis* urbanization might be a sub-topic of 5.1.3.
  - 5.2. The committee held a "lively" discussion of AWD storage and how it may affect District capacity at various times of the year. *[Note: Time constrained us on this discussion and it may be continued in the future—possibly with District staff.]*

### **Adjournment:**

On a motion made by Mr. Malchodi and seconded by Mr. Olmstead, the meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 10:05 PM ET on October 17, 2011.