



WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

August 22, 2019

7:30 PM

Conference Room, Acton Water District, 693 Massachusetts Avenue

Present: Ron Beck, Robert Sekuler, Matthew Mostoller, Lucy Kirshner, Ronald Parenti (Associate), Joan Gardner (BOS Liaison)

Absent: Barry Rosen

Chairperson: Ron Beck

Clerk: Matthew Mostoller

1. Opening

Chair Ron Beck opened the meeting at 7:32 PM

2. Regular Business

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes – The meeting minutes from the Water Resources Advisory Committee’s June 13, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved by a vote of 3 yes.
- B. Citizens Remarks/Comments – Matthew Mostoller relayed an email he and Ron Beck received from Kim Kastens earlier that evening. She raised concerns about including individuals not on the WRAC email shell in committee business emails. Terra Friedrich’s mentioned that anyone can sign up for alerts related to a particular committee by going to the Town of Acton webpage and subscribing. Ron Beck agreed to send Outlook meeting reminders and include non-committee members that have expressed an interest in WRAC. Ron Parenti has not been added to the WRAC email shell yet.
- C. Discussion of Presentation at June 17, 2019 Board of Selectmen meeting – Ron Beck presented at this meeting and recapped the events. It was overall a positive reception from the Board of Selectmen. The questions revolved around how to proceed, when would funding be required, and what other resources would the Town need to commit. Our timeline was aggressive and is now behind schedule due to waiting for the requested joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Water Commissioners.

3. New/Special Business

- A. Discussion of joint meeting between Board of Selectmen and Board of Water Commissioners – It was determined that WRAC should post a meeting for this night in case questions arise during the conversation between the Board of Selectmen and Board of Water Commissioners. Erika Amir-Lin wanted to verify whose meeting was happening on the 9th and if a scope of work was going to be made available to both Boards. Joan Gardner is anticipating one hour for the joint portion of the meeting. It was



noted that the Board of Water Commissioners would be meeting in the library at 7PM and joining the Board of Selectmen at 8PM. Lucy Kirshner asked if WRAC should have more pointed questions to facilitate the discussion between the Boards. Matthew Mostoller reminded the WRAC that we are not an official participant in the meeting and will be convening the WRAC meeting on September 9th as observers.

- B. Discussion of priorities and revised timeline for conducting stakeholder interviews – Matthew Mostoller mentioned we may have missed a critical window to gain staff and Board attention since we are heading into the budget and Town Meeting preparation season. Ron Beck mentioned the Waste Water Management Districts identified in the Comprehensive Waste Resources Management plan as something WRAC may want to look into again. This had been a subject of discussion by WRAC when it was first convened.

4. Adjournment

On a motion by Robert Sekuler and seconded by Lucy Kirshner, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM by a unanimous vote.