



## WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

October 30, 2019

7:30 PM

Conference Room, Acton Water District, 693 Massachusetts Avenue

**Present:** Barry Rosen, Matthew Mostoller, Lucy Kirshner, Robert Sekuler, Ronald Parenti (Associate)

**Absent:** Ron Beck

**Chairperson:** Lucy Kirshner

**Clerk:** Matthew Mostoller

### 1. Opening

Vice Chair Lucy Kirshner opened the meeting at 7:30 PM

### 2. Regular Business

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes – The meeting minutes from the Water Resources Advisory Committee’s September 19, 2019 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved on a motion by Barry Rosen and seconded by Ron Parenti. It was moved by Barry Rosen and seconded by Robert Sekuler to postpone approval of the October 16<sup>th</sup> minutes until the next meeting.
- B. Citizens Remarks/Comments – Terra Friedrichs mentioned the citizen’s petition calling for a Special Town Meeting (STM) prior to the previously scheduled STM on the basis of requesting a buildout analysis prior to voting on the proposed sewer system expansion. Kim Kastens provided an update on her trip to Washington DC to meet with officials from the US EPA regarding the Record of Decision for the WR Grace Superfund site. She also mentioned that the NMI Superfund site Consent Decree was open for public comment.
- C. Continue work on advancing water study – Barry Rosen provided a review of the October 16<sup>th</sup> meeting and the meeting he and Ron Beck had with Kristin Alexander and Aaron Green. From this information, a discussion of what data may exist that is not in GIS layers and could be helpful occurred. Ron Parenti directed a conversation regarding how we could begin to develop the available data into workable information for the water study. It was noted that redevelopment is as important as undeveloped parcels. Reviewing methodologies that other Towns have utilized may help to guide our process. The following questions were developed to engage with the Town GIS staff. It should be noted that the questions below would be utilizing existing zoning where applicable.
  1. What lots within the Town of Acton are undeveloped? Consider the size of each lot as well as its zoning. Also consider those lots that may be classified as wetlands or other areas that have in the past been allowed to develop.



2. What lots within the Town of Acton are considered undevelopable? In both 1 and 2, consider, if possible, the availability of sewer (wastewater) and septic.
3. Can you look at (study/map/calculate) the possibilities of those parcels that could be subdivided to create additional parcels on which additional development could take place?
4. Can you look at parcels that are near to each other and/or are connected to each other which have a common ownership?
5. Do you have information on septic systems? [digital]
6. How up-to-date is each layer?
7. What do you believe is the accuracy of each layer?
8. What tools are available to analyze the data in the system? How flexible is the system? How much analysis can you do with the present system?
9. Can you attend a WRAC meeting?
10. Alternately, can the WRAC or a subset of the WRAC meet with you on one of the late Tuesday evenings?

#### **4. Adjournment**

On a motion by Barry Rosen and seconded by Lucy Kirshner, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM by a unanimous vote.