



WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2021

6:00 PM ET

Virtual Meeting Conducted on Zoom

Acton, MA 01720

Present: Matthew Mostoller, Ronald Parenti, Ronald Beck, Barry Rosen, Andrea Becerra

Absent:

Chairperson: Ron Beck

Clerk: Barry Rosen (acting)

1. Opening

Chair Beck opened the meeting at 6:08 PM. A quorum was present along with 2 guests. Mr. Rosen acted as clerk for this meeting.

2. Regular Business

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes –

- a. The approval of the meeting minutes of 2/5/2021 was postponed until the next meeting.
- b. On a motion by Mr. Rosen, seconded by Mr. Parenti, the minutes of 5/20/2021 were approved. [Mr. Mostoller: Abstain, Mr. Parenti: aye, Mr. Beck: aye, Mr. Rosen: aye.]
- c. The approval of the minutes of 6/9/2021 were postponed.
- d. On a motion by Mr. Rosen, seconded by Mr. Mostoller, the minutes of 5/6/2021 were approved as amended. [Mr. Mostoller: aye, Mr. Parenti: aye, Mr. Beck: aye, Mr. Rosen: aye.]

B. Citizens' Comments/Remarks – There were no citizen comments.

C. Topic – Discussion of Guest Comments during meetings

- a. Mr. Rosen reminded committee that OML does not require guest comments; only that guests are permitted to attend meetings. Therefore, WRAC can regulate comments or not permit them throughout the meeting.
- b. Mr. Rosen stated that he was upset at comments that he heard at last meeting that pertained to a particular member. He would not like to see such an incident take place again.
- c. Mr. Beck noted we do encourage guest participation during meetings but perhaps it may have gotten out-of-hand and we should require more control of guest



speakers by the chair and/or moderator. We need to have guests raise their hand if they wish to speak if we are allowing comments during that portion of the meeting.

- d. Mr. Beck moves that the WRAC welcomes visitors to its meetings. Guests must explicitly ask to speak when/if the chair asks for citizen comments at the end of a discussion. Asking for comments will be at the committee's discretion. Members of the WRAC including the Town liaison may speak at any time. Motion seconded by Mr. Rosen. Voting: Mr. Mostoller: aye, Mr. Parenti: aye, Mr. Beck: aye, Mr. Rosen: aye. The motion carries unanimously.

D. Topic – Membership

- a. Mr. Rosen conveyed that he thought we should be more specific in the desired traits for a new WRAC member. He believed that a job description would assist us in recruiting new members.
- b. He then introduced some “straw person” job traits to the committee which Mr. Beck placed on a shared screen for all to see.
- c. The committee then worked to add to the suggestions and refine the job description. It was the group's consensus that not all the traits were necessary in any single individual.
- d. Terra (guest, recognized) told us that if we had a candidate in mind, we could provide the name to our Selectboard liaison who could ask the Selectboard to approve the appointment. She also mentioned that other committees had used media advertisements to assist in recruiting members. She volunteered to work with Mr. Beck in refining the job description and creating a newspaper advertisement.
- e. *Action Items:*
 - i. *Mr. Beck will send a copy of the “working” job description to WRAC for comments.*
 - ii. *Ms. Friedrichs and Mr. Beck will create a potential newspaper advertisement and job description.*
 - iii. *Mr. Beck will send the “final” job description to the VCC chairperson.*

E. Topic – Remote/In-person Meetings?

- a. Committee discussed the meeting options that were permitted under the new state legislation and the current desires of the Town.
- b. Mr. Beck surveyed the membership for its preferences.
- c. The committee decided that it will continue to meet virtually through September, 2021 after which it would discuss how to meet going forward.

F. Topic – WRAC Mission + Water Study

- a. The 2 topics were combined since they were closely related at this point.



- b. Mr. Parenti introduced a suggested outline of topics that could be included in the WRAC's water study (in PowerPoint format).
 - c. The committee suggested some additional topics and edits to the list which were made "on-screen" so all could see.
 - d. Mr. Beck forwarded the PowerPoint slides to the WRAC for comments.
 - e. *Action Item: The membership will examine the slide deck sent by Mr. Beck and make any comments or suggested edits to the topics in a different color. The commented slide deck should be sent to Mr. Parenti (only) who will consolidate the committee's feedback and present them at the next WRAC meeting.*
- G. Last Minute Comments: The chair noted that there was another guest present that joined after the "citizens' comments" portion of the meeting had passed. The chair asked Michael Geis if he had any comments to make before adjournment. Mr. Geis replied that he would like to join the WRAC and was preparing to apply to the VCC and would continue to attend WRAC meetings in the interim. Several members welcomed Mr. Geis' application. Mr. Beck suggested that he submit Mr. Geis' name to our Selectboard liaison.

3. New/Special Business

- A. Topic – Meeting: The next meeting of the WRAC will take place on July 15, 2021, at 7:00 PM ET. The meeting will continue to be a virtual (Zoom) meeting.

4. Adjournment

The meeting Zoom was accidentally closed prior to its end. The meeting was "officially" closed at the next meeting.