



WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2020
7:30 PM

Conference Room, Acton Water District, 693 Massachusetts Avenue

Present: Barry Rosen, Matthew Mostoller, Lucy Kirshner, Ronald Parenti

Vice Chairperson: Lucy Kirshner

Clerk: Matthew Mostoller

Others in Attendance: Kristen Alexander (Town of Acton GIS), Kim Kastens, Terra Friedrichs

1. Opening

Vice-Chair Lucy Kirshner opened the meeting at 7:00 PM

2. Regular Business

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes – The meeting minutes from the Water Resources Advisory Committee’s January 22, 2020 meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously, with a correction from Barry Rosen, on a motion by Lucy Kirshner and seconded by Ron Parenti. The draft February 5, 2020 minutes were not available for Ron Beck for the committee to review.
- B. Citizens Remarks/Comments – Kim Kastens provided follow up from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) regarding 1,4-dioxane. Seven additional wells will be sampled for 1,4-dioxane during the 2020 monitoring round. Chris Smith, project manager from US EPA, also committed to holding a community meeting in the Spring of 2020.
- C. Discussion of other key priorities for WRAC – This item agenda item was taken after the GIS Data Review to facilitate Kristen Alexander’s schedule. Ron Parenti discussed with the Acton Water District Board of Commissioners the need for their involvement. He thinks they should be concerned with wastewater management and that sewer extensions are unlikely to happen, whereas managed systems may be a more viable alternative. Kim Kastens note that nitrogen data was not represented well by either side of the sewer issue. Matthew Mostoller discussed the need for a nitrogen loading plan that chooses locations for a specific purpose to make nitrogen data more relevant.

3. New/Special Business

- D. Review Data with Acton GIS Staff – Kristen Alexander – The data deliverables that were discussed are available on DocuShare <http://doc.acton-ma.gov/dsweb/View/Collection-12122>. Kristen provided an overview of the maps produced, including the Town Atlas with Zoning, overlay districts, and a draft of lots that have a minimum of two times the minimum area and frontage for building. Barry Rosen asked about the Limited Business



zone on Great Road. Kristen Alexander wanted to know how far we go for this exercise. Discussion of speculative property bundling, other constraints to development (non-zoning), and non-frontage lots occurred. The spreadsheet represents building area, which represents all square footage of buildings, patios, and each floor of a building. The Residential Area is the living area only. Kristen Alexander left the meeting at 8:28 PM. The committee reviewed the Massachusetts Water Needs Forecast methodology. Matthew Mostoller reviewed the 2014-2021 Town of Acton Open Space Plan.

4. Adjournment

On a motion by Matthew Mostoller and seconded by Lucy Kirshner, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM by a unanimous vote.