

**TOWN OF ACTON
WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING NOTES OF FEBRUARY 21, 2018**

Documents: Any documents utilized during this meeting are either included in these minutes, available on the web and/or can be examined at the Town offices during regular business hours.

Present: Robert Sekular, Ron Beck, Lucy Kirshner, Barry Rosen, Joan Gardner (BOS Liaison),
Guests: Kim Kastens, Mary Lynn Miller, Terra Friedrichs, Ro Pinto

Note Taker(s): Barry Rosen

Chairperson: Ron Beck

Called To Order: The chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Old Business:

1. Approval of Minutes:

- 1.1. On a motion by Mr. Sekular, seconded by Mr. Beck, the minutes of January 10, 2018 were approved as presented by a vote of 3-0.
- 1.2. On a motion by Mr. Sekular, seconded by Mr. Rosen, the minutes of February 15, 2018 were approved as presented by a vote of 3-0.
- 1.3. The committee noted that it is not entirely clear if Ms. Kirshner may vote at this time.

New Business:

2. Date/Time of Next Meeting:

- 2.1. The next meeting of the WRAC will take place on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at the headquarters building of the Water Supply District of Acton beginning at 7:00 PM.
- 2.2. The election of new officers will take place during the 3/14/2018 meeting.

3. WRAC Membership:

- 3.1. There still seems to be some confusion as to whether Michael Kreuse is still listed as a member of the WRAC. The Town Clerk's office has him listed as a member.
- 3.2. As he has not participated with the WRAC in over a year and as far as the committee knows has not be "sworn-in" again as a member of the WRAC by the Town Clerk, we don't believe that he is a member. However, the clerk does not seem to have a letter of resignation from him.
- 3.3. *Action Item: The committee asked Ms. Gardner if she would speak with the Town Clerk to see how to best resolve this issue.*
- 3.4. Lucy Kirshner was appointed by the Board of Selectmen to be the fifth full member of the WRAC.

3.5. Ms. Gardner was also requested to notify the VCC that the WRAC would like to have two associate members appointed by the BOS which is permitted under the current mission statement.

4. Consider whether the committee should respond to Ms. Adachi:

4.1. The WRAC chair wrote a letter to the chair of the BOS requesting that the Board act on the non-binding resolution passed unanimously at the 2017 Town Meeting, Article #28, requesting that the Town work with its legislators affirming the Town's right to withdraw water from Nagog Pond. This was done at the behest of the committee. Ms. Adachi replied to Mr. Beck.

4.2. After considerable discussion, the sense of the WRAC was not to respond back to Ms. Adachi as the members felt it was best to leave the matter. As the entire committee agreed, no vote was necessary.

5. Presentation to Board of Selectmen:

5.1. When should the WRAC meet with the Board of Selectmen?

5.1.1. There was a concern that the Board may want to wait until the litigation with the Town of Concord has concluded. The next meeting with the court is in July 2018 so this could take some time to resolve.

5.1.2. WRAC members feel that it would be best if we could meet with the BOS prior to the upcoming April Town Meeting where potentially some embarrassing questions might arise concerning what has been done concerning the three non-binding environmental articles that were passed unanimously at the April 2017 Town Meeting.

5.1.3. *Action Item: Mr. Sekuler will speak with the Town Manager to find out if there were any openings at any upcoming BOS meetings prior to Town Meeting. The WRAC would like 15 minutes of presentation time plus whatever time the BOS would like for Q&A.*

5.2. Slides?

5.2.1. The committee reviewed the slides and made some minor revisions to them.

5.2.2. *Action Item: Mr. Rosen to obtain latest information from AWD on the registered and permitted daily withdrawals.*

5.2.3. The three areas that are to be addressed (the order was changed):

5.2.3.1. Why?

5.2.3.2. Demand. How much water is needed?

5.2.3.3. Supply. How much is out there? Inventory? Challenges? Concerns?

5.3. Two Meetings with Board?

5.3.1. Mr. Rosen noted that other than hearings, most BOS presentations were generally short with not much time available for discussion. He suggested that perhaps the committee might consider a short presentation laying out the issues (at a high level) for the Board with the goal of asking for a "workshop" like time to spend with the Board and others to further present and discuss the need and plans for the proposed water study.

5.3.2. The members thought that this idea might work better and we would have more interactive time with the Board of Selectmen.

5.3.3. We are now planning for a short presentation to the Board with fewer slides followed by an agreed upon date/time for an interactive workshop where we would explain and make any changes to the plan. The goal would be have the Board approve the plan and initial funds for it.

Adjournment:

On a motion made by Mr. Rosen and seconded by Mr. Sekular, the meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 9:10 PM