



WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2019
7:30 PM

Conference Room, Acton Water District, 693 Massachusetts Avenue

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

Absent: Lucy Kirshner

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 October 16, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved with 3 yeas and 2 abstentions on a motion by Ron Beck and seconded by Barry Rosen. The meeting minutes from the Water Resources Advisory Committee's October 30, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved with 4 yeas and 1 abstention on a motion by Robert Sekuler and seconded by Ron Parenti.
- B. Citizens Remarks/Comments – Matthew Mostoller spoke about the meeting that he attended on November 13, 2019 with Kim Kastens at US EPA Region 1 headquarters. This was a follow up to Green Acton's trip to US EPA headquarters in Washington DC to advocate for the inclusion of 1,4-dioxane in the Record of Decision for the WR Grace Superfund site.

3. New/Special Business

- C. Continue work on advancing water study – Barry Rosen updated the committee on the status of the GIS work. Town staff informed him that it will not be able to work on this project until after the new year as they are tied up with the upcoming Special Town Meetings. A discussion of buildout methods and potential drawbacks of these methods occurred. Barry Rosen mentioned how the Board of Water Commissioners recently suggested that the Water Land Management Advisory Committee (WLMAC) look at new source options for the Town of Acton. This could allow the WRAC study to focus on demand while the WLMAC focused on supply.
- D. Discussion of other key priorities for WRAC – The group discussed whether we should continue meeting giving the lack of support and progress to date. Joan Gardner will look into the status of staff support and get back to the committee. Ron Parenti felt we should



develop a scope of work for the study. Matthew Mostoller felt like we needed greater focus on what we want to study to draft the scope of work. Barry Rosen questioned if we should move our focus to waste water management districts. Ron Beck felt that we should conclude the water study before moving onto other topics.

4. Adjournment

On a motion by Matthew Mostoller and seconded by Ron Beck, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM by a unanimous vote.