



WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2021

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Present: Barry Rosen, Matthew Mostoller, Ronald Parenti, Ron Beck (Joined at 8:07)

Acting Chairperson: Matthew Mostoller

Clerk: Matthew Mostoller

Others in Attendance: Andrea Becerra, Himaja Nagireddy, Kim Kastens (Joined at 7:33), Terra Friedrichs (by phone)

1. Opening

Acting Chair Matthew Mostoller opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Barry Rosen read the virtual meeting statement.

2. Regular Business

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes – The meeting minutes from the Water Resources Advisory Committee's (WRAC) May 20, 2021 meeting were not reviewed because a quorum of members in attendance at that meeting was not present.
- B. Citizens Remarks/Comments – Terra Friedrichs discussed her concerns with the minutes and her follow up memo from the May 6, 2021 WRAC meeting. Ron Parenti mentioned the organization of items on DocuShare and urged the committee to fully utilize this resource moving forward. Andrea Becerra said she would post all relevant information on DocuShare and that the May 6th minutes could be amended and revoiced at a future meeting.
- C. Continue work on advancing the Water Study – Ron Parenti recapped/completed his presentation from the May 20, 2021 meeting. By his math, any excess the District had was pushed to the edge by the discovery of PFAS. Matthew Mostoller commented on some of the issues surrounding the MWRA, Concord, and possible source options in Acton. He mentioned incremental improvements that are planned to meet the Water needs Forecast (through 20230) and possibly through 2050, as envisioned by the water study. Barry Rosen raised the question of growth limits helping to curb additional water demand and how wastewater management fits into this discussion. Discussion of the work the Board of Health was doing related to septic regulations, various water quality parameters that may be useful to track, and issues around sewerage occurred amongst the attendees. Ron Beck joined the meeting and a brief recap occurred. He wanted to decide at the next meeting how we plan to proceed and what resources are needed so a request can be made to the Selectboard. Ron Parenti and Ron Beck reviewed the \$40,000 allocation and what a consultant's time might best be focused on to advance our work. Andrea Becerra mentioned that advanced GIS might best be done through a consultant



instead of Town staff. The group discussed the possible avenues for utilizing GIS as a tool.

- D. Review Membership of WRAC – Ron Beck wants to go to the VCC with a list of characteristics that may be useful for a WRAC member. If anyone has possible names, they were asked to share them. Ron Beck is up for reappointment and can stay on as member. He did acknowledge that his tenure as Chair has been long and maybe other members could step into a leadership role.

4. Adjournment

On a motion by Barry Rosen and seconded by Ron Parenti, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM by a unanimous vote.