

**TOWN OF ACTON
WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PRESENTATION SUB-COMMITTEE
MEETING NOTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 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: Ron Beck, Lucy Kirshner, Robert Sekuler, Barry Rosen + Guests: Mary Lynn Miller, Kim Kastens.

Note Taker(s): Barry Rosen

Chairperson: Ron Beck

Called To Order: The chairperson called the meeting to order on February 15, 2018 at 7:35 PM.

New Business:

1. Approval of Minutes: As this was a meeting of the WRAC subcommittee, there were no minutes to review.
2. Date/Time of Next Meeting: No other meeting of this subcommittee was planned at this time. The committee's work to this point will be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting of the WRAC scheduled for February 21, 2018.
3. Presentation Discussion: The presentation subcommittee operated as a workshop group where all in attendance were able to participate in commenting, editing and submitting slide information.
 - 3.1. Mr. Beck explained that we need presentations for both the education of the community and to explain the proposed water study to the Board of Selectmen.
 - 3.2. There was some discussion of whether the presentation and the water study were in conflict with the current adjudication regarding Nagog Pond between the Town of Acton and the Town of Concord. Most attendees did not believe that any conflict existed. The consensus was that the timing of the study might be concerning to some members of the BOS.
 - 3.3. Mr. Rosen pointed-out that the study would fulfill one of the unanimously passed non-binding articles (#26) from the 2017 Annual Acton Town Meeting and the last two statements of the Board of Selectmen's recently adopted charge to the WRAC. Specifically:
 - 3.3.1. How the Town may assure a sufficient water supply for the optimal projected build-out of the Town
 - 3.3.2. How the Town may improve or otherwise assure protection of surface waters
 - 3.4. The committee reviewed the "draft" presentation slides and discussed how they should be modified for use in a presentation to the Board of Selectmen. [Draft slides are attached.]
 - 3.5. Ms. Kirshner proposed we craft presentation slides that will address:
 - 3.5.1. Why?
 - 3.5.2. What are the needs?
 - 3.5.3. How much resource do we believe we have available?

- 3.5.4. What are the current and emerging threats?
- 3.5.5. What will the WRAC proposed study do? Phase I. Phase II.
- 3.6. There was some discussion of issues that may need to be considered in developing the final presentation to the Board. The point was made was that the Board would have a valid concern in considering proceeding with the Phase II of the study (committing funding) until they examined the Phase I results of the study.
- 3.7. Some committee members volunteered to develop some new slides which they would submit to Mr. Beck who would organize the next iteration of the slide deck.
- 3.8. The WRAC will review the revised slide presentation at the next meeting of the WRAC which is scheduled for Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

Old Business:

- 4. There was no old business.

Adjournment:

The presentation subcommittee adjourned at 9:40 PM.