

**TOWN OF ACTON  
WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING NOTES OF AUGUST 22, 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:** Lucy Kirshner, Ron Beck, Barry Rosen, Robert Sekuler. Guests: Kim Kastens, Terra Frierichs.

**Note Taker(s):** Barry Rosen

**Chairperson:** Ron Beck

**Called To Order:** The chairperson called the meeting to order on 8/22/2018 at 7:05 PM.

**Citizen Comments:**

Ms. Kastens (Green Acton) asked to make two announcements:

- a. The Green Acton Water Committee wrote a letter to the Massachusetts DEP requesting that they require Concord to apply for an amendment to their Water Management Act permit because the proposed intake location is situated deeper than the existing intake. If the amendment process happens, it should involve a MA DEP review with a public comment opportunity. Follow-up conversations with the MA DEP have begun.
- b. Green Acton and the League of Women Voters will be sponsoring a forum at the Acton Public Safety Facility on October 25, 2018 at 7:00 PM entitled, “1,4 Dioxane and Acton Water.” A copy of the flyer is attached.

**Old Business:**

1. Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Ms. Kirshner which was seconded by Mr. Sekuler, the minutes of the WRAC meeting held on July 20, 2018 were approved by a unanimous vote.
2. Mr. Beck summarized the conference call meetings that were held between Ms. Bursky (the water resources workshop facilitator) and, Mr. Beck, Ms. Gardner and Mr. Rosen.
3. Mr. Beck explained the meeting with Mr. John Mangiaratti (Town Manager), Ms. Gardner and Mr. Rosen. The issues that were raised for the WRAC to consider:
  - 3.1. Reduce the workshop time. [This was congruent with the feedback that was received from the AWD.]
  - 3.2. Make certain that the meeting outcomes/goals are made clear to all.
  - 3.3. He would like to see some more detail added to the five scenarios that are going to be used. The concern is that if they are left too open, people may go off in different directions.
  - 3.4. He will choose the town employees that he will ask to attend and get back to us soon.
4. Attendee List & Functions:
  - 4.1. Mr. Rosen presented the latest spreadsheet showing the potential invitee list.

4.2. There were some questions about whether Mr. Cipar (WLMAC) and Mr. Stuntz (AWD) were going to attend. *Action Item: Mr. Rosen will contact each of them to determine if they will attend.*

4.3. Who will be the breakout group leaders?

4.3.1. Mr. Beck

4.3.2. Ms. Kirshner

4.3.3. Mr. Sekuler

4.3.4. Mr. Rosen

4.3.5. Ms. Amir-Lin *Action Item: Mr. Rosen will speak with Ms. Amir-Lin to explain what needs to be done and ask if she will accept.*

4.3.6. Ms. Kastens will be the citizen breakout group leader if needed.

4.4. Introduction: Ms. Kirshner will deliver the 10-15 minute introductory presentation welcoming the workshop attendees and some brief background on Acton water. Mr. Sekuler and Mr. Beck will assist (as well as input from others) Ms. Kirshner in putting together the talk.

5. Scenarios: Mr. Rosen and Mr. Beck will work on adding more information to the five scenarios.

6. Revised Agenda: Based upon the feedback received, the workshop agenda was modified in order that the formal workshop would be completed by 12:30 PM. The new *draft* agenda is attached.

7. Open Issues:

7.1. Senator Jamie Eldridge will be attending. Do we have any request(s) for him? Should he be asked to speak and when?

7.2. Waiting for a final list of which town employees will be attending (from Mr. Mangiaratti).

7.3. Reading/resource list for participants. E.g. Do we want to use the EPA publication, “It’s Time to Take Drinking Water Seriously?” [The PDF was sent to you after this meeting.]

7.4. Do we want to use any maps? Some suggested maps were: map of AWD wells, Acton zoning map that shows the technical district, map of well protection zones.

7.5. Terms sheet: There was a suggestion that a list of terms and their meanings be constructed and available to the participants.

## New Business:

8. Date/Time of Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be held on August 29, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the headquarters of the Water Supply District of Acton.

## Adjournment:

On a motion by Ms. Kirshner which was seconded by Mr. Sekuler, the meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 9:00 PM.

# 1,4-Dioxane and Acton Water

October 25 at 7 pm

EOC room at Acton's Public Safety Building  
371 Main Street, Acton

**What is 1,4-dioxane?**

**Should we be worried?**

**What is being done about it?**

## Panel of speakers:

Matt Mostoller: Environmental Manager - Acton Water District

C. Mark Smith: Director of Research and Standards - Mass DEP

Dan Groher: Environmental engineer - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

**Sponsored by:**  
Green Acton / Water Committee  
League of Women Voters - Acton Area

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Green Acton Water Committee and League of Women Voters Announcement

Workshop Participants List

First	Last	Affiliation
Janet	Adachi	BOS
Chris	Allen	AWD
Erika	Amir-Lin	AWD
Sheryl	Ball	Health
Roland	Bartl	Planning
Ron	Beck	WRAC
Jon	Benson	BOS
Peter	Berry	BOS
Member	Board of Health	Board of Health
Sarah	Bursky	Facilitator
John	Cipar	WLMAC
Member	Conservation Committee	Conservation
Jamie	Eldridge	State Senator
Member	Finance Committee	Finance Committee
Joan	Gardner	BOS
Katie	Green	BOS
Robert	Hart	Fire Department
Kim	Kastens	Citizen Liaison
Lucy	Kirshner	WRAC
John	Mangiaratti	Town Manager
Matthew	Mostoller	AWD
Ron	Parenti	AWD
Member	Planning Board	PB
Barry	Rosen	WRAC
Robert	Sekuler	WRAC
(Matthew)	Selby	Land Use
Tom	Tidman	Natural Resources
Corey	York	Public Works
Member	Zoning Board of Appeals	ZBA

Yellow = Will not attend. Out of town.

Note: This is still a draft. We are waiting for a town staff list to be provided by the Town Manager.

## **Town of Acton Water Resources Workshop Agenda**

8:00 – 8:30 Coffee and Breakout Session Leaders Meeting with Facilitator

8:30 – 9:30 General Session

9:30 – 10:15 Breakout Sessions (1) meet in their assigned meeting places

10:15 – 10:30 Break Time

10:30 – 11:15 Breakout Sessions (2) meet in their assigned meeting places

11:15 – 11:30 Break Time

11:30 – 12:30 Report Backs and Next Steps

12:30 – 1:30 Informal Lunch and Discussion for those who would like to remain