



## WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes  
November 20, 2025  
7:00 PM  
Virtual Meeting

**Present:** Joe Robb, Barry Rosen, Ron Parenti, Corey Godfrey, Dave Boccuti, and Mike Geis

**Chairperson:** Joe Robb

**Clerk:** Ron Parenti

**Others in Attendance:** YuTao Wang, Brewster Conant Jr., Kim Kastens, and John Petersen

### 1. Opening

WRAC chair Joe Robb opened the meeting at 7:05 PM.

### 2. Regular Business

- A. Public Remarks/Comments – None
- B. Review of WRAC Meeting Minutes from 6 November 2025 – A motion to approve the minutes for 6 November 2025 was made by Barry Rosen and seconded by Dave Boccuti. The motion to accept the minutes was approved unanimously by roll call vote.
- C. Review the Latest Stormwater Report Revisions – Version 14.5 of the Stormwater Report was posted on DocuShare prior to the meeting, as were suggested revision generated by Barry Rosen, Brewster Conant, and Dave Boccuti. This version included all of the revisions to Sections 5 and 6 that were suggested by the Town's legal department. Rosen authored those sections, and he subsequently concluded that some of the revisions needed to be modified because the legal team did not have access to the full report and was unaware of information contained in other report sections. Rosen stepped through each of his recommended changes, and explained the reasoning for each. He also added two additional references. Committee members agreed with most of his suggestions, and the agreed upon changes will be included in the next report version.

Brewster Conant made a number of suggestions regarding the content of the Executive Summary and the Summary and Recommendations sections. He argued that the Executive Summary should give the reader a more thorough and detailed understanding of the Committee's findings, and provided text that he would like to see added to the report. With regard to the final report section, he suggested that the word 'summary' in the title be changed to 'conclusions' since a report summary was already provided in the first section of the report. Conant also recommended that Section 5 include a statement indicating that some of the sustainable funding approaches discussed in the report would likely necessitate the hiring of additional staff. Committee members agreed that most of Conant's suggested revisions improved the report's messaging and were accepted; these changes will be included in the next report version.



Dave Boccuti suggested that the report recommendations list only one recommended stormwater financing approach, i.e. the creation of a Stormwater Utility. This point was debated, and a majority of the members favored the existing wording that strongly recommends a sustainable funding approach but does not limit the options to a single approach. Members agreed that the current financing methodology, which involves annual borrowing, is not considered to be sustainable. The WRAC believes that annual borrowing for stormwater repairs should be terminated as soon as possible, and will emphasize this point in its presentation to the Select Board.

- D. Discuss Timeline for Sending the Stormwater Report to the Select Board – Alissa Nicol was not able to attend this meeting, but she encouraged the Committee to finalize the Stormwater Report within the next few weeks and be prepared to give a presentation to the Select Board in December. Parenti indicated that the edits suggested in the previous discussion could be implemented relatively quickly, and suggested that the Committee meet again in two weeks to perform another review of the report. Joe Robb stated that he would begin to work on a PowerPoint presentation for the Select Board, and would be prepared to make a presentation in December. The first available date for a meeting with the Select Board appears to be 15 December, and the Committee is committed to complete both the report and the presentation by that date.
- E. Any Other New Business – John Petersen reported that he had attended a recent ‘Java with John’ event at which Corey York spoke about a culvert repair on Main Street near the Maynard town line. Petersen said that he was concerned because this culvert did not appear to be on the high priority list included in the report written by Woodard & Curran. YuTao Wang stated that he would speak with York about the reason that the Main St. culvert had been selected and the cost of the repair, and will provide that information at the next WRAC meeting.

### 3. **Adjournment**

Committee members agreed to hold their next meeting on 5 December 2025 at 7pm. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Barry Rosen and seconded by Ron Parenti. This motion was unanimously approved at 8:40 pm. All documents referenced during this meeting can be found on DocuShare at <https://doc.actonma.gov/dsweb/View/Collection-19717>.

#### **Meeting Chat File**

19:07:02 From Kim Kastens to Host and panelists:

Thank you for including my written contribution about OARS culvert study of Acton and Westford in the minutes.

19:42:33 From Kim Kastens to Host and panelists:

I see that Matt M is listed as a member of WRAC on the cover page. But it seems that he has rotated. off, and Corey G. is now the AWD member of WRAC

19:43:04 From Kim Kastens to Host and panelists:

Makes sense to list both Matt and Corey.