

**TOWN OF ACTON
WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING NOTES OF NOVEMBER 1, 2016**

Documents: Any documents utilized during this meeting are either included in these minutes and/or can be examined at the Town offices during regular business hours.

Present: Matthew Mostoller, Ron Beck, Barry Rosen, 12 observers

Note Taker(s): Barry Rosen

Chairperson: Ron Beck

Called To Order: The chairperson called the meeting to order on November 1, 2016 at 6:10 PM in Room #9, Acton Town Hall. A quorum was present.

New Business:

1. **Approval of Minutes:** No minutes were presented for approval
2. **Date/Time of Next Meeting:** The next meeting date/time was not established.
3. **Purpose of Meeting:** Mr. Beck reviewed the issue that was to be discussed at the BOS hearing being held at A-B High School following this meeting. He explained to those present Ms. Adachi's email, the response to it and why the WRAC was meeting this evening. The overarching question to be answered was whether the WRAC should "weigh-in" with a position during the hearing regarding Concord's petition for a special permit to build a new water treatment plant at Nagog Pond.
 - 3.1. It was felt that the Board of Selectmen had missed a good opportunity for a committee with a substantial amount of expertise to provide them with some thoughts and recommendations affecting the proposed WTP. (Mr. Beck)
 - 3.2. The WRAC felt that there was not enough time during this meeting to draw conclusions or to formulate recommendations.
 - 3.3. During a "poll" of the WRAC members, (not a formal motion) it was a unanimous decision that the WRAC would not offer any opinions/guidance during this evening's hearing.
4. **Guest Questions:** A number of the Acton residents attending the WRAC meeting had comments and/or questions.
 - 4.1. "It seems to us that *only zoning* issues are being considered by the Board of Selectmen." They are ignoring benefits/deficits to the town, property values and the like.
 - 4.2. "Who is in charge of determining water needs and the available water?" Mr. Rosen explained that the WLMAC had done some work in this area but the projections of population growth were done by others like the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Currently, the Town of Acton is the agency that regulates growth.
5. **Charter & Membership:** It was explained that the WRAC had suggested a new mission and requested that the BOS review and discuss a revised charter for the committee. The WRAC would also like to have the VCC recruit and approve new members for the committee to replace those that

resigned because they have relocated out of Acton. Mr. Beck will mention this again to Ms. Adachi, the Board of Selectmen's liaison to the WRAC.

Old Business:

No old business to conduct.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Mr. Rosen which was seconded by Mr. Mostoller, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM by a unanimous vote (3-0).