



WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHARGE

(rev. July 10, 2017)
(rev. December 6, 2021)

Purpose

To advise the Select Board on issues relating to water resource systems in Acton, including water supply, surface water, groundwater, stormwater and wastewater.

Authorized Activities

1. At the request of the Select Board, research and analyze issues pertaining to water resource systems, identify and prioritize areas requiring improvement, and provide recommendations of proposed actions the Town should take. The Board considers the following issues to be among those that the Town needs to address in the next 5-10 years:

- Whether the Comprehensive Water Resources Management Plan should be revisited and updated
- How the Town may assure optimal Town-wide wastewater management, including how the Town should prioritize the allocation of the remaining treatment capacity in the existing wastewater treatment plant
- Whether the Town should adopt a stormwater utility, and, if so, what form it should take
- How the Town may effectively monitor and otherwise assure proper operation and maintenance of private stormwater management systems for which the Town has issued permits
- How the Town may assure a sufficient water supply for the optimal projected build-out of the Town
- How the Town may improve or otherwise assure protection of surface waters

2. At the request of the Select Board, provide conduct public workshops, presentations, and other public-information sessions for residents and businesses about the committee's ongoing work, findings, conclusions and recommendations.

Membership

WRAC shall consist of *six (6)* voting members, and up to two (2) non-voting associate members, all appointed by the Select Board.

Membership shall include

- An Acton Water District Commissioner or staff member
- Individuals with training, experience and/or a demonstrated interest in water resource systems, including without limitation:
 - Water-related sciences and engineering
 - Water resources management
 - Compliance with federal and state water-protection laws
 - Public education about water resource systems
 - Related disciplines

Officers shall consist of a Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk elected annually.

Meetings

WRAC shall meet at least once a month, and schedule additional meetings as may be necessary to execute its responsibilities.