

Minutes
Acton Water Resources Advisory Committee
November 28, 2007
Meeting Room
Memorial Library

Attendees

Members: Andy Magee, Lauren Rosenzweig, Ken Sundberg, Eric Hilfer, Joanne Bissetta, Ann Chang, Helen Probst

Associates: Carol Holley

Support Staff: Doug Halley, J. D. Head, Jane Ceraso

Public: Andy Munro, Carol Holley, Terra Friedrichs

Mr. Magee called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.

Minutes

Minutes of October 30, 2007 were approved as amended.

Mr. Magee reviewed the Board of Selectmen's meeting where Allen Nitschelm discussed the transferal of betterment rights to properties outside the existing service area. The possibility of Septage Collection at the Wastewater Facility was also discussed.

Education Sub-Committee

A discussion on the make-up of the Education Sub-Committee was held. Ms. Probst said that she had volunteered to be on this Committee but there was some confusion regarding other people that volunteered. Ms. Probst will follow up with confirmation on who will be on the sub-committee.

Ms. Ceraso provided the Committee with a pamphlet that the Water District and Health Department developed regarding septic system operation and Maintenance. This information had previously been sent out to home owners within a Zone 2 of the Aquifer. Ms. Ceraso suggested that this information could be revised and reformatted and sent out for wider distribution using different mechanisms like mailings, websites, etc. Ms. Ceraso also provided a pamphlet the Water District had developed regarding Pharmaceuticals and Personal Care Products. This is being distributed to all of the Water District's customers.

The Committee suggested that a series of fact sheets should be developed that would revolve around the theme of protecting all of the communities water resources. The fact sheets should be standardized and simplified for easy understanding. Mailings could be made targeting different markets, septic system owners, public water users, public sewer users, private well users and private sewer system users.

Request for Proposals

Mr. Halley reviewed with the Committee the status of the Design Basis Study. Woodard & Curran is currently scheduled to issue a revised data-base to Roland Bartl, Town Planner, for the Sewer Betterment Unit forecast. They also collecting record information on Massachusetts Avenue and the railroad crossing. Finally they are compiling standards to be used in the Design Basis Report.

Committee Review of next Priority Area

The Committee discussed how to prioritize the needs areas. Doing a work-up of a Needs Area in detail was suggested. Concern was expressed regarding separating criteria of analysis from solutions. Also it was expressed that not all evaluation factors should be equally rated. During the previous prioritization a pragmatic approach was taken. The approach focused on synergy/opportunity available for each Needs Area. The Spencer/Tuttle/Lothrop Area and The Powdermill Area were directly linked to urgent environmental concerns.

Mr. Hilfer led an analytical review of the Marshall Crossing/Robbins Brook/North Acton Village Needs Area. A copy of the analysis sheet is attached to these minutes.

Meeting Schedule

The Committee scheduled December 19th and January 30th for the next WRAC meetings. The December 19th meeting should discuss what it means to the Committee to continue the exercise of analytical analysis of each Needs Area.

Ms. Chang moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 P.M., Ms. Bissetta seconded, the motion carried unanimously.