

**Minutes**  
**Acton Water Resources Advisory Committee**  
**December 19, 2007**  
**Meeting Room**  
**Memorial Library**

Attendees

Members: Lauren Rosenzweig, Eric Hilfer, Joanne Bissetta, Ann Chang, Helen Probst, Chris Schaffner, Allen Nitschelm

Associates: Carol Holley

Support Staff: Doug Halley

Public: Terra Friedrichs, Aidan Smith

Ms. Rosenzweig called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.

**Minutes**

Minutes of November 28, 2007 were approved as amended.

**Education & Outreach Sub-Committee**

The final make up of the Education and Outreach Sub-Committee was discussed. It was agreed that Helen Probst, Chris Schaffner, Ron Beck and Jane Ceraso would be on the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee was advised to focus on three aspects of public education; the care and operation of a septic system, what should be discharged into a septic system or sewer and water conservation. It was suggested that information about the hydrogeologic cycle was important.

The Committee discussed how information would flow from the Education and Outreach Sub-Committee to the target audience. A question was raised on whether it should consist of physical activity (direct interaction) or media activity. A neighborhood focus was discussed with a multimedia approach utilizing, cable TV, the Beacon, Realtors, the Town Web Site, the Town Quarterly newsletter, the Water District's newsletter, partnering with watershed groups like OAR or SUASCO, the League of Women Voters and the Acton school system.

The Education and Outreach Sub-Committee scheduled their first meeting for January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.

Mr. Hilfer noted that a recent documentary about worldwide water use had received good reviews and might be something the Committee could present to the community.

### **Request for Proposals**

Mr. Halley reviewed with the Committee the status of the Design Basis Study. They are collecting record information on Massachusetts Avenue and the railroad crossing. They are also they are compiling standards to be used in the Design Basis Report. Finally they are waiting for the SBU forecasts from the Planning Department to move forward with the screening analysis.

### **Committee Review of the Prioritization process**

The Committee did a self assessment of the prioritization exercise completed at the last WRAC meeting. The Committee agreed it was a valuable exercise that should be continued for other Needs Areas. It was expressed that the process helped to understand the individual Needs Areas and to get a better perspective of the diversity of opinion of the Committee members.

The Indian Village area was discussed as the next area to be analyzed. However, after receiving input from the citizens present at the meeting it was determined to do the Spencer/Tuttle/Flint area next.

### **Meeting Schedule**

The Committee scheduled January 30<sup>th</sup> for the next WRAC meetings. That meeting should have the following agenda items; discussion on alternative systems, assessment exercise for Spencer/Tuttle/Flint, report back from the Education and Outreach Sub-Committee, Update on the Design Basis Report and Joe Shea to discuss implementation of Septage Treatment at the Wastewater Treatment Facility

Ms. Chang moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 P.M., Ms. Bissetta seconded, the motion carried unanimously.