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TOWN OF ACTON
Water Resources Advisory Committee
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Water Resources Advisory Committee Mission Statement (Draft)

The mission of the Water Resources Advisory Committee is to focus on the protection of Acton's water resources.

As an advisory body to the Board of Selectmen, the Committee shall analyze and evaluate recommendations from the Comprehensive Water Resources Management Plan and develop a schedule of implementation of appropriate recommendations for consideration by the Selectmen. As needed, the Committee may make additional recommendations. These analyses will include input from the relevant town boards and committees, state and federal agencies, and the public on the recommendations in the CWRMP for managing water resources in the Town of Acton.

A major component of the Committee's duties will be public outreach and education regarding various water management programs as they relate to the long-term protection of Acton's water resources.

March 25, 2009

Christine Joyce

From: Paulina Knibbe [p.knibbe@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, May 04, 2009 11:14 AM
To: Manager Department
Subject: [Fwd: WRAC Mission Statement]

Could you please include this as 'extra information' under the WRAC mission statement approval (I believe it is on consent but will be pulled).

Paulina

----- Original Message -----

Subject: WRAC Mission Statement
Resent-From: <bos@acton-ma.gov>
Date: Mon, 4 May 2009 09:59:41 -0400
From: cholley39 <cholley39@verizon.net>
To: <bos@acton-ma.gov>

Dear Selectmen and Selectwomen,

As the person who first raised the issue of WRAC mission statement status, I would like to weigh in on what I believe an Advisory Committee should do. I believe that one thing an advisory committee does not do, and the WRAC has not done in its past incarnation, is stated in the last sentence of the first paragraph of the mission statement as presented on the WRAC web page – advisory committees do not engage in “monitoring”. “Monitoring”, I would think, is the role of an enforcement group, like the Board of Health or Conservation Commission.

I believe that an Advisory Committee’s task, no matter what the topic may be, is to gather, read, digest and discuss as much relevant information from as many reliable sources as possible (in other words, educate themselves) and come to some conclusion based on the knowledge gained, and ADVISE the appropriate entity regarding appropriate courses of action based on that knowledge.

Please remove the statement regarding ‘by monitoring...’ at the end of the first paragraph.

Sincerely,

Carol Holley