



WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2023
7:00 PM
Virtual Meeting

Present: Barry Rosen, Ron Parenti, Mike Geis, Joe Robb, and Matt Mostoller

Chairperson: Joe Robb

Clerk: Ron Parenti

Others in Attendance: Alissa Nicol (Select Board Liaison), Terra Friedrichs, and David Boccuti

1. Opening

WRAC chair Joe Robb opened the meeting at 7:05 PM.

2. Regular Business

- A. Public Remarks/Comments -- None
- B. Review Minutes – Committee members agreed to defer the review of the minutes for the meeting of 2 November until the next meeting.
- C. Recommendations for Wording Revisions to the Wright-Pierce Report – Joe Robb displayed a list of talking points that he and Barry Rosen had prepared prior to the meeting, which are intended to address specific sections of the Great Road report that the WRAC is hoping to discuss with Wright-Pierce. The main topics included in this list are:
 1. Acknowledge too many items included in RFQ for the \$40K allocation by town.
 2. Add cautions to town in considering W.R. Grace parcels.
 3. Actual capacity of the AWD today. Likely capacity of AWD during/after Rt 2A Corridor project.
 4. Need to look at effects on the entire town by increased water demand in Corridor AND effects on total water demand by other developments in town.
 5. Concerns about possible stream level reduction on Nashoba Brook and impact on AWD and town caused by MassDEP regulations.
 6. Impact of Concord Water changes on corridor development.
 7. Effect on potential zoning changes that will have impact on the project.
 8. Additional work needs to be done (e.g., extensive modeling) prior to moving to next iteration of project.

Barry Rosen indicated that he would prefer to discuss these suggestions directly with a Wright-Pierce representative, either in person or via a Zoom meeting. Ron Parenti reminded the members that Wright-Pierce had promised to review the potable water section of the report with WRAC during their presentation of the wastewater



management section to the Select Board on 27 September; however, there has been no further discussion of that meeting. Mike Geis suggested that the most efficient way to communicate the recommended wording revisions would be for WRAC to rewrite the report sections that the Committee had the strongest objections to and send those revisions to Wright-Pierce. If those changes are not implemented, WRAC would have the option of writing an addendum that would be attached to the final report. Alissa Nicol supported this suggestion and urged the Committee to move quickly to generate its suggested revisions. Matt Mostoller reported that he had spoken with Jim Cray prior to the meeting, and indicated that the Wright-Pierce would probably prefer to receive suggested wording revision from WRAC rather than schedule an in-person meeting. After further discussion, the Committee agreed that a document would be written that would have an introduction explaining the reason for the recommended revisions, a section that would include a short list of recommended wording revisions, and a final statement that would indicate WRAC's intent to write a report addendum if the wording revisions are not implemented. Joe Robb and Barry Rosen volunteered to generate this document, but since several of the Committee members would be unavailable to meet the following week due to Thanksgiving there was a discussion about the most efficient way to review and approve the document. Terra Friedrichs suggested that the Committee could vote to authorize Joe Robb to generate a memo based on the talking points that have been discussed. The draft document would then be distributed to WRAC members for review and simultaneous posted for public access. It would then be sent to Wright-Pierce if no objections have been received by Robb within two days of the document's distribution. An additional meeting to approve the memo would only be necessary if a revision is requested by one of the members, since the talking points have been discussed and approved at a public meeting. Following a final discussion during which members clarified their views on specific items in the list of talking points, a motion to approve the list, authorize Joe Robb to generate a memo based on the language agreed upon during the meeting, and transmit the document to Wright-Pierce was moved by Ron Parenti and seconded by Mike Geis. The motion was passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

D. Any Other New Business – None.

3. **Adjournment**

Committee members agreed to hold the next meeting on 13 December 2023 at 7pm. A motion to adjourn was made by Matt Mostoller and seconded by Barry Rosen. Adjournment was approved at 7:55 pm by a unanimous roll call vote.