



HOUSATONIC REST OF RIVER MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

December 20, 2021; Zoom Meeting

1. Introductions. Tom Matuszko opened the meeting at 10:30am, announced it was being recorded and introduced each of the Committee members, each of whom stated their name and their represented municipality, and BRPC staff attending were noted; no members of the public were present. Attending the meeting were the following Committee members:

Pat Carlino, Lee Select Board & Representative (10:32am)

Channing Gibson, Lenox Representative

Chris Rembold, Great Barrington Town Planner, Assistant Town Manager & Representative

R. Wood, Sheffield Select Board & Representative

and: Tom Matuszko, BRPC

Melissa Provencher, BRPC

Lauren Gaherty, BRPC

2. Review of minutes of November 17, 2021 meeting. *A motion to accept the minutes as written was made by C. Gibson, seconded C. Rembold, and approved 2-0 on a roll call vote, with R. Wood abstaining.*

3. Public Comments. Came after the Committee had voted to go into Executive Session when Clare Lehey of Lee joined the meeting at 10:30am. The Committee allowed her to make public comments although the time to do so on the agenda had passed. She stated that she has an appointment with D. Tagliaferro of EPA to walk the proposed site of the Upland Disposal Site as she believes this site is forested and zoned for conservation. Concerned about lack of specifics regarding the location of hydraulic and other equipment staging areas needed for dewatering. Feels dewatering will dump/overflow wastes into the wetlands and conservation areas. She discussed the scenic road designation, and that this area was a favored recreational area. She encouraged the evaluation of alternate sites for the Upland Disposal Site. R. Wood stated she was glad C. Lehey will walk the site with EPA and encouraged her to submit written comments to the EPA. The Committee thanked her for her comments.

4. Other business. The Committee continued the discussion from a previous meeting regarding meeting format and whether to meet in person or stay on Zoom. All present decided to stay on Zoom.

5. Next meeting. January 7, 2022 at 9am on Zoom.

6. Executive Session – Legal Strategy and Adjournment. *On a motion made by R. Wood, seconded by C. Gibson, and passed by 4-0 roll call vote, the Rest of River Municipal Committee went into Executive Session, per MGL C.30a, §21(a) pursuant to purpose 3, to discuss their strategy with respect to litigation and the ongoing appeal concerning the Rest of River cleanup, as the Chair found that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the Rest of River municipalities' litigation position. The committee stated it would not come back into open session.* The Committee went into Executive Session at 10:46am.

Meeting Materials: Meeting Agenda 6-10-21, Meeting Minutes of 11-17-21.

Respectfully submitted by Rene Wood, Sheffield's Representative