



HOUSATONIC REST OF RIVER MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2022; Zoom Meeting

1. Introductions. Tom Matuszko opened the meeting at 9:02am, announced it was being recorded; introduced each of the Committee members, each of whom stated their name and their represented municipality; and noted BRPC staff in attendance. Attending the meeting were the following Committee members:

Pat Carlino, Lee Select Board & Representative
Channing Gibson, Lenox Representative
Chris Rembold, Great Barrington Town Planner, Assistant Town Manager & Representative
Steve Shatz, Stockbridge Representative
R. Wood, Sheffield Select Board & Representative

and: Tom Matuszko, BRPC
Melissa Provencher, BRPC
Lauren Gaherty, BRPC
Public: Clare Lahey, left at 9:09am

2. Review of minutes of January 7, 2022 meeting. **A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by P. Carlino, seconded S. Shatz, and approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.**

3. Public Comments. C. Lahey noted it is 2 years since the EPA decision and appeal, and while she understood the reasons for Executive Sessions, asked if the Committee members provide updates to their respective Select Boards. Several Committee members responded noting they inform their Select Boards and/or Town Administrator on a frequent basis.

4. Other business & next meeting. There was no other business; the next meeting was set for Friday 2/18/22, with a possible meeting Friday 2/11, if required.

5. Executive Session – Legal Strategy and Adjournment. **On a motion made by P. Carlino, seconded by S. Shatz, and passed by 5-0 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 9:13am.

Meeting Materials: Meeting Agenda 2/4/22, Meeting Minutes of 1/7/22.

Respectfully submitted by
Rene Wood,
Sheffield's Representative