



HOUSATONIC REST OF RIVER MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2022; Stockbridge Town Offices Meeting Room

1. Introductions. M. Provencher opened the meeting at 9:07am, announced it was being recorded. 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

Rene Wood, Sheffield Select Board & Representative

and: Melissa Provencher, BRPC

Lauren Gaherty, BRPC

Public: None

2. Review of minutes of March 7, 2022 meeting. *A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by C. Rembold, seconded S. Shatz, and approved 5-0 on a voice vote.*

3. Public Comments. None

4. Comments submitted to the EPA Administrative Record

Comments on the Overall Strategy and Schedule for Implementation of the Corrective Measures will be submitted by 3/21/22.

5. Documents under review.

Supplemental Phase 1A Cultural Resources Survey Work, with comments due 3/28/22, was discussed. It was noted the UDF was not in the old permit and described Cultural Resources work to work from 2008 work. Need to call out the omission of the UDF in Supplemental Phase 1A document comments, as well as need to do cultural assessment in this area. Required governmental reviews were noted.

6. Status of Cleanup Activities

D. Tagliaferro emailed M. Provencher, T. Matuszko and J. McGrath (Pittsfield) information citing ROR cleanup work anticipated for the week of March 25 and March 28 – April 1st. The email will be forwarded to members following the meeting. Discussion ensued whether such emails will also be sent to the press, The Berkshire Eagle in particular, as these are public records once emailed. Importance of Eagle keeping the public informed reviewed. Board members will treat these updates as public records and M. Provencher will find out EPA plans, besides bringing them up at CCC meetings. The next CCC meeting is end of March. Question of Brian Olson reaching out but no one has heard from him. It was noted that if the meeting had been virtual, C. Fanto of the Eagle would likely be on the Zoom meeting and would be aware of this email. S. Shatz expected a call from him.

7. Other business & next meeting. None and no meeting date set.

5. Executive Session – Legal Strategy and Adjournment. On a motion made by P Carlino, seconded by R. Wood, 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 9:28am.

Respectfully submitted by

Rene Wood,
Sheffield's Representative

Meeting Materials:

Meeting Agenda 3/18/22

Meeting Minutes of 3/7/22

Committee comment The Overall Strategy and Schedule for Implementation of the Corrective Measures Supplemental Phase 1A Cultural Resources Survey Work