



HOUSATONIC REST OF RIVER MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2022; Zoom Meeting

1. Introductions. Tom Matuszko opened the meeting at 9:00am, announced it was being recorded; introduced each of the Committee members by having each member state 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
Rene Wood, Sheffield Select Board & Representative

and: Tom Matuszko, BRPC
Melissa Provencher, BRPC
Lauren Gaherty, BRPC

Public: Clarence Fanto, Berkshire Eagle

2. Review of minutes of February 18, 2022 meeting. **A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by S. Shatz, seconded C. Gibson, and approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.**

3. Public Comments. None

4. Comments submitted to the EPA Administrative Record

The Committee will be posting its comments submitted to the EPA Record on all GE documents reviewed and commented upon on BRPC's website, beginning with the two listed documents. These comments become part of the EPA Administrative Record on the ROR cleanup. A brief explanation of the documents will also be provided; BRPC will work on a Press Release on behalf of the ROR Municipal Committee when such comments are posted and provide a link for the five municipalities to post on their websites. It was discussed that possibly the Eagle would consider, as a public service, providing an identifiable section to provide a public updates on ROR cleanup activities, like what it has done with its COVID-19 updates. EPA will be asked how soon such comments are posted to their website.

5. Other business & next meeting. M. Provencher noted public comments on the OSS document are due 3/18 and comments on the Cultural Resources Plan due 3/25. Next meeting tentatively set for 3/11 at 9am, with a 3/18 meeting at 9am more likely.

5. Executive Session – Legal Strategy and Adjournment. **On a motion made by R. Wood, seconded by P Carlino, 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 9:16am.

Meeting Materials:

Minutes for ROR Committee Meeting 3/7/2022

Meeting Agenda 3/7/22

Meeting Minutes of 2/18/22

Committee comments on Pre-Design Investigation Work Plan for Upland Disposal Facility; submitted 1/21/22

Committee comments on Baseline Restoration Assessment Work Plan; submitted 2/18/22

Respectfully submitted by

Rene Wood,
Sheffield's Representative