



HOUSATONIC REST OF RIVER MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2021; Zoom Meeting

1. Introductions. T. Matuszko opened the meeting at 9:02am, announced it was being recorded and asked each of the Committee members to say their name and the community they represented, which was done. 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
Nat Karns, BRPC

Members of the public attending: Cornelia Kalischer; Gail Ceresia; Neil Clarke; Barbara Clarke

2. Review of minutes of January 8, 2021 meeting.

A motion to accept the minutes as amended was made by C. Gibson, seconded P. Carlino, and approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.

3. Public Comment.

Prior to Public Comment, T. Matuszko as Facilitator noted this section is for comment, not questions. If any questions are asked, it is up to the Committee members if they wish to address them.

- Neil Clarke asked a question as to where is it found that the authority is there for Town Boards to sign the Settlement Agreement? S. Shatz directed him to the respective Town Counsel.
- Cornelia Kalischer question whether the Committee members had received her written communication, which is in the meeting packet and question how to communicate this information; it should go to T. Matuszko, as meeting facilitator. She read this communication into the record – see meeting packet for text. R. Wood responded this is Town of Lee matter and the Town of Sheffield makes no comment. C. Rembold made similar comments. C. Kalischer noted the Committee worked as a group and R. Wood responded that she is asking the Committee to take a position prematurely and Sheffield will not do so.

3. Other Business & Next Meeting.

There was no other business; no next meeting date was set. Committee members were asked to keep Fridays at 9am available in case a meeting was required.

4. Executive Session – Legal Strategy and Adjournment.

On a motion made by R. Wood, seconded by S. Shatz, and passed by a 5-0 roll call vote, the Rest of River Municipal Committee went into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing legal strategy for litigation regarding the ROR cleanup and the possible appeal of EPA's Permit and EAB's decision. Such discussion, if held

in an open meeting, could have a detrimental effect on the legal position of the ROR municipalities' legal action regarding EPA and GE, and stated the Committee would not return into open session; the Committee went into Executive Session at 9:16am.

The meeting adjourned at 9:16am.

Meeting Materials:

- Meeting Agenda 1-15-21
- 1/14/21 written statement from Cornelia Kalischer
- Draft Meeting Minutes of 1-8-21

Respectfully submitted,
Rene Wood, Sheffield's Representative