



HOUSATONIC REST OF RIVER MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2021; Zoom Meeting

1. Introductions. T. Matuszko opened the meeting at 9:00am, announced it was being recorded and asked each of the Committee members to say their name and the community they represented, which was done; he then introduced the BRPC members. 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; Sean Regnier (9:10am)

2. Review of minutes of October 30, 2020 meeting.

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

3. Public Comment.

Cornelia Kalischer requested information on the posting of the Committee's minutes and meeting packets, which T. Matuszko noted were on BRPC's website but could not comment on whether posted on individual town websites. She asked the Committee members for their positions on the actions taken at the Lee ATM re: the approved motion to have Lee withdraw from the Settlement Agreement. Discussion ensued with T. Matuszko noting the matter has not come before the Committee and thus it has taken no action. P. Carlino updated her on the action item coming out of this week's meeting of the Lee Select Board, where several of Select Board member's prior questions were answered, and the Board will provide a response at their 1/19/21 Select Board meeting. As the question was asked again, S. Shatz and several other Committee members commented they did not wish to speculate on the matter as it hadn't been brought formally to the Committee, put on as an Open Meeting Law compliant meeting notice, or any definitive action taken by the Lee Select Board.

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 P. Carlino, 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 9:18am.

The meeting adjourned at 9:18am.

Meeting Materials:

- Meeting Agenda 1-8-21
- Draft Meeting Minutes of 10-30-20

Respectfully submitted,
Rene Wood, Sheffield's Representative