



HOUSATONIC REST OF RIVER MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2021; Zoom Meeting

1. Introductions. T. Matuszko opened the meeting at 9:00am, announced it was being recorded and introduced each of the Committee members, each of whom stated their name and the municipality each represents, BRPC staff and consultants, and noted there were no members of the public on the call. Attending the meeting were the following Committee members:

Pat Carlino, Lee Select Board & Representative; joined at 9:06am

Channing Gibson, Lenox Representative

Chris Rembold, Great Barrington Town Planner, Assistant Town Manager & Representative

Steve Shatz, Stockbridge Representative

R. Wood, Sheffield Select Board & Representative; joined at 9:06am

and: Tom Matuszko, BRPC

Melissa Provencher, BRPC

Lauren Gaherty, BRPC

Nat Karns, BRPC

Matt Pawa, Legal Counsel joined at 9:02am

Wes Kelman, Legal Counsel joined at 9:02am

2. Review of minutes of April 2, 2021 meeting.

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

3. Public Comments. None

4. Review of Executive Session Minutes: T. Matuszko announced the Committee members reviewed the Rest of River Municipal Committee's 2013, 2014 and 2018 Executive Session minutes and determined the release of any of these minutes would have a deferential effect on the Committee's and represented municipalities' legal position. This announcement of the outcome of the review of the Executive Session minutes is required by law.

5. Other business & next meeting. There was no other business; members were asked to hold 4/15 @9am.

6. Executive Session – Legal Strategy and Adjournment.

On a motion made by S. Shatz, 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 strategy with respect to litigation and 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.

It was stated the Committee would not return into open session. The Committee went into Executive Session at 9:07am.

Meeting Materials: Meeting Agenda 4-9-21 and Draft Meeting Minutes of 4-2-21.

Respectfully submitted by Rene Wood,

Sheffield's Representative

Minutes for ROR Committee Meeting 4-9-2021