



HOUSATONIC REST OF RIVER MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE

AGENDA

**Rest of River Municipal Committee
November 21, 2019, 12:00 p.m.
Stockbridge Town Offices – Selectmen's Room
50 Main Street, Stockbridge, MA**

1. Introductions (12:00 pm)
2. Review of minutes of November 15, 2019 (12:05 pm)
3. Executive Session – legal strategy, mediation (approx. 12:10 – 2:50 pm)
4. Other Business (2:50 pm – 3:00 pm)
5. Adjournment (3:00 pm)

City and Town Clerks: Please post this notice pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 23B.

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Meeting Minutes

Rest of River Municipal Committee; November 21, 2019, Stockbridge Town Office Bldg.

1. Introductions. N. Karns opened the meeting at 12:04 pm. Committee members attending:

Pat Carlino, Lee Select Board and Representative
Channing Gibson, Lenox Representative
Chris Rembold, Great Barrington Representative
Steve Shatz, Stockbridge Representative
Rene Wood, Sheffield Select Board and Representative

Others present:

Melissa Provencher, BRPC
Lauren Gaherty, BRPC
N. Karns, BRPC
Matt Pawa, Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro
Jeff Hershberger, ESS Group

2. Review of minutes of November 15, 2019 meeting. *A motion was made to accept minutes of 11-15-19 by R. Wood and seconded by P. Carlino; minutes approved as written: R. Wood, Sheffield, AYE; P. Carlino, Lee, AYE; C. Rembold, Great Barrington, AYE; S. Shatz, Stockbridge, AYE; and C. Gibson, Lenox, AYE.*

3. Executive Session – for legal strategy, mediation and meeting/conferring with mediator. N. Karns requested a motion to go into Executive Session with respect to litigation or decision of public business whereas if the discussion were held in open session it may be detrimental to the legal position of the Rest of River Municipal Committee legal action with EPA and GE. *A motion made by R. Wood and seconded by C. Gibson, for the Committee to enter into Executive Session, as stated above and to return to open session, carried with the following roll call vote: R. Wood, Sheffield, AYE; C. Gibson, Lenox, AYE; P. Carlino, Lee, AYE; C. Rembold, Great Barrington, AYE; and S. Shatz, Stockbridge, AYE. The Committee went into Executive Session at 12:05 pm.*

At 3:41 the Committee returned to open session. The current IGA expires on December 5, 2019. The Committee is not likely to meet prior to this date; discussion ensued on how best to deal with expiration while the settlement, escrow agreement and distribution of funds is still unresolved.

On a motion by R. Wood and seconded by S. Shatz, with the following roll call vote, the Committee approved extending the current Intergovernmental Agreement as written for a period of one year, to expire December 5, 2020: Chris Rembold, Great Barrington, AYE; R. Wood, Sheffield, AYE; P. Carlino, Lee, AYE; S. Shatz, Stockbridge, AYE; and C. Gibson, Lenox, AYE.

4. Adjournment. *At 3:43 pm a motion was made by R. Wood and seconded by P. Carlino, for the Committee to re-enter Executive Session, for reasons stated earlier; the Committee will not return to open session; the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Chris Rembold, Great Barrington, AYE; R. Wood, Sheffield, AYE; P. Carlino, Lee, AYE; S. Shatz, Stockbridge, AYE; and C. Gibson, Lenox, AYE.*

Meeting Materials:

Meeting Agenda 11-21-19

Draft Meeting Minutes of 11-15-19

Respectfully submitted, Lauren Gaherty, BRPC