



HOUSATONIC REST OF RIVER MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Rest of River Municipal Committee
November 30, 2018, 9:00 a.m., Lee Town Hall

1. Introductions (9:00 am)
2. Review of minutes of November 16, 2018 meeting (9:05 am)
3. Executive Session – legal strategy, mediation (approx. 9:10 – 11:30 am)
4. Other Business (11:30 am – 11:40 am)
5. Adjournment (approximately 11:40 noon)

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

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HOUSATONIC REST OF RIVER MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes

Rest of River Municipal Committee; November 30, 2018, Lee Town Hall

1. Introductions. N. Karns opened the meeting at 9:06 am. Attending the meeting were the following Committee members:

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

Others present:

Lauren Gaherty, BRPC
Nat Karns, BRPC
Melissa Provencher, BRPC
Tom Matuszko, BRPC

2. Review of minutes of November 16, 2018 meeting. *Motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by S. Shatz, seconded by P. Carlino and unanimously approved.*

3. Executive Session – for legal strategy and mediation. N. Karns requested a motion to go into Executive Session for mediation regarding the EPA Rest of River clean-up and the appeals of the EPA's Permit and the EAB decision. Such discussion, if held in open meeting, may have a detrimental effect on the legal position of the Rest of River Municipalities' legal action with EPA and GE. The Rest of River Committee will reconvene in regular session. ***A motion made by S. Shatz, and seconded by P. Carlino, for the Committee to enter into Executive Session as stated above and to return to open session, carried unanimously with the following roll call vote: P. Carlino, Lee, AYE; C. Gibson, Lenox, AYE; C. Rembold, Great Barrington, AYE; S. Shatz, Stockbridge, AYE; and R. Wood, Sheffield, AYE.*** The Committee went into Executive Session at 9:08am and returned to open session at 10:35am.

4. Other Business. DLTA for ROR Municipal Committee Rest of River assistance from BRPC was discussed. R. Wood volunteered Sheffield to be the lead applicant with remaining communities to sign on. L. Gaherty will provide the verbiage for the application. L. Gaherty's retirement on 12/31 was reviewed with well wishes from all. M. Provencher will be assuming her responsibilities on this matter; L. Gaherty will remain as a temporary part time offsite employee, as is N. Karns.

L. Gaherty reviewed the EIR currently before BRPC regarding taking down the dam behind the Eagle Building. Meeting on this matter is at BRPC at 4pm on Tuesday, 12/4. Originally they had wanted to release sediments behind the dam to float downstream rather than cleaning them up and disposing of them off-site at an approved location. Concern about GE setting a precedent of how to handle contaminated sediments behind dams located on the Housatonic River. The dam is owned by Blue Q; sediment contained metals, PAH and PCBs. This issue has been resolved with GE to remove all contaminated sediments behind the dam.

While no additional meetings are on the horizon, the Committee was asked to block off Fridays at 9am as a contingency. Holiday greetings were exchanged by all.

5. Motion to Adjourn. *On a motion by C. Gibson, seconded by R. Wood, and passed unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 10:45am.*

Meeting Materials:

- Meeting Agenda 11-30-2018
- Draft Meeting Minutes of 11-16-2018

Respectfully submitted,
Rene Wood, Sheffield's Representative