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AGENDA

Rest of River Municipal Committee
February 27, 2015, 1:30 p.m.
Department of Environmental Protection Western Region Office
436 Dwight Street, Springfield, Massachusetts

1. Introductions
2. Meet with Commissioner Suuberg and DEP WERO Director Gorski to discuss priority issues regarding the draft EPA permit
3. Adjournment

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Meeting Minutes
Rest of River Municipal Committee
February 27, 2015 @ DEP Western Region Offices, Springfield

1. The meeting opened at 3:02 p.m. Attending the session were the following Committee members:
Pat Carlino, Lee Select Board
Lauren Gaherty, BRPC
Nat Karns, BRPC
Christopher Ketchen, Lenox Town Manager (joined at 3:10 pm)
Jim McGrath, Pittsfield Park, Open Space, and Natural Resources Program Manager
Jennifer Tabakin, Great Barrington Town Manager (joined at 3:12 pm)

Others present:

Martin Suuberg, DEP Commissioner
Mike Gorski, DEP WERO Director

2. **Priority Issues Regarding the Draft EPA Permit.** The Committee thanked the Commissioner for DEP's and the State's support on the issues of involvement by the communities in the process moving forward, the inclusion of the downstream impoundments in the draft Remedy, and the prohibition on in-state hazardous waste landfills.

The Committee requested the Commissioner's support in including Chapter 21D as an Applicable ARAR in the remedy, holding GE permanently responsible for the remaining PCB's, requiring that GE fund the hiring of needed technical consultants by the municipalities, and that GE meet water quality standards that are protective of the permit requirements placed on the municipal waste and storm water discharges.

Meeting materials:

Meeting agenda for February 27, 2015