



HOUSATONIC REST OF RIVER MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Rest of River Municipal Committee
March 29, 2019, 9:00 a.m., Lee Town Hall

1. Introductions (9:00 am)
2. Review of minutes of March 22, 2019 meeting (9:05 am)
3. Executive Session – legal strategy, mediation (approx. 9:10 – 10:55 am)
4. Other Business (10:55 am – 11:00 am)
5. Adjournment (11:00 am)

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; March 29, 2019, Lee Town Hall

1. Introductions. T. Matuszko opened the meeting at 9:00am. Attending were Committee members:

Pat Carlino, Lee Select Board and Representative
Channing Gibson, Lenox Representative (left at 10:32am)
Chris Rembold, Great Barrington Town Planner and Representative
Steve Shatz, Stockbridge Representative
Rene Wood, Sheffield Select Board and Representative

Others present:

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

2. Review of minutes of March 22, 2019 meeting. *Motion to accept the minutes made by C. Gibson, seconded by P. Carlino, and approved 4-0-1.*

3. Executive Session – for legal strategy and mediation. T. Matuszko 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 C. Gibson, 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 9:03am.

4. Other Business: The Committee returned to open session at 10:32am and received an update from M. Provencher and L. Gaherty on the 3-28 CCC meeting. Several members of BEAT and HRI spoke ill of the mediator, asking for his replacement, and T. Gray again spoke ill of the process. Committee decided the EPA should speak to the mediator about these issues. Deborah Szaro, Acting Regional Administrator for Region 1, is still in place as the person to whom the position was offered turned it down; she is a life-long EPA staffer who has assumed similar jobs as needed. Next meeting was set for Friday, April 5th at 9am, with EPA and others joining at 9:30am.

5. Adjournment: *A motion to adjourn made by S. Shatz, seconded by R. Wood, was unanimously approved 4-0; the meeting adjourned at 10:43am.*

Meeting Materials: Meeting Agenda 3-29-2019; Draft Meeting Minutes of 3-22-2019

Respectfully submitted,
Rene Wood, Sheffield's Representative