



## HOUSATONIC REST OF RIVER MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE

### AGENDA

Rest of River Municipal Committee  
April 26, 2019, 9:00 a.m., Lee Town Hall

1. Introductions (9:00 am)
2. Review of minutes of April 19, 2019 meeting (9:05 am)
3. Executive Session – legal strategy, mediation (approx. 9:10 – 11:15 am)
4. Other Business (11:15 am – 11:30 am)
5. Adjournment (11:30 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; April 26, 2019, Lee Town Hall

**1. Introductions.** N. Karns opened the meeting at 9:02am. All Committee members were attending:

Pat Carlino, Lee Select Board Chair and Representative (9:06 – 11:49am)

Channing Gibson, Lenox Representative

Chris Rembold, Great Barrington Town Planner and Representative

Steve Shatz, Stockbridge Representative

Rene Wood, Sheffield Select Board and Representative

Others present:

Lauren Gaherty, BRPC

Nat Karns, BRPC

Melissa Provencher, BRPC

Denny Alsop, Stockbridge resident (11:46 – 11:49am)

**2. Review of minutes of April 19, 2019 meeting. *Motion to accept the minutes made by C. Gibson, seconded by C. Rembold, and approved 5-0.***

**3. Executive Session – for legal strategy, mediation and meeting/conferring with mediator.** 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 and to meet or confer with a mediator as defined in s. 23C of MGL C 233, with respect to any litigation or decision on any public business within its jurisdiction involving another party, group or entity; 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 C. Rembold, 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 9:05am.

The Committee returned to open session at 11:46am and received testimony from D. Alosop, a Stockbridge resident. He conveyed his deep concerns, similar to the end results of EPA's recent Hudson River cleanup, the downstream Housatonic River will be contaminated by upstream PCBs left behind. He said extensive beaver activity south of Garner Park has created channels off the main river, which are introducing additional sediments into the river after storm/rain events. He has seen evidence of this from his flights over the area. He further noted the critical core areas, exempt from clean up, while talked about as PCB sinks, are really PCB sources due to this ongoing and extensive beaver activity. The Committee thanked him for his comments.

**4. Adjournment: *A motion to adjourn made by C. Gibson, seconded by C. Rembold, was unanimously approved 5-0; the meeting adjourned at 11:49am.***

Meeting Materials: Meeting Agenda 4-26-19; Draft Meeting Minutes of 4-19-19

Respectfully submitted, Rene Wood, Sheffield's Representative

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