



HOUSATONIC REST OF RIVER MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Rest of River Municipal Committee
May 31, 2018, 9:00 a.m., Lee Town Hall

1. Introductions
2. Review of minutes of April 3, 2018 meeting
3. Executive Session – legal counsel and mediation
4. Other Business
 - Update on BRPC staff
5. Adjournment

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HOUSATONIC REST OF RIVER MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes

Rest of River Municipal Committee, May 31, 2018, Lee Town Hall

1. Introductions. The meeting opened at 9:03a.m and introductions were made. Attending the meeting were the following Committee members:

Pat Carlino, Lee Select Board
Gwen Miller, Lenox Land Use Director (for C. Ketchen)
Christopher Rembold, Great Barrington Planner
Rene Wood, Sheffield Representative
Stockbridge was not present

Others present:

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

2. Review of minutes of April 3, 2018 meeting. Motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by C. Rembold and seconded by P. Carlino. Minutes were unanimously accepted as presented.

3. Executive Session – to discuss ongoing litigation. At 9:09 a.m. N. Karns requested a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss legal strategy for potential mediation or actual litigation 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. After the Executive Session, the Rest of River Committee will reconvene in regular session. Motion made by P. Carlino, seconded by R. Wood. Motion carried unanimously with the following roll call vote: P. Carlino, Lee, AYE; G. Miller, Lenox, AYE; C. Rembold, Great Barrington, AYE; and R. Wood, Sheffield, AYE.

4. Other Business. Nat Karns will remain chair of the committee and will be a part-time off site BRPC employee focused on Rest of River Municipal Committee support, such as for the transportation impacts analysis currently being done on the routes for dewatering and possible landfill(s) sites. This is done to support the EPA response to the EAB remand. Discussion ensued on role of GE on these transportation issues, including Routes 7 & 20 to the rail line and transportation impacts for out of state removal.

BRPC will be talking with Mass DEP at 10am on Friday June 1st and getting updated on their status and work.

Approved

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5. Adjournment: R. Wood motioned to adjourn, which was seconded by P. Carlino and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

Meeting Materials:

- Meeting Agenda 5-31-18
- Draft Meeting Minutes of 4-3-18

Respectfully submitted,
Rene Wood, Sheffield's Representative