

HOUSATONIC REST OF RIVER MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE

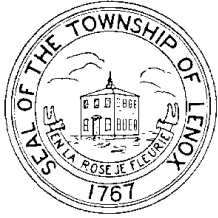
AGENDA

Rest of River Municipal Committee
June 15, 2018, 9:00 a.m., Lee Town Hall

1. Introductions
2. Review of minutes of May 31, 2018 meeting
3. Executive Session – legal counsel and mediation
4. Other Business
5. Adjournment

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HOUSATONIC REST OF RIVER MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes

Rest of River Municipal Committee; June 15, 2018, Lee Town Hall

1. Introductions. The meeting opened at 9:12 a.m. Attending the meeting were the following Committee members:

Pat Carlino, Lee Select Board
Chris Ketchen, Lenox Town Manager
Jennifer Tabakin, Great Barrington Town Manager
Rene Wood, Sheffield Representative
Stockbridge was not present

Others present:

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

2. Review of minutes of May 31, 2018 meeting. Motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Pat Carlino and seconded by R. Wood. Minutes were accepted as presented; J. Tabakin abstained.

3. Executive Session – to discuss ongoing litigation. At 9:14 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; C. Ketchen, Lenox, AYE; J. Tabakin, Great Barrington, AYE; and R. Wood, Sheffield, AYE. The Committee went into Executive Session at 9:19 am.

4. Other Business. The Committee returned to its regular meeting at 11:05am. N. Karns review that BRPC has submitted landfill information to the EPA, DEP and municipalities. It was noted that the EAB wants to see source information. Work underway on transportation route impacts with final copies going to EPA and DEP. C. Ketchen will follow up on requested well information from Tri-Town Health. Aquifer under Wood's Pond, test wells and nearby private wells were also discussed. Tri-Town does not get Wood's Pond's test well results. Follow up on private forestry wells with DEP.

J. Tabakin noted that J. Murphy, EPA, discussed with her air monitoring being done over Rising Pond due to a resident's complaint of airborne PCBs. He said they were not using the data for a baseline, as that would need to be done when the cleanup was scheduled. Did not know what they would do if they found an impact.

Future meeting needed to discuss several points on how to move forward; robust discussion anticipated. L. Gaherty will set up meeting after actions taken as discussed in Executive Session.

C. Ketchen discussed peer review, which a motion to support was made by R. Wood and seconded by P. Carlino. The motion was unanimously approved. C. Ketchen and S. Schatz will work on this; he wants it rational and objective.

5. Adjournment: P. Carlino motioned to adjourn, which was seconded by J. Tabakin and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

Meeting Materials:

- Meeting Agenda 6-15-2018
- Draft Meeting Minutes of 5-31-2018

Respectfully submitted,
Rene Wood, Sheffield's Representative