



HOUSATONIC REST OF RIVER MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Rest of River Municipal Committee
August 17, 2018, 9:00 a.m., Lee Town Hall

1. Introductions
2. Review of minutes of Aug. 3, 2018 meeting
3. Executive Session – legal strategy, mediation
4. Other Business
-- Standing of Mediation Agreement
5. Adjournment

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HOUSATONIC REST OF RIVER MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes

Rest of River Municipal Committee; August 17, 2018, Lee Town Hall

1. Introductions. N. Karns opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Attending the meeting were the following Committee members:

Pat Carlino, Lee Select Board

Christopher Ketchen, Chief Administrative Officer, Towns of Lee and Lenox (9:09am)

Chris Rembold, Great Barrington Town Planner

Steve Shatz, Stockbridge Representative

Rene Wood, Sheffield Representative

Others present:

Lauren Gaherty, BRPC

Tom Matuszko, BRPC Executive Director

N. Karns, BRPC Consultant

2. Review of minutes of August 3, 2018 meeting. *Motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by P. Carlino and seconded by S. Shatz. Minutes were accepted as presented by unanimous vote.*

3. Executive Session – to discuss ongoing litigation. At 9:05 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 S. Shatz, seconded by P. Carlino. Motion carried unanimously with the following roll call vote: P. Carlino, Lee, AYE; C. Ketchen, Lenox AYE; S. Shatz, Stockbridge, AYE; C. Rembold, Great Barrington, AYE; and R. Wood, Sheffield, AYE. The Committee went into Executive Session at 9:06am.*

4. Additional Business and Adjournment: The Committee returned to open session at 10:10 am. The draft mediation agreement was discussed, with R. Wood volunteering to integrate comments Sheffield received from their legal counsel at KP Law. L Gaherty noted that Attorney Pawa has been asked for an invoice by the end of August. Next Meeting was set for Friday August 24, at 9a.m.; Lee meeting room. *S. Shatz motioned to adjourn, which was seconded by P. Carlino, and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.*

Meeting Materials:

- Meeting Agenda 8-17-2018
- Draft Meeting Minutes of 8-3-2018

Respectfully submitted,
Rene Wood, Sheffield's Representative