

June 28, 1982

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The third semi-annual meeting of the towns comprising our region on water quality issues was held last Wednesday evening.

The first portion of the meeting consisted of the explanation and description by the staff of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council of that organization's new manual, titled Ground Water Protection - A Guide for Communities. The manual is a very helpful "how to do it" product that illicited a number of questions and comments from those in attendance. The staff noted that they would soon be publishing and distributing a manual on underground fuel storage tanks and another on the proper disposal of household hazardous waste.

Following the presentation by the M.A.P.C. staff, each community present commented on the important events within its borders that might have a substantial effect on its ground water resources or the ground water resources of neighboring communities. They also commented on steps that had been taken since the last meeting on the implementation of regulatory measures.

It was again apparent that some communities have done considerably more than others, though for the first time it was apparent that all of the communities present were on the move.

The Town of Littleton has implemented a hydrogeological study and a complete water resources protection program. The measures extend

all the way from zoning by-law changes, to the hiring of a water resource coordinator. Littleton invites the questions of, and offers its assistance to, any interested communities. The coordinator indicated that a leak detection program in that town had increased its water production capacity by 30% in one summer.

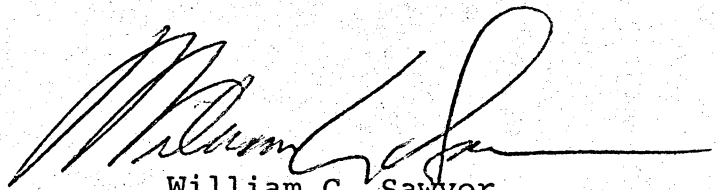
The Town of Concord has implemented a ground water conservancy district with regulations to match. Copies of the regulations were passed out to the meeting and are available from the town on request.

The Town of Acton is completing a hydrogeological study and analysis, a water resource location program and the compilation of a comprehensive program to protect its water resources.

The Town of Boxborough cited a number of site-specific studies undertaken in that town that are of relatively low-cost, but which were likely to result in significant improvements in its water supply situation.

As the meeting progressed, it was evident that the various towns were pursuing these issues at differing levels of analysis and that there was no direct relationship between the amount of money spent and the size and results of the programs that resulted. There is a real need to understand the relationship between the level of study and analysis required to produce the desired results.

We would appreciate the comments from any towns that were not present at the meeting. We would like to know what you are doing and what your problems are.



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Comm. from Paul E. Healy, City Clerk, transmitting comm. from William C. Sawyer, Acton's Rep. to M.A.C.P. Re: water quality issues.

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