

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF

April 6, 2021

(Meeting held virtually via Zoom, with two attendees also being in person at the District office)

Chairman Fox announced that the virtual meeting was being recorded and announced the names of those in attendance in the virtual meeting, declaring that the meeting was commencing at 5:02 PM.

Members Present: Chairman Joshua M. Fox, Commissioner Robert H. Sheldon, and Commissioner Robert E. Boyd Jr. (attended virtually via Zoom).

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Town of Sudbury Select Board members Janie Dretler (Chairman) and Jennifer Roberts, Blake Martin of Weston & Sampson, District Treasurer Thomas S. Travers, (attended virtually via Zoom). Executive Director Vincent J. Roy, and Customer Service Manager Renee Adams (attended in person at the District office).

Chairman Fox confirmed attendees in attendance by polling the individuals. After determining that a quorum was present and the statutory requirements were met as to notice, Chairman Fox called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

1. REVIEW THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 23rd COMMISSIONERS MEETING

The Commissioners approved the Minutes for the Meeting of March 23, 2021, as amended. The motion for approval was made by Commissioner Sheldon, duly seconded by Chairman Fox, and approved by roll call:

Joshua M. Fox, Chairman - Aye
Robert H. Sheldon, Commissioner - Aye
Robert E. Boyd, Jr., Commissioner - Aye

2. REVIEW DIRECTOR'S APRIL 2nd REPORT

Executive Director Roy presented his bi-weekly report to the Board and addressed questions regarding the following topic:

136 Boston Post Road/Past Due Account:

Director Roy informed the Commissioners that District Counsel, Lawson Williams received confirmation from the corporate office of Bear Mountain that payment of the past due amount had been mailed to the District on April 2nd. Mr. Roy also stated that payment is expected to arrive sometime within the coming week.

Hop Brook Beaver Dam:

Director Roy stated that Beaver Solutions, the District's expert on addressing the beaver dam at the end of Saxony Drive on Hop Brook, would begin trapping beavers the week of April 12. He was also planning on breaching the dam to lower the water table.

Free Cash:

Director Roy and Treasurer Travers announced that the District's free cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 had been certified at \$2,500,000.

3. UPDATE ON PFAS MITIGATION PROJECT/PRELIMINARY DESIGN

Chairman Fox thanked the Town Select Board members (Janie Dretler and Jennifer Roberts) for being in attendance on this topic and requested for Director Roy to provide a brief history of PFAS analysis with the

District's public water supply and overview of the new MassDEP regulatory requirements. Mr. Roy stated that the District proactively began testing for PFAS in January 2020. He stated that analytical results revealed traces of PFAS compounds at all public water supply sources, however, he emphasized that all running average results were below the State's 20 parts per trillion (ppt) limit, also referred to as maximum contaminant level (mcl). Mr. Roy also stated that the District hired Weston & Sampson Engineering, an expert in PFAS treatment to conduct a study of the District's water supply system along with providing cost estimates for implementing treatment at each point of entry location. Mr. Roy also informed the attendees that the District was recently awarded a State grant for PFAS treatment and will use the grant funding for preliminary design plans for the Raymond Road Water Treatment Plant (WTP). Commissioner Sheldon and Blake Martin of Weston & Sampson also provided additional information on the types of treatment currently available for the removal of PFAS compounds from drinking water: activated carbon, membrane filtration, and ion exchange treatment. Ms. Dretler asked why the District was designing a PFAS treatment system for just the Raymond Road WTP, as opposed to both treatment plants. Director Roy responded that the Raymond Road WTP provides the highest volume of water that is capable of sustaining the Town's average daily demand for water with all other sources off-line. The other major source of water to the system, the East Street WTP, cannot meet the Town's average daily demand for water. However, Mr. Roy stated that the District would be looking to install treatment at the East Street WTP at a later date, as a second priority. Commissioner Sheldon discussed the treatment processes in general terms along with constructability based on a recent visit to the Devens PFAS treatment facilities. Mr. Martin provided details of the PFAS report along with explaining the scope of service for the upcoming preliminary design work. Ms. Dretler asked if the District would be issuing a public statement, to which Mr. Roy responded that the District has set up a PFAS informational page on its website along with links to the MassDEP site for additional information. Ms. Roberts asked the reasoning for the variations in analysis results, to which Mr. Martin responded that the cause was uncertain but could be due to water flow fluctuations from seasonal weather patterns. The Commissioners also stated that plans were being discussed for alternative supplies of drinking water to consumers if PFAS concentrations were above the State's MCL.

Chairman Fox moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was duly seconded and approved unanimously by roll call:

Robert H. Sheldon, Commissioner - Aye
Robert E. Boyd Jr. Commissioner – Aye
Joshua A. Fox, Chairman - Aye

There being no further discussions the meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM