

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF December 14, 2021

(Meeting held virtually via Zoom, but five attendees were in person in the District Conference Room. No participants attended via Zoom.)

Chairman Sheldon called the meeting to order at 5:21 p.m. and announced that the virtual meeting was being recorded and asked for each of the Board members to state their name for the record by roll call:

Board Members Present: Robert H. Sheldon, Commissioner and Chairman - Present, Joshua M. Fox, Commissioner- Present and Robert E. Boyd, Jr., Commissioner - Present.

Board Members Absent: None

Others Present: Thomas S. Travers, Treasurer, Vincent J. Roy, Executive Director, and Karen Moretti, Assistant Treasurer.

1. REVIEW THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 16th COMMISSIONERS MEETING:

The Commissioners approved the Minutes for the Meeting of November 30, 2021, as amended. The motion for approval was made by Commissioner Boyd and duly seconded by Chairman Sheldon, and approved by unanimous roll call:

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

2. REVIEW THE DIRECTOR'S DECEMBER 10th REPORT:

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

PFAS Multidistrict Litigation (MDL):

Commissioner Fox requested that Director Roy provide an update on the PFAS MDL and recent meeting held on December 3rd. Mr. Roy reported that he had completed the Water Provider, Plaintiff Fact Sheet and submitted it to SL Environmental. Mr. Roy also stated that this was going to be a long drawn-out affair with the expert discovery, dispositions and evidentiary motions scheduled for next spring and summer, and that the bellwether trials would not begin until late next year.

Quarterly Billing:

Assistant Treasurer Moretti informed the Commissioners that the District recently collected on a large past due account and that the remaining collections were on track.

S&P Global Bond Rating:

Treasurer Travers requested that Director Roy provide an update on the District's Bond Rating status with S&P Global Bond Rating (S&P). Mr. Roy stated that the District provided S&P with their requested information. He also stated that S&P was reviewing the information and would be scheduling a meeting with the District to discuss our financial status and bond rating. Chairman Sheldon asked for Mr. Roy to seek out a firm or individual with experience working with S&P to advise and assist the District on this matter.

ARPA Funding:

Director Roy provided the Commissioners with a draft letter to the Sudbury Select Board requesting a portion of the Town's appropriation of American Relief Plan Act (ARPA) funding for upcoming capital improvement projects (PFAS, SCADA, and the proposed High Pressure Service Area). Following a lengthy discussion on the draft's wording, the Commissioners asked that Mr. Roy incorporate the revisions and provide it back to the Commissioners for signature before delivery to the Select Board.

OPEB Trustee Committee:

Chairman Sheldon recommended that the OPEB Trust Committee hold a meeting in the near future.

Conclusion of Open Meeting:

Commissioner Fox moved to conclude the open meeting and to move into executive session under Exception 2 of the Open Meeting Law, to conduct a strategy session in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with union personnel, or anything relative thereto, and Exemption 3, to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the public body and the chair so declares and to not return to the Open Session at the conclusion of the Executive Session. The motion was duly seconded. Chairman Sheldon declared that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the Commissioners. The motion was subsequently approved unanimously by roll call:

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

There being no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.