

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF May 3, 2022

Commissioner Fox called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m., announced that the virtual meeting was being recorded, and asked for each meeting attendee to state their name for the record by roll call:

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

Others Present: Craig E. Blake, Moderator - Present, Thomas S. Travers, Treasurer - Present, Karen Moretti, Assistant Treasurer - Present, Renee M. Adams, Customer Service Manager - Present and Vincent J. Roy, Executive Director - Present.

Note that all attended via Zoom, except for Vincent Roy, Karen Moretti, and Renee Adams.

1. REVIEW THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 5th COMMISSIONERS MEETING:

The Commissioners approved the Minutes for the Meeting of April 26, 2022, as amended. The motion for approval was made by Commissioner Fox, duly seconded by Commissioner Boyd, and approved by unanimous roll call:

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

2. REVIEW THE DIRECTOR'S APRIL 29th BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

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

- ***PFAS Mitigation Project/RRWTP:*** Commissioner Sheldon requested that Director Roy provide an update on the District's SRF application. Mr. Roy stated that the District was still waiting on the MassDEP to publish its Final Intended Use Plan (IUP) list. Mr. Roy stated that the District made the draft IUP list and that he expects that the final IUP list will be released within the coming week. Mr. Roy stated that once the District received confirmation that it has made the official IUP list, the next step would be to submit a loan application which would take approximately 4-6 weeks. Mr. Roy also stated that SRF disbursement will occur upon 50% of project completion and receipt of approved payment requisitions by the General Contractor.
- ***SCADA Upgrade Project:*** Commissioner Sheldon requested that Director Roy provide an update on the project start date. Mr. Roy stated that a preconstruction meeting was held with Fall River Electrical and team members from Environmental Partners. Mr. Roy also stated that the bulk of the equipment is on backorder to early October and that he expects the project to be completed in early spring of 2023.
- ***Flushing Program:*** Mr. Roy provided a brief update on the flushing program, stating the crew was still working in the Northwest part of Town.
- ***Staff/Covid-19:*** Commissioner Sheldon requested that Director Roy provide an update on staffing regarding COVID-19. Mr. Roy stated that, of the staff at the District, only he and Michael Abbondanzio had contracted COVID-19, and both now were fully recovered.

- *Fairbank Community Center Project: Commissioner Sheldon requested that Mr. Roy communicate Celco's anticipated construction schedule to the Town Manager, to which Mr. Roy agreed.*

There were no further questions regarding the Director's report.

3. REVIEW 86th ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING WARRANTS/PRESENTATIONS

Director Roy presented the Warrant Article explanations for the 86th Annual and Special District meetings to the Commissioners. The Commissioners along with the Moderator and the Treasurer reviewed the explanations, made revisions as necessary, and approved the Warrant Article explanations as amended.

Commissioner Fox moved that the Commissioners support Petition Article 14 subject to the petitioner obtaining all other necessary approvals in accordance with all applicable laws. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Boyd and approved by unanimous roll call:

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

4. REVIEW WATER SYSTEM REGULATIONS/ PROPOSED AMENDMENT FOR CONNECTION FEES

Director Roy presented a draft amendment to the Water Regulations/Connection Fees. Following a discussion on the proposed amendment, the Commissioners requested that Mr. Roy incorporate edits made during the discussion and to present it at the next Commissioners meeting.

There were no further questions regarding the presentations.

Chairman Sheldon moved to adjourn the meeting and not go into executive session. The motion was duly seconded and approved unanimously by roll call:

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

There being no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.