

**BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS**  
**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF**  
**OCTOBER 18, 2022**

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Chairman Fox called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m., announced that the virtual version of the meeting was being recorded, and asked for each Commissioner to state their name for the record by roll call:

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

**Others Present:** Tom Travers, Treasurer; Karen Moretti, Office Manager/Assistant Treasurer; and Vincent J. Roy, Executive Director.

Note that all meeting attendees were in person. Nobody attended virtually.

**1. REVIEW THE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 3<sup>rd</sup> COMMISSIONERS MEETING:**

The Commissioners approved the Minutes for the Meeting of October 3, 2022, as amended. The motion for approval was made by Chairman Fox, duly seconded by Commissioner Sheldon, and approved by unanimous roll call:

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

**2. REVIEW THE DIRECTOR'S OCTOBER 14<sup>th</sup> BI-WEEKLY REPORT:**

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

The following comments are from the October 14<sup>th</sup> Directors Bi-Weekly Report:

MWRA- Inquiry of possible option for future water source:

Director Roy informed the Commissioners that he attended a virtual meeting on October 6<sup>th</sup> along with managers from surrounding communities for discussion on a possible connection to the MWRA's water supply. This was the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting hosted by the MWRA for gathering information of the local communities' respective water systems and to gauge the degree of interest for a connection onto the MWRA water system. Mr. Roy stated that he informed those in attendance of the meeting that the old CSX rail corridor was an unlikely option for installing a water line due to a future rail trail project planned by the Town and that he believed that CSX still retained rights for installing a possible future rail line. Commissioner Sheldon noted that the MWRA has expressed a desire to have multiple paths to a municipality's connection, which would also necessitate having more than just the CSX rail corridor as the connection for this proposed multi-community service. He also noted that it would be in the interest of the participating communities to have multiple feeds from the MWRA source.

Fire at Cavicchio's Warehouse:

Mr. Roy informed the Commissioners that he spoke with the Fire Chief on October 12<sup>th</sup>, the evening of the fire incident, about concern of potential groundwater contamination from fertilizer runoff into the nearby brook. Mr. Roy stated that MassDEP was on scene during the fire and following day. He

also informed the Commissioners that Mr. Cavicchio has been directed to hire a Licensed Site Professional (LSP) to oversee all cleanup efforts of the site. Mr. Roy stated that he informed DEP that he believed there was no immediate threat to the Raymond Road wells based on recent groundwater analysis which indicated that groundwater from Cavicchio's does not flow toward the Raymond Road wells. Mr. Roy stated that the District would perform additional sampling at the Raymond Road wells to ensure water quality integrity. Mr. Roy also informed the Commissioners that the District has since conducted a cross connection survey at the site the following day and found no cross connections between Cavicchio's private water sources and the District's public water supply. Commissioner Boyd provided additional detail of the incident based on his presence at the scene as a member of the Sudbury Fire Department.

There were no questions or comments from the September 30<sup>th</sup> Directors Bi-Weekly Report.

**3. APPEAL FOR DENIAL ABATEMENT REQUEST FOR 22 BRIDLE PATH:**

Director Roy informed the Commissioners that the homeowner of 22 Bridle Path was unable to attend the appeal hearing because of a prior commitment and requested to reschedule the hearing for the next Commissioners Meeting on November 1<sup>st</sup>. The homeowner was seeking some relief after realizing there was a leak in their irrigation system. This abatement request is a little different from past ones, in that the owner took ownership in March 2022, so the past history of usage for past years of the same billing period would not reflect that owner's usage. Commissioner Fox requested that Mr. Roy recalculate an abatement amount using the last two quarters of usage history by the previous owner and present it to the current homeowner for consideration and leave open the opportunity for an appeal by the homeowner. Mr. Roy concurred.

**4. VOTE TO AWARD PFAS MITIGATION CONTRACT TO BARBATO CONSTRUCTION:**

Director Roy informed the Commissioners that Weston & Sampson completed the bid review and provided their recommendation to the District to award the contract to Barbato Construction. Mr. Roy stated that the award is contingent upon MassDEP's review of the bid submittal and their issuance of an Authorization to Award to the District. Weston & Sampson submitted the Authorization to Award package on October 15<sup>th</sup> and MassDEP will probably give their authorization within two weeks. Mr. Roy also informed the Commissioners that he sent Barbato Construction a Notice of Intent to award the contract on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Roy requested that the Commissioners vote to approve the award of the contract to Barbato Construction contingent on receiving the authorization from DEP for the purpose of expediting the process to execute the contract. After some discussion, the Commissioners opted to not vote at this time and wait until receiving the official authorization from DEP.

***Conclusion of Open Meeting:***

Commissioner Fox moved to conclude the open meeting and to move into executive session under Exception 2 to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel and the chair so declares to not return to the Open Session at the conclusion of the Executive Session. The motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Boyd and subsequently approved by unanimous roll call:

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

The Open Meeting concluded at 6:05 p.m.