

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF
FEBRUARY 7, 2023

Chairman Fox called the meeting to order at 5:02 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 (at 5: 30 p.m.)

Others Present: Thomas S. Travers, Treasurer; Karen Moretti, Assistant Treasurer; Renee M. Adams, Customer Service Manager; Michael Abbondanzio, Foreman; and Vincent J. Roy, Executive Director.

Virtually Present: None.

1. REVIEW THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 24, 2023, COMMISSIONERS MEETING:

The Commissioners approved the Minutes for the Meeting of January 24, 2023, as amended. The motion for approval was made by Commissioner Sheldon and duly seconded by Chairman Fox, and approved by unanimous roll call:

Robert H. Sheldon, Commissioner - Aye
Joshua M. Fox, Chairman and Commissioner – Aye
(Commissioner Boyd was not present for this portion of the meeting.)

2. REVIEW THE DIRECTOR’S FEBRUARY 3rd BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

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

PFAS Mitigation:

Commissioner Sheldon noted that, if residents of Sudbury not already members of the District find that they have high concentrations of PFAS compounds in their wells, they may need to get their water from an alternative source. If that were the case and if there were state or federal funds available to assist those people in seeking an alternative, that might lead to the potential case of the District being asked to expand its service area using those funds. Mr. Roy stated that he had asked Attorney Sansone of SL Environmental about this and was informed that whoever ends up paying for those connections could have a claim against the manufacturers of PFAS. Chairman Fox stated that there is no legal requirement to test private wells for single homes for contaminants, and that includes land transactions unless a private well is located in close proximity to a septic system.

Personnel:

Director Roy informed the Commissioners that Cam Adams would be resigning from the District effective February 28th to attend the Massachusetts State Police Academy.

Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) Monitoring Report:

Director Roy informed the Commissioners that the District had received a Violation Non-Compliance Notice (NON) from the MassDEP for the Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) for not timely submitting test results. Mr. Roy stated that he had appealed the violation to the MassDEP Northeast Regional Office

Director on the basis that the non-compliance was a procedural error rather than an MCL violation. Mr. Roy noted some difficulty reaching people at MassDEP because of email address changes and other communication challenges. He stated he will keep the Commissioners informed of all future correspondence regarding the matter.

3. VOTE TO AMEND T-MOBILE USA CELL TOWER LEASE AGREEMENT

Director Roy presented an amendment to the original cell tower lease agreement with T-Mobile USA Tower LLC to lease 80 square feet of additional ground space. The additional ground space is needed to accommodate equipment for a new co-locator (Dish Networks) onto the tower. Following a discussion, Commissioner Sheldon moved to authorize the Executive Director to execute the amendment conditional to T-Mobile providing the District with a map illustrating the Access Utility Easement as described in Item 4 of the amendment. The motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Boyd, and it was approved by unanimous roll call:

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

4. REVIEW DRAFT FY 2024 DRAFT BUDGET

Director Roy presented the revised draft FY 2024 budget. Following discussions on the various parts of the budget, the Commissioners expressed general acceptance of the budget as presented and would be ready to formally approve the budget at a later meeting when the budget is presented with the Annual District Meeting Warrant Articles. Mr. Roy stated that he and Assistant Treasurer Karen Moretti would have the Warrant ready for their review in early March.

There was no further discussion on this topic.

Conclusion of Open Meeting:

The motion to conclude the meeting was made, duly seconded, and approved by unanimous roll call:

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

The Open Meeting concluded at 6:22 p.m.