

TRI TOWN BOARD
of Water Commissioners
Braintree, Holbrook, Randolph

MINUTES

December 17, 2019

Present: Joseph C. Sullivan, Chair, Town of Braintree, Bill Alexopolous, Town of Randolph, Tim Gordon, Town of Holbrook.

In attendance: Jim Arsenault, Peter Berry, John Caruso, Lou Dutton, Paul Gabriel, Helen Gordon, Robyn LaFrance, Chris Pellitteri, Rhonda Pogodzienski, Lorraine See, Janine Smith, Ed Spellman, Nicole Taub.

Mayor Sullivan opened the meeting at 2:20 pm and made some brief remarks concerning his impending leave from office and that this is his final Tri Town meeting. Mayor Sullivan expressed appreciation to Holbrook and Randolph through Tim Gordon and Bill Alexopolous, for the 30 to 40 year Tri Town relationship. Mayor further extended thanks to the Braintree team. A new Braintree mayor will be sworn in on January 2, 2020.

Minutes: The minutes of the December 4, 2019 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

MOTION: by Tim Gordon to accept the minutes of December 4, 2019 as presented

SECOND: by Bill Alexopolous

VOTE: unanimous

PFAS Update: Helen Gordon

- Helen Gordon provided a brief update and explained the results of the jar testing. The sample is the result based on current dosing with the goal of staying below 20 ppt. When the correct dose is identified by Braintree it will be replicated in Holbrook and Randolph.
- Helen stated that she will get the results and confer with Lou Dutton and then notify MassDEP.
- Helen Gordon provided a brief regulatory update of the development of a PFAS drinking water standard (mcl) by MassDEP. Public hearings and comment periods are scheduled for January and Helen Gordon, Paul Gabriel and Lou Dutton will be attending and providing comments.
- There was brief discussion on the cost associated with PFAS testing and the PAC and the fact that the cost has not been determined at this point.

Special Legislation Certification: Nicole Taub

- Tim Gordon provided the certification from the Town of Holbrook.

- Nicole Taub briefly discussed the home rule petition and said she put together packets that she provided to the Board. She explained that Rep. Cusack will file this with the Massachusetts House of Representatives and he will send a copy to the Senate.
- Peter Berry assured the board that the home rule petition would be filed and done before the end of Mayor Sullivan's term.

MOTION: by Tim Gordon to file the special legislation with the Massachusetts Legislature

SECOND: by Bill Alexopolous

VOTE: unanimous

Scope of Work and Budget for AECOM and EP:

- Helen Gordon explained that the scope of work and budget discussions with AECOM started in early fall. She provided a memo of the summary of negotiations and comparison of opinion of probable cost versus budget proposals to the board and discussed them and Helen asked the board to take a vote.
- The timeframe and scope of work was briefly discussed.
- Funding was briefly discussed and re-confirmed that all three towns already took borrowing votes: Braintree's authorization is in place for \$25 million, Holbrook is in place for \$13 million, and Randolph for \$24 million. (find an note exact for Holbrook, and all 3)
- AECOM is ready to proceed.
- Brief comments on the redesign and cost based on the revised conceptual plan.
- EP as the OPM will oversee that the project is within budget. The EP cost is \$993,000.00.
- SRF authorization funding was confirmed in the summer of 2019 with a 50/50 split (confirm).
- Comments re: securing legislation funding (check on this)

MOTION: by Tim Gordon to accept the scope of work and budget contingent on the terms of the agreement with AECOM

SECOND: by Bill Alexopolous

VOTE: unanimous

MOTION: by Tim Gordon to continue professional services with Environmental Partners (was there a not to exceed amount that needs to be included?)

SECOND: by Bill Alexopolous

VOTE: unanimous

Other:

Mayor Sullivan stated that Braintree Water & Sewer issued a town-wide notice to residents to inform that on December 19 the town in collaboration with Randolph and Holbrook will be testing the interconnections to the water supply while they conduct major work to the treatment plant. Water quality should not be affected.

Lou Dutton showed the board a map and explained that there is watershed grant funding to purchase parcels of land surrounding the Great Pond Reservoir. All of the parcels are in the town of Braintree and privately owned.

Lorraine See discussed the grant opportunity of a \$300,000 50/50 match and said it's due January 21, 2020. The assessed value of the land is needed and other than that, applying for the grant is doable. The steps are to apply for the grant and if secured, appropriation of funds is contingent on receiving grant funding.

MOTION: by Tim Gordon for Lorraine See to apply for the grant

SECOND: by Bill Alexopolous

VOTE: unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robyn LaFrance

Recording Secretary