

**TRI TOWN BOARD
Of Water Commissioners
Braintree, Holbrook, Randolph
DPW Administration Building, Pond Street**

MINUTES

February 12, 2010

PRESENT: Chairman, Joseph Sullivan, Mayor of the Town of Braintree; Bill Alexopolous, President of the Randolph Town Council; Robert Powilatis, Chairman of the Holbrook Board of Selectmen

IN ATTENDANCE: Tom Cummings, Holbrook Superintendent of Public Works/Holbrook-Randolph Joint Superintendent; David Zecchini, Superintendent of Randolph Public Works Dept.

ALSO PRESENT: Deborah Carlino, Recording Secretary; Mike Walsh and Robert Cutone of Camp Dresser & McKee, Inc.; Teno West, Esq. and Robert Knychalski, Esq. of Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West; Lou Dutton; Dave Murphy, Randolph Town Manager; members of the press and public

Chairman Sullivan opened the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

MINUTES:

MOTION: by Mr. Alexopolous to approve the minutes of January 29, 2010

SECOND: by Mr. Powilatis

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

**RE: Continued Business: -Owner's Representatives
CDM/Teno West, Esq.**

-Status and Discussion of Special Legislation

Mr. West provided a copy of his letter dated January 26, 2010, and discussed same with the Board.

There was also discussion re: Mr. Powilatis' letter to Mayor Sullivan dated December 31, 2009, re: TriTown Issues.

There was a brief discussion between Mayor Sullivan and Mr. Powilatis re: Mr. Curry's authority over the past year and a half re: TriTown votes and actions taken by the Board.

Mr. Powilatis stated that Mr. Curry was not legally authorized to vote for the Town of Holbrook. It was further discussed that the Holbrook Board of Selectmen

knew and authorized Mr. Curry to attend the TriTown meeting on behalf of the Board, but they did not expect him to vote on issues.

Mayor Sullivan stated that it was his understanding as per Mr. Powilatis' explanation that the votes that were taken by this Board, that Holbrook during the 1.5 years that Mr. Curry was on the Board, Holbrook was not represented on the TriTown Board.

Mr. Powilatis stated that that was the law. He does not feel that Mr. Curry had the authority to vote on TriTown issues.

Mike Walsh of CDM spoke re: the memo dated February 12, 2010. The Board was provided with another copy of the RFQ for the design/build project (the Board originally received same back in July, 2009). Mr. Walsh noted that the document being received by the Board today is the same as what was received back in July. He would request that the Board review the final document so that he can have it ready to go out to bid when the legislation is approved.

Mr. Walsh noted that they have heard from the Mass Historic Commission in response to the Field Completion Memo completed by UMass Archeology Services on behalf of CDM. The letter requested that a site examination archeological survey be completed. Further, CDM received a letter from the Dept. of Conservation and Recreation dated February 3, 2010, with the Advisory Opinion that the Replacement Regional Water Treatment Plant does not require Interbasin Transfer Act approval. MEPA will not be able to issue their Advisory Opinion until the close of the comment period. Earliest we could expect an opinion to be issued is March 2, 2010.

Further, Mr. Walsh advised that CDM has completed an updated estimate of the capital costs for the replacement regional water treatment facility, including design/build team fees, construction oversight, as well as, operation and maintenance costs. Additionally, CDM estimated a capital cost to complete the dredging of Great Pond.

Also, Mr. Walsh advised that the draft Request for Qualifications is complete. It was provided to the Board and they are awaiting for comments/discussion of policy issues. Lastly, CDM is in contact with the drillers to coordinate the schedule for the borings. Also, CDM is coordinating with the survey company. It is anticipated that the survey work will not commence until the spring (April) due to snow cover.

The Board discussed the handout entitled, "TriTown Board of Commissioners Regional Water Treatment Facility RFP Stage Cost Estimate Capital Summary".

Regional Facility – Design/Build Construction	
Regional Facility (facility, tanks, rwps, etc.)	\$30,300,000
Escalation to February 2011 (2% for construction)	\$606,000
Contingency (20% of construction)	\$6,181,200
Construction Total	\$37,087,200
Design/Build Team Development Fees	\$2,500,000
Subtotal for Regional Facility – Design/Build	\$39,587,200
Construction Oversight	\$900,000
Total for Regional Facility – Design/Build	\$40,487,200
Reservoir Dredging Estimate	\$10,000,000
Total TriTown Capital Program	\$50,487,200
Additional Cost Consideration:	
Randolph/Holbrook Finished Water Pipeline	\$1,000,000

The Board discussed the handout entitled, “TriTown Board of Commissioners Regional Water Treatment Facility RFP Stage Cost Estimate Operation and Maintenance Summary”.

Labor	\$840,000/yr
Chemicals	\$600,000/yr
Equipment	\$160,000/yr
Contract Services	\$190,000/yr
Utilities	\$600,000/yr
Subtotal	\$2,400,000/yr
Contingency (20%)	\$480,000/yr
Total with Contingency	\$2,900,000/yr

The Board discussed the handout entitled, “TriTown Board of Commissioners MWRA Option Cost Estimate Summary”.

Entrance Fee (based on 7.14 mgd)	\$36,100,000
Braintree (3.87 mgd)	\$19,500,000
Holbrook (0.87mpd)	\$3,800,000
Randolph (2.52 mgd)	\$12,800,000

Annual Assessments (based on 7.14 mgd)	\$6,000,000/yr
Braintree (3.87 mgd)	\$3,200,000/yr
Holbrook (.087 mgd)	\$700,000/yr
Randolph (2.52 mgd)	\$2,100,000/yr

Other Costs to Consider:

- Capital cost of pipeline(s) to Randolph, Holbrook and Braintree
- Permitting/application cost

There was a brief discussion re: the town's costs vs. the MWRA costs.

Mr. Powilatis stated that if the TriTown received water from the MWRA there would be no dredging expenses in addition to the facility expenses.

Mr. Walsh stated that in his opinion, if the community joins the MWRA they can maintain the use of their water supply to be used in an emergency situation. This is to be able to re-activate the water system in an emergency situation.

Mr. Dutton asked CDM if they could project operating costs over a 20 year time period; would the new plant be less expensive than buying water from the MWRA.

Mayor Sullivan had an updated Page 32 of the "Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, Presentation to the TriTown Board of Water Commissioners, The MWRA Option, Frederick Laskey, Executive Director, dated January 29, 2010", as provided at the last meeting.

Mr. Powilatis asked if CDM could provide estimates for a Braintree/Randolph plant and a separate Holbrook plant at 800,000 gpd water supply.

Mayor Sullivan noted that if Mr. Powilatis was asking CDM to provide the estimate that would be a Holbrook request; and therefore a Holbrook expense.

Mr. Powilatis stated that he would authorize Holbrook to pay for that expense.

Mr. Walsh provided to the Board for their review and comments a draft RFP, Volume I; Project overview and proposal instructions dated February 12, 2010".

Mr. Powilatis stated that he did not intend to take Holbrook down this road. They have not decided if this is the direction that Holbrook wants to go.

Mayor Sullivan stated that the TriTown Board voted unanimously to go with the Design/Build project.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Jeff Hanson of Aquaria provided a handout entitled, "TriTown Water Board, Braintree Town Hall, February 12, 2010, Aquaria Water LLC". Mr. Hanson was before the Board and said that Brockton receives some of its water from the Aquaria plant and Holbrook could easily become a customer. He said that Holbrook and/or the TriTown Board could tap into Brockton's supply line. Mr. Hanson explained that Brockton augments its water supply with a portion from Aquaria and Holbrook could buy its excess. It was noted that a control station would have to be built at the injection point in town to control the chemical balance of the water being fed into Holbrook as it now does in Brockton. The company provides water to Brockton and Norton from its plant on the Taunton River. Water is extracted from the river, and then the salt is squeezed out, treated, and transmitted through a 60-mile pipe to its customers. It was noted that they are looking for customers and has plenty of water to sell; at a cost of about \$178,000 per 100,000 gallons of water pumped. Mr. Hanson said that Randolph could join Holbrook in the venture and share costs or Holbrook could purchase water from Brockton.

Items for Next Meeting:

- procurement policy
- payment of TriTown bills
- presentation by CDM re: 20 year plan O&M costs for new facility, current facility vs. joining MWRA; also dredging expenses
- status and discussion of Special Legislation
- Aquaria Co. – Jeff Hanson
- dam project update

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS:

Friday, February 26, 2010, at 9:00 a.m.

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Carlino
Recording Secretary

Robert Powilatis, Clerk