

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

MINUTES

September 9, 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

ABSENT: 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; Robert Cutone of Camp Dresser & McKee, Inc.; Lou Dutton; Tom Whalen; members of the press and public

Chairman Sullivan opened the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

MINUTES:

MOTION: by Mr. Alexopolous to approve the minutes of June 18, 2010

SECOND: by Chairman Sullivan

VOTE: 2:0:1 (abstaining: Mr. Powalitis)

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Powalitis asked if items 3 (TriTown funding formula for new TriTown water treatment facility) and 4 (Status of Tri Town) on the agenda could be taken out of turn.

Mr. Powalitis advised that the Town of Holbrook unanimously voted at Town Meeting after the Board of Selectmen unanimously voted to adopt an article at Town Meeting authorizing the Board of Selectmen to seek alternative means of a water supply. He is still stating that Holbrook should only pay based on water usage. Before we can move forward with the other items on this agenda and project, there needs to be a determination as to who the partners in this plan are and how the cost will be shared. The Board has not done due diligence in reviewing other sources of water.

Mayor Sullivan stated that the Board had a plan in place and was moving forward until May, 2009. It was stated to Mr. Powilatis that he has disrupted the meetings; stalled the progress of the project and had had a very negative impact on the

Board. The Board has invited both the MWRA and Aquaria to meetings for presentations and discussion re: receiving water from their sources. There have been more than many discussions on this project. This is a \$50 +/- million project that will be shared by all three communities. The discussed arrangements for payment have been 45% for Braintree, 35% for Randolph and 20% for Holbrook.

Mr. Powalitis stated his concerns re: the legal fees, PLA, dredging, etc. He still states that the towns should pay proportionately for what they receive in services.

Mayor Sullivan stated that both Randolph and Braintree acknowledge that they have more users than Holbrook and have agreed to greater percentages of payment re: same. He asked Mr. Powalitis if Holbrook was willing to pay 20% of the costs?

Mr. Powalitis stated that Holbrook was not, at this time, agreeing to pay 20%. They are currently looking at other options.

Mayor Sullivan explained that the Braintree was working with BELD, reviewing construction costs, maintenance costs to try to work out the project. This project would receive more favorable funding than Braintree going out on its own. The TriTown Board could qualify for a 2% interest rate for state funding, if this project was a TriTown project, rather than a Braintree project.

Mr. Powalitis stated that the payment method needs to be written down to be kept on record so that the formula does not change without some notice or discussion by the Towns. However, he is still concerned with Holbrook paying for more than it uses. The rate of pay needs to be based on usage/consumption so that it's fair to everyone.

Holbrook Selectman, Richard McGaughey advised that the Holbrook BOS voted to move forward with the 20% payment; the vote was 4:0. He would ask that the TriTown Board hold off on any movement re: this issue until he can go back to the full Board and reaffirm their vote to move forward with this TriTown project at 20%.

1. CDM Update on design

Robert Cutone of CDM provided a memo "TriTown Comments" for the Board's review.

Mr. Powilatis asked to interrupt for a moment and asked Mr. Cutone to reference to the facility as "the new treatment plant" and not the "TriTown plant" as Holbrook has not decided to stay with this project.

Mr. Cutone then continued with his update; the Board also received a copy of "CDM TriTown Board of Water Commissioners Braintree, Randolph and Holbrook, Massachusetts; New Replacement Regional Water Treatment Plant, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Calendar year 2011, August 2010".

Dam Inspections: Started the final stage of Phase II Dam Inspection work for completion by January, 2011. A contract amendment authorizing CDM to proceed with the previously unauthorized work was forwarded to the Chairman.

Dredging: Submitted a request to the Braintree Conservation Commission for an extension of the Order of Conditions Upper Reservoir Maintenance Project (DEP File No. 8-408). A hearing is scheduled for September 16, 2010, to discuss same. Since the Braintree Conservation Commission has granted extensions in the past, it is assumed that one will be granted again. As reported at an earlier meeting all permits associated with moving ahead is presently secured.

PEF: Prepared an updated Project Evaluation Form for Massachusetts State Revolving Loan funding of a TriTown Water Treatment Plant. Hearings are usually held over the winter with final intended Use Plan formulated in the late winter or early spring.

D/B Project: Since the Special Legislation has not been filed and the split between the communities has not been resolved, no substantive work has been performed.

Transfer PS: CDM visited the site on July 1st, to assess the feasibility of using the currently decommissioned chlorine building as a new transfer pumping station. The preliminary findings were forwarded to Mr. Dutton for review and comment.

Other Business:

Mayor Sullivan noted that Braintree would be making a determination over the next week or so as to whether or not to move forward with or without the Town of Holbrook, the TriTown Board or move forward on its own.

Mr. Alexopolous stated that he would like to see Randolph move forward with the project with the Town of Braintree and construct the new plant. It would be more cost effective and feasible to apply as a TriTown rather than an individual town. He further stated that he was tired of rehashing at every meeting. This project needs to move forward.

Mr. Powalitis stated that he would like to hire an independent engineer to review the expenses. He has been reviewing numerous options over the past few weeks. He would like to be sure that the Board and the Town of Holbrook is moving in the right direction both financially and ethically.

Mr. Alexopolous stated that it would be a whole lot cheaper to pay for a portion of the new facility rather than paying for the entire facility on each town's own.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

To be determined

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Carlino
Recording Secretary

Robert Powilatis, Clerk