

**TRI TOWN BOARD
Of Water Commissioners
Braintree, Holbrook, Randolph
Braintree Town Hall**

MINUTES

September 15, 2015

PRESENT: Chairman, Joseph Sullivan, Mayor, Town of Braintree; Richard Brewer, Town of Randolph, Ed O'Brien, Interim Town Administrator, Town of Holbrook.

IN ATTENDANCE: Barbara Mello, Ben Eccord, Ben Fehan, Robyn LaFrance, recording secretary.

Chairman Sullivan opened the meeting at 2:00 pm.

Mayor Sullivan introduced and welcomed Edward O'Brien, Interim Town Administrator, Town of Holbrook. Ed explained that his attendance on the Tri Town Board will be brief as Holbrook will have a new Town Administer selected in the very near future.

MINUTES: the minutes of the June 25, 2015 meeting were reviewed.

MOTION: by Rich Brewer to accept Minutes of June 25, 2015.

SECOND: by Bill Phelan

VOTE: Unanimous

Tri Town update: Mayor Sullivan

- Mayor Sullivan reported that he met with Secretary Beaton and Rep. Mark Cusack in July to discuss Tri Town. It was reported to be a discussion only. Secretary Beaton was invited to visit and tour the Tri Town site. The Secretary's visit is anticipated to be in October possibly.
- The Tri Town Water Board should access funding from the Environmental Bond Bill.

MWRA Correspondence:

- Mayor Sullivan shared a letter that was received by the Town of Rockland's Board of Selectmen dated September 17, 2015. The letter explained that the Rockland Board of Selectmen voted to support, encourage and endorse MWRA to provide water to the SouthField project.
- Mayor Sullivan reported that at this point, the MWRA has no actual plan to supply SouthField.
- Mayor Sullivan and Mayor Sue Kay have met to discuss the MWRA/SouthField water supply issue and Mayor Kay has more work to do on it regarding "a lot of loose ends". Mayor Kay is in the process of campaigning for re-election now with the Mayoral election on November 3.
- LSTAR (the new master developer for SouthField) has indicated support for the MWRA water supply.
- The Town of Braintree and the MWRA need to schedule a meeting to discuss and plan the SouthField water connection pipeline through Braintree.
- Ben Fehan briefly explained the impact that would be placed on the Town and on Braintree residents regarding replacing water and sewer pipes. He explained that the work would have to be permitted through the MWRA. Homeowners would also have to get permitting through the MWRA if needed. Ben will outline this further in a letter to the Board.

- Mayor Sullivan wants to see the Tri Town Board secure the 50% State Match funding for the Tri Town Treatment Plant capital.

CDM update: Mike Walsh

- It was reported that CDM has 30% design for the Tri Town Treatment Plant completed now. 60% will be completed by the end of October 2015; 90% will be completed by December 31, 2015 and it will be 100% complete by the end of January 2016.
- When the design is 100% complete, the next step is that the project will go out to bid.
- It will have to appear in front of the Conservation Commission. There was a requirement for a Fish Ladder and there will be a comment period.
- There is a two month bid process and the project could be ready for Spring/Summer 2016 construction. There would be \$1 million expected for construction plus grant funding. The three towns can obtain a low interest loan (2%) payable by the three towns. The loan money would go into a fund and be spent down and the towns pay interest.

Dam update: Mike Walsh

- CDM is under contract and is currently “on freeze” or “on hold” under the path of Design/Build.
- It can change to a conventional Design/Bid/Build.
- Tri Town Board will need to apply again for SRF funding as a regional entity.

Mayor Sullivan scheduled a next meeting for October 8 at 2 pm at Braintree Town Hall.

There was a question of whether or not there is anything the Board needs to do now with regard to legislation or legal work. Dave Murphy reminded the Board about Teno West from a few years ago.

MOTION: By Rich Brewer to adjourn meeting at 2:40 pm.

SECOND: by Mayor Sullivan

VOTE: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,
Robyn LaFrance
Recording Secretary