

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

MINUTES

December 2, 2015

PRESENT: Chairman, Joseph Sullivan, Mayor, Town of Braintree; Richard Brewer, Town of Randolph, Timothy Gordon, Town Administrator, Town of Holbrook.

IN ATTENDANCE: Lou Dutton, Ben Eccord, Ben Fehan, Barbara Mello, Dave Murphy, Mike Walsh, Robyn LaFrance, recording secretary.

Chairman Sullivan opened the meeting at 11:12 am.

Mayor Sullivan welcomed Timothy Gordon, new Town Administrator, Town of Holbrook and Tim introduced himself. It was also mentioned that Rich Brewer will begin a new position as DPW Superintendent, Town of Randolph.

MINUTES: the minutes of the September 15, 2015 meeting were reviewed.

MOTION: by Rich Brewer to accept Minutes of September 15, 2015.

SECOND: by Mayor Sullivan

VOTE: Unanimous

Tri Town update: Mayor Sullivan

- Mayor Sullivan explained that he plans to schedule a visit with Secretary Beaton to come to Braintree for a site visit.
- The 50% State Match for the new Treatment Plant Capital needs to be solidified. Rep. Cusack and Sen. Keenan are supportive.
- Today's estimated cost of building a new treatment plant is \$45 million, according to Mike Walsh, CDM. Mike explained that it would make sense to review the cost estimate at this time.
- Ben Fehan wrote a letter to Mayor Sullivan to outline his thoughts regarding the impact placed on the Town of Braintree and its residents if the Tri Town Board decided to go with the MWRA. This correspondence was copied and provided to the other two Board members to review.
- If \$45 million is the current cost of the new Tri Town plant, the 3 communities will pay half of that amount and the state will match with state funding. The towns will divide its half in this manner: Braintree pays 50%, Randolph pays 34%, and Holbrook pays 16%.
- The Board must confirm the State Match on the actual amount because there is the possibility that the State will pay less than 50%.
- It has been determined that the MWRA is not the best plan and that building the new Tri Town Treatment Plant is.
- There was some discussion concerning each community's status on taking a formal vote on the financing of a new Tri Town plant.
- Mayor Sullivan will do this when he has the total cost.
- Holbrook's last directive was exploring all options.

- Entrance fees with the MWRA match the cost of building a new Tri Town plant however the actual usage cost with the Tri Town plant will be half.

Dam Safety: Lou Dutton, Mike Walsh

- In 2007 the Dam received a Fair Rating and in 2009 it received a Poor Rating/Repairs needed. Repairs were done and it received a Fair Rating again. There was discussion on the need to review the 2015 Score Card. It was reported that the report was done by Tyler Dunn.
- Mike Walsh discussed armoring the dam with rocks to protect it.
- State grant provides some funding by way of a low interest loan.
- Safe Yield was reported to be 7.6 to 7.8 today. New Plant will be a 12.5 million gallon capacity.
- Need to look at current demand and storage tank and a 20 year horizon.
- The \$45 million cost of the new treatment plant was based on the need to dredge and that is not the case at this point.

CDM update: Mike Walsh

- It was reported that CDM submitted the 60% design plan for the Tri Town Treatment Plant to the Town recently and the 90% design plan will be submitted by December 31, 2015. The plan will be 100% complete by the end of January 2016. When the design phase is complete, will move forward on the engineering and then pause to discuss and determine the timeline for construction.
- The January meeting will be the time to discuss putting the project out to bid.
- Discussion of Dam Safety reports that were provided by Lou Dutton.
- Office of Dam Safety (ODS) has no jurisdiction on the Richardi Dam due to size and height.

CDM Invoices: Barbara Mello

- Barbara Mello handed out invoices to Board members to be paid as part of the reimbursement grant from the state. Discussion and questions regarding invoices.
- Mike Walsh explained the make-up of architect costs and blend of staff and that was discussed.
- The towns will be reimbursed 100% on the design by the state.
- Barbara Mello explained that there is an extra cost of \$200,000 not covered by any grant and that would be divided three ways and paid by cash.
- The Board already took a vote to move forward and there is no need to vote on invoices because the project was already approved.

Mayor Sullivan scheduled the next meeting for January 27, 2016 at 11 am at Braintree Town Hall. It was noted that at the next phase when each Town needs support, the meetings will move to evenings to involve the public.

MOTION: By Mayor Sullivan to adjourn meeting at 12 noon.

SECOND: by Rich Brewer

VOTE: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,
 Robyn LaFrance
 Recording Secretary