

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

MINUTES

June 20, 2013

PRESENT: Chairman, Joseph Sullivan, Mayor, Town of Braintree; Richard Brewer, Randolph Town Council, District 3, Kevin Sheehan, Town of Holbrook.

IN ATTENDANCE: Lou Dutton, Ben Ecord, Henry Lee, Dave Murphy, Marlene Michonski, William Phelan, Mike Walsh, Joe Favaloro, Fred Brandon, Fred Laskey, Michael Hornbrook (CEO), Pam Heidell Rep. Mark Cusack, Barbara Mello, Dave Zecchini, Robyn LaFrance, recording secretary.

Chairman Sullivan opened the meeting at 2:15 pm.

Mayor Sullivan introduced Fred Laskey, Executive Director of the MWRA. Mr. Laskey gave a presentation and discussed the MWRA as an option to the Tri Town Board. For more information, Rachel Madden, MWRA is a contact at 617-788-2202.

- Handouts were given.
- Question was asked about the “connectors” and has that problem been corrected? (reference to a 2010 story on the problem with the Metro West connectors). It has been fixed.
- Questions were raised about SouthField and its interest in MWRA service.
- Questions arose about an entrance fee, a maintenance fee and the cost of the pipe.
- Bill Phlean noted that his personal experience in Quincy and his opinion is that the MWRA had an excellent reputation, was state of the art and the water taste was very good.
- Mayor Sullivan suggested that the Board think about the MWRA option and meet again in July.
- Question: If it is decided to go with the MWRA what would the timeline be? It was explained as a couple of years, the need to put down the pipe, and that Norwood accomplished this in one year.
- Question arose about other communities and the maintenance of their water supply. It was noted that Reading abandoned their wells and that MWRA will take care of all maintenance. Wilmington is a community that has partial MWRA service.
- Mayor Sullivan suggested July 16 or 17 as the next possible meeting date. An email will confirm a date.

SRF Status: Mike Walsh, CDM

- Mayor Sullivan asked Mike Walsh to request an extension until August on the SRF funding.
- Mike explained that he will convey to DEP that the Board needs more time.

MINUTES: The minutes of the June 5, 2013 minutes were reviewed and accepted.

MOTION: By Rich Brewer to accept Minutes of June 5, 2013

SECOND: by Kevin Sheehan

VOTE: Unanimous

Other Business: Lou Dutton

- Lou explained that a possible grant could be made available for seawall work. The application might be available in a couple of weeks but when it becomes available there will only be a three (3) week window of time to submit the grant application. Does CDM want to take the responsibility of looking into and submitting this grant?
- It was noted that the application could be available in August, not certain, but there would be a small pool of funding and a large pool of dams.
- Question: do we still need to do the dam work if Tri Town decided to go with the MWRA? Yes the towns must solidify the dams but do not need to dredge.

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:25 pm. The next meeting was noted as possibly July 16 or 17, 2013 at 2 pm at Braintree Town Hall. An email notice to confirm next meeting date will be sent.

MOTION: By Kevin Sheehan to adjourn
SECOND: by Rich Brewer
VOTE: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,
Robyn LaFrance
Recording Secretary