

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

MINUTES

October 31, 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, Marlene Michonski, Mike Walsh, Ben Eccord, Robyn LaFrance, recording secretary.

Chairman Sullivan opened the meeting at 10:10 am.

MINUTES: The minutes of the August 15, 2013 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

MOTION: By Rich Brewer to accept Minutes of August 15, 2013

SECOND: by Kevin Sheehan

VOTE: Unanimous

Senate Proposal: Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Reform: Mayor Sullivan

- Mayor Sullivan and Michael Walsh reviewed and discussed this Senate action; the status of which is uncertain.

MWRA Status: Mayor Sullivan

- There was no new information to report from the MWRA.

Other Business: Mayor Sullivan, Lou Dutton

DCR letter re: Order to Conduct a Dam Safety Phase I Inspection

- Lou Dutton explained the content of a DCR letter dated October 8, 2013 and copies of the letter were handed out. Lou made a phone call in response to the letter which yielded no results. Discussion determined that a response letter from the Tri Town Board should be drafted and mailed in November. The Oct. 8 letter states that a Phase I inspection report is due by December 9, 2013 and that penalties are involved if not done. The Board feels that the DCR demand for a new Phase I inspection is unreasonable, and asked that a draft response to the DCR letter be prepared. The response letter should object to the requirement for a new Phase I inspection, citing the following arguments:
 - 1. A Phase I Inspection Report was previously completed – a new report would simply re-state the same information
 - 2. Since the Phase I Inspection Report was completed, maintenance work has been completed at the dam (clearing trees and underbrush, etc.), so the condition of the dam is actually improved since the Phase I inspection was completed

- 3. The DCR has not made funding available for these inspections and, given the fiscal challenges being faced by all communities, is not unreasonable to force communities to complete additional inspections that do not provide new or useful information
- 4. The Board has applied to the Dam and Coastal Infrastructure Repair and Removal Program for funding assistance and should know by the end of the year whether work on the Lower Dam will be funded. Any new inspection requirements should wait until the status of this funding is known.

MOTION: By Rich Brewer to authorize CDM and Lou Dutton to draft a response letter to be reviewed by the Board on November 14, 2013.

SECOND: by Kevin Sheehan

VOTE: Unanimous

- Mike Walsh explained that at a meeting last October, CDM presented a design proposal for improvements to the Lower Dam, which was accepted by the Board. However, when an agreement for the approved work was brought to the November meeting for execution, the issue was tabled and the design agreement has never been executed. .

Seawall/Dam Grant:

- Mike Walsh reported that the grant award notification would likely be announced in January.

Great Pond Reservoir: Lou Dutton

- Lou Dutton reported that the reservoir is at 80% capacity.
- Adding water to the reservoir was discussed and a back-up system was discussed.
- Lou Dutton will bring a reservoir map showing the existing MWRA connection to the November 14 meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 14 at 10:00 am at Braintree Town Hall.

MOTION: By Mayor Sullivan to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 am

SECOND: by Rich Brewer

VOTE: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,
 Robyn LaFrance
 Recording Secretary