

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

MINUTES

November 14, 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 Eccord, Barbara Mello, Bill Phelan, Mike Walsh, Jim Taggart, Robyn LaFrance, recording secretary.

Chairman Sullivan opened the meeting at 10:10 am.

MINUTES: The minutes of the October 31, 2013 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

MOTION: By Rich Brewer to accept Minutes of October 31, 2013

SECOND: by Kevin Sheehan

VOTE: Unanimous

Invoices: The Board reviewed CDM invoices which were approved to pay. There was a question about the overhead rate of 135% which Mike Walsh explained.

MOTION: By Rich Brewer to pay CDM Invoices 8, 9 and 10 totaling \$15,795.25 each community.

SECOND: by Kevin Sheehan

VOTE: Unanimous

CDM Design Update: Mike Walsh, CDM

- Mike Walsh explained that for the past 2 years the design and procurement piece has been on hold and CDM has been only doing what is asked by the Board to keep the project alive.

DCR Response Letter: Mayor Sullivan, Mike Walsh

- Mike Walsh provided the draft response letter that was reviewed by the Board and after minor edits was approved to be signed by all three Board members and mailed certified to William C. Salomaa, DCR Director, before December 4. The letter explained the Phase II Report (which was the basis for the August grant) and concluded that two levels of inspections (a thorough Phase I and a routine 6 month inspection) should suffice. Mayor Sullivan will follow up with a phone call to Mr. Salomaa to be certain letter was received.

MWRA Status: Mayor Sullivan

- Mayor Sullivan met with Fred Lasky and the MWRA will make a formal presentation to the Board by year end. The MWRA will attend the next Board meeting.
- Estimate and rate projections - realistic cost estimate is \$50 million.

Other Business; Reservoir Maps and MWRA Connection: Lou Dutton

- Lou Dutton confirmed that the pipe is connected to the MWRA connection and the last flow test was done in 1999.
- At last test Quincy's flow was dripping due to water pressure of Braintree.
- MWRA testing brings water to the reservoir. There is no chlorine in the water.
- Fluoride is extracted and the water has a natural trace of fluoride but not enough to benefit anyone.
- Question as to whether the line is pressurized and operated by a valve and ready to go.
- Mayor asked Lou Dutton to test the pipe prior to the next meeting on December 11.
- Board will determine if the MWRA is a viable option then proceed with public meetings.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 11 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