

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

MINUTES

October 11, 2012

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Bruce Conklin, Lou Dutton, Ben Ecord, Marlene Michonski, Mike Walsh, Dave Zecchini, Robyn LaFrance, recording secretary.

Chairman Sullivan opened the meeting at 10:05 am. The minutes of the August 15 minutes were accepted.

MINUTES:

MOTION: by Rich Brewer to accept Minutes of August 15, 2012

SECOND: by Mayor Sullivan.

VOTE: 2:1 Abstained

Tri Town Status: Mayor Sullivan

- Noted that the MWRA contacted him and he will invite them to the next Tri Town Board meeting

Great Pond Upper Reservoir Phase II Report Update: Bruce Conklin, Mike Walsh

- Discussed Phase I & II reports
- Recommendation to armor entire Lower Dam
- Explained Phase 1 report that was delivered to Board members in Sept.
- Least costly expense is \$2.4 million
- Draft reports due 10/19/12 outlines recommended alternatives

Update on Lower Pond Dam Improvements: Mike Walsh, Bruce Conklin

- It was suggested to get an extension on report due
- Action that Braintree has taken on the dams was explained including brush cutting and the fact that the brush trimming needs to be kept up. Question arose about whether Tri Town should buy equipment such as an excavator, to be able to use regularly to maintain the brush at the dam and at Richardi
- Question arose on whether it is a conflict for CDM to do the design and inspection. The response was that CDM is just giving the best professional advice.
- CDM will submit Phase II Report next week 10/19/12
- Question and concern arose about the dam and possibility of flooding and risk involved
- Dam recommendations were explained
- Cost of plan just under \$900,000 and a proposal is readily available from CDM

- Upper vs lower dams were discussed and which one needs more attention. It was explained that the upper reservoir could cause more problems and the lower would cause a loss of water supply
- With regard to lower dam improvements, Mayor Sullivan is supportive of moving forward to take action steps at a cost of \$180,000 at a breakdown of 48/37/15. The permit is included in the cost.
- Data that included the proposed scope of work was issued to the Board dated 10/11/12

MOTION: by Rich Brewer for CDM to move forward on Final Design Phase for Great Pond Dam Improvements with cost not to exceed \$178,700

SECOND: by Kevin Sheehan

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION: by Rich Brewer to explore the option of Tri Town purchasing excavation equipment to use

SECOND: by Kevin Sheehan

VOTE: Unanimous

Water Treatment Plant Status: Lou Dutton

- Contacted DEP
- Environmental Partners issued a proposal (dated October 11, 2012) to do a Safe Yield Study of the Great Pond Reservoir system for a fee of \$37,000
- Lou explained plant improvements, water quality and correspondence is forthcoming to confirm
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Richardi Electrical Problems and Solution: Lou Dutton

- Discussion about a breaker issue and a proposal by Shamrock Power Sales, a CT firm, to supply the necessary materials of (9) 40' fiberglass poles for \$14,085
- BELD will do the installation at no cost

MOTION: by Rich Brewer to accept Shamrock Power Sales proposal for (9) 40' fiberglass poles to be installed at Richardi

SECOND: by Kevin Sheehan

VOTE: Unanimous

Other Business:

- It was noted by Mayor that on Upper and Lower reservoir that we are not looking to increase capacity and on Richardi we are looking to increase capacity
- Comments on SRA funding \$43,500, \$12.5 mill MPG
- Summary of costs was distributed including; Regional Facility Capital Summary (Sept. '12), O & M Summary (Sept. '12), Dam Rehabilitation Capital and O& M Summary (Sept. '12), and Capital and O & M Cost Summary (Sept. '12)
- Review and reading of Environmental Partners information and email regarding additional storage. It was discussed and determined that it is necessary and the price is good. It was agreed to move on this at a cost breakdown of 48/37/15.

MOTION: by Kevin Sheehan to accept Environmental Partners proposal to perform a Safe Yield Study at a cost of \$37,000

SECOND: by Rich Brewer

VOTE: Unanimous

- Next meeting date suggested for November 15, 2012 with agenda to include more on the MWRA and tighter figures

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Robyn LaFrance
Recording Secretary