



Advisory Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 4, 2013
10:00 AM

Newton City Hall – Room 209
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA

Attendees (Voting Members)

Michael Rademacher	Arlington	Erik Gitschier	Lexington	Peter Tassi	Reading
David Manugian	Ashland	Paul Humphries	Lynnfield	Rob King	Somerville
Michael Bishop	Belmont	Katherine Dunphy	Milton	Jack Mitchell	Stoughton
John Sullivan	Boston	Thom Donahue	Nahant	Carol Antonelli	Wakefield
Jay Hersey	Brookline	Craig Leiner	Natick	Walter Woods	Wellesley
Tim MacDonald	Cambridge	Lou Taverna	Newton	Zig Peret	Wilbraham
Andrew DeSantis	Chelsea	John Carroll	Norwood	Joe Lobao	Wilmington
Peter Sellers	Framingham	Michael Coffey	Quincy		

Other Attendees

Sam Corda	Cambridge	Rebecca Miller	For Rep. Sannicandro	Andreae Downs	WAC
Mark Ryan	Norwood	Steve Estes Smargiassi	MWRA	Joseph Favaloro	AB Staff
Eric Sherman	Wakefield	Pam Heidell	MWRA	Matthew Romero	AB Staff
William Shaughnessy	Wellesley	Kathy Soni	MWRA		

MINUTES APPROVED AT THE JANUARY 16, 2014 MEETING

Thirty-four people were in attendance, including twenty-three voting members. (Weighted Vote – 64.415%)

A. ACTION ITEM: REQUEST FROM THE TOWN OF ASHLAND FOR A SIX-MONTH EMERGENCY WATER CONNECTION

Chairman Katherine Haynes Dunphy called the Special MWRA Advisory Board meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Chairman Dunphy stated that the Action Item before members is a request from the Town of Ashland for a six-month emergency water connection.

MWRA Advisory Board Executive Director Joseph Favaloro noted that this is a weighted vote of the Advisory Board and there are more than an enough members in attendance for a quorum. First and foremost he expressed his thanks to members for being in attendance on such short notice.

On behalf of the Town of Ashland, Director of Public Works David Manugian apologized for the short notice and expressed his thanks to members. He noted that Ashland has a serious water issue right now; because of a lack of rain this year, Ashland is not comfortable that it will make it through the winter with its well situation. The Town is asking for support on this request. Through this process the MWRA has been fantastic in their responsiveness and professionalism and their willingness to work with the Town to come up with a solution.

Mr. Favaloro asked whether Ashland has considered joining the MWRA Waterworks System. Mr. Manugian said this is the second emergency water connection that the Town has requested since 2007. Ashland is currently looking at its options and the most serious option is to become an MWRA customer.

A member asked how much was billed to Ashland by the MWRA in 2007. Mr. Manugian said he believed the Town used between 4.5 and 5 million gallons. MWRA Policy and Planning Manager Pamela Heidell said her recollection is that Ashland paid between \$7,000 and \$8,000.

Mr. Favaloro added that as a component of their second request, Ashland will pay a 10% premium on the prevailing rate and a piece of the asset value amortized over 15 years.

Advisory Board Member Lou Taverna asked if this activation affects anything in Southborough such as pressure or flow problems. Mr. Manugian said as part of this process, Ashland did a fire flow test, it is going to be a hydrant to hydrant

connection, and Southborough was able to support as much as 1.5 million gallons; however, through the Municipal Aid Agreement, we are looking at a peak of 750,000 gallons, mainly for fire protection. The Town anticipates use, if needed, of about 200,000 gallons per day.

Advisory Board Member Andrew DeSantis asked what the Town would do for freeze protection during the winter. Mr. Manugian said the Town will use the same process it used in 2007, which is a heating blanket.

A Motion was made **TO ALLOW THE TOWN OF ASHLAND TO ACTIVATE A SECOND EMERGENCY WATER SUPPLY CONNECTION TO THE MWRA WATERWORKS SYSTEM, VIA THE TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH, FOR A SIX-MONTH PERIOD, WITH A START DATE IN DECEMBER 2013 THROUGH JUNE 2014. ASHLAND WILL ABIDE BY THE RULES STIPULATED UNDER MWRA EMERGENCY WATER SUPPLY WITHDRAWALS (POLICY # OP.05), INCLUDING PAYMENT OF A 10% PREMIUM CHARGE OF THE MWRA'S PREVAILING RATE PLUS 110% OF THE ANNUAL PAYMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THE ASSET VALUE CONTRIBUTION PAYMENT (ENTRANCE FEE EQUIVALENT) AMORTIZED WITH INTEREST OVER 15 YEARS.** It was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Manugian expressed his thanks.

B. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:19 A.M. It was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,



William P. Hadley, Secretary