



# Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, April 18, 2019  
11:30 am

Boston Water and Sewer Commission  
980 Harrison Avenue  
Boston, MA

### Attendees (Voting Members)

Michael Rademacher	Arlington	Moe Handel	MAPC
Dave Manugian	Bedford	Jeremy Marsette	Natick
Jay Marcotte	Belmont	John Cosgrove	Needham
John Sullivan	Boston	Lou Taverna	Newton, Chair
Ed Dowling	Cambridge	Bernie Cooper	Norwood
Bob Higgins	Hingham	Paul Della Barba	Quincy
Ralph Pecora	Lexington	Chris Cole	Reading
James Finnegan	Lynnfield	Brendan O'Regan	Saugus
Amy McHugh	Marblehead	John DeAmicis	Stoneham
Tim McGivern	Medford	J. R. Greene	Gubernatorial Appointee Quabbin/Ware
Elena Proakis Ellis	Melrose	Joe Labao	Wilmington

### Other Attendees

Mark Mancuso	Belmont	Matt Horan	MWRA
Mark Parrish	Crescent Ridge Dairy	Fred Laskey	MWRA
Chase Berkeley	Milton	Rebecca Weidman	MWRA
John Carroll	MWRA Board of Directors	Chris Seariac	Needham
Andy Pappastergion	MWRA Board of Directors	Andreae Downs	WAC
Beth Card	MWRA	Lexi Dewey	WSCAC
Mike Cole	MWRA	Joe Favaloro	Advisory Board
Tom Durkin	MWRA	Lenna Ostrodka	Advisory Board
Carolyn Fiore	MWRA	James Guiod	Advisory Board
Jim Halloran	MWRA		

39 people were in attendance, including 22 voting members.

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### Draft Meeting Summary

**A. Welcome**

Advisory Board Chairman, Lou Taverna, opened the meeting at 11:35 AM and welcomed all attendees to the Needham Town Hall.

**B. Approval of Advisory Board Meeting Minutes for March 21, 2019**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the Advisory Board meeting of March 21, 2019. The motion carried.

**C. Presentation: MWRA Revisions to Sewer Use Regulations and Increases to Charges for Permit**

MWRA Director of Toxic Reduction and Control (TRAC), Rebecca Weidman, gave a [presentation](#) on the proposed changes. The changes include fee increases for the first time since FY12, as advocated by the Advisory Board.

**D. Presentation: MWRA Advisory Board Emerging Comments on the MWRA's Proposed FY20 CIP**

Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, Community Specialist, Lenna Ostrodka, and Finance and Policy Analyst, James Guiod, [presented](#) the preliminary FY20 Comments and Recommendations. After reviewing the Authority's proposed FY20 CIP and CEB, staff recommend reducing the proposed rate revenue requirement by \$4.3 million. This would reduce the rate increase from 3.74% down to 3.15%. The largest budget adjustments were recommended in capital financing, personnel, and the watershed budget. Mr. Favaloro highlighted that staff are reviewing enhancements to the Wiggins Pump Station rehabilitation, which serves Massport's Conley Terminal, in their review of the CIP.

**E. Report of the Executive Director**

Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, reminded members that a quorum of 33 voting members is required for the May 16 meeting at the Canton Public Library in order to elect someone to the MWRA Board of Directors. He also noted that the June Advisory Board meeting will be held on June 20 at the Needham Town Hall.

**F. Committee Reports**

**Executive Committee** – Louis M. Taverna

- **Request by Crescent Ridge Dairy of Sharon, MA, to tie into an existing sewer in Stoughton, MA, under the parameters set forth in MWRA Policy OP.11**

Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, explained that this was the next step of the process for Crescent Ridge Dairy following the presentation on the proposed connection at the February Advisory Board meeting. Since then, the Water Resources Commission has voted to allow the connection. If the Advisory Board were to approve of the connection, the final step would be approval from the MWRA Board of Directors in May.

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE REQUEST BY CRESCENT RIDGE DAIRY OF SHARON, MA TO TIE INTO EXISTING SEWER IN STOUGHTON, MA, AS SET FORTH IN MWRA POLICY OP.11. It was seconded and passed by a unanimous vote.**

- **Process and Timeline to Elect an Advisory Board Representative to the MWRA Board of Directors**

In the May 2019 meeting, the Advisory Board will vote for the election of a member to the MWRA Board of Directors. This meeting will require a quorum vote. Notices of the election will be posted and all interested candidates will begin the process by sending their credentials to the Executive Director. The Executive Committee will serve as a nominating committee at their May 2019 meeting, engaging with interested candidates at that time. The incumbent Board member, Joe Foti, intends to stand for reelection.

**Operations Committee** – John G. Sanchez

- **Operations Committee Meeting for May 7, 2019**

The Advisory Board Operations Committee would be holding a meeting on May 7, 2019, in Burlington. This meeting will launch a series of conversations related to stormwater in the MWRA service area and how communities can determine the best path forward on the topic.

**G. Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 12:50 PM. It was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Rademacher, Secretary

These minutes reflect the discussion of the meeting. The Advisory Board maintains audio recordings of Advisory Board meetings that are available upon request.