



Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, February 21, 2019
11:30 am

Needham Town Hall
1471 Highland Ave
Needham, MA 02492

Attendees (Voting Members)

Dave Manugian	Bedford	Bernie Cooper	Norwood
John Sullivan	Boston	Chris Cole	Reading
Jay Hersey	Brookline	Nick Rystrom	Revere
John Sanchez	Burlington	Brendan O'Regan	Saugus
Ed Dowling	Cambridge	John DeAmicis	Stoneham
Yem Lip	Malden	J. R. Greene	Gubernatorial Appointee Quabbin/Ware
Moe Handel	MAPC	Bob Rafferty	Westwood
John Cosgrove, Jr.	Needham	William Shaughnessy	Wellesley
Lou Taverna	Newton		

Other Attendees

March Parish	Crescent Ridge Dairy	Sean Navin	MWRA
Leo Roy	DCR	Bruce Douglas	Natural Systems Utilities
John Scannell	DCR	David Davison	Needham
Dick Johnson	Johnson Consulting Group	Kate Fitzgerald	Needham
Eric Holdeman	Marblehead	Sean Harrington	Needham
Scott Dixon	Melrose	Dan Matthews	Needham
Joe Foti	MWRA Board of Directors	Richard Merson	Needham
Andy Pappastergion	MWRA Board of Directors	Jeff Mahoney	UCANE
Beth Card	MWRA	Andreae Downs	WAC
Mike Cole	MWRA	Lexi Dewey	WSCAC
David Coppes	MWRA	Patrick Cotton	WSE
Steve Estes-Smargiassi	MWRA	Joe Favaloro	Advisory Board
Carolyn Fiore	MWRA	Travis Ahern	Advisory Board
Jim Halloran	MWRA	Lenna Ostrodka	Advisory Board
Matt Horan	MWRA	James Guidod	Advisory Board

47 people were in attendance, including 17 voting members.

FEBRUARY 21, 2019
1471 HIGHLAND AVENUE
NEEDHAM, MA 02492 11:30 AM

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 January 17, 2019**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the Advisory Board meeting of January 17, 2019. The motion carried.

C. Report of the Executive Director

Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, noted that Governor Baker has kept the proposed \$1.1 million in the upcoming FY20 Commonwealth budget for debt service assistance. The Department of Revenue has also announced that it is processing debt service assistance from FY19. The MWRA share will be approximately \$850 thousand. Committee assignments have been announced in the state legislature. Advisory Board staff plan to make visits with legislative leadership in the upcoming months.

Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, highlighted the MWRA and Massport costs associated with the dredging of Boston Harbor by the Army Corps of Engineers. Massport is receiving state and federal funding to complete the dredging project. The project, however, requires the MWRA ratepayers to fund the relocation of the Deer Island cross harbor cable, in order meet the new standards created by the dredging. While the dredging will increase Massport revenues over time, it will not yield rate relief for the MWRA ratepayers.

Mr. Favaloro asked the question, “Why shouldn’t the MWRA receive a percentage of the increased Massport revenues from dredging in order to pay for the cross harbor cable relocation?”

D. Presentation: Accomplishments and Challenges of Protecting our Watersheds

DCR Commissioner, Leo Roy, and Director DCR Director for the Division of Water Supply Protection, John Scannell, gave a [presentation](#) on the accomplishments and challenges related to watershed protection.

E. Presentation: MWRA Sewer Discharge Permit and Non-Potable Water

Bruce Douglas of Natural System Utilities and Dick Johnson of Johnson Consulting Group gave a [presentation](#) on a potable water reuse project that would require modifications of the MWRA sewer use permitting policies. MWRA Deputy Chief Operating Officer, Carolyn Fiore, updated the Advisory Board on the MWRA policy change process.

F. Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Louis M. Taverna

- **Nomination and election of Jay Hersey to fill open seat on the Executive Committee**
A motion to approve the addition of Jay Hersey of Brookline onto the FY19 Executive Committee was made and seconded. The motion carried.

Finance Committee – Bernard Cooper

- **Overview of Current Expense Budget Review Process**
Finance and Policy Director, Travis Ahern, gave a [presentation](#) highlighting the Advisory Board staff review of the proposed MWRA proposed Current Expense Budget, which will be transmitted to the Advisory Board for review.

Operations Committee – John G. Sanchez

- **Highlights from January 8 Operations Committee Meeting**
MWRA Environmental and Regulatory Affairs Director, Beth Card, briefed the Advisory Board on the ongoing process undertaken by Crescent Ridge Dairy in Sharon, MA, to connect into the

MWRA wastewater system. The connection would be through Stoughton for approximately 6,500 gallons daily of non-sanitary waste. There is no vote necessary at this time.

G. **Other Items**

H. **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.