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.