

Minutes
Executive Committee Meeting
Massachusetts Clean Water Trust

DATE: May 23, 2018

START TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: State House, Room 327

NOTICE: Due public notice given

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE –

PRESENT: Sue Perez, Executive Director of the Trust
Steve McCurdy, Director of Program Development of the Trust
Rachel Madden, Director of Finance and Administration of the Trust

ALSO PRESENT: Nate Keenan, Deputy Director of the Trust
Jonathan Maple, Program Associate of the Trust

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS (INCLUDING DECISIONS MADE/ACTIONS TAKEN/ VOTES):

1. Falmouth Wind Turbine: Ms. Perez reported on the receipt of a letter from the Town of Falmouth regarding their Wind 2 turbine. The Turbine has not been in operation since June of 2017, when a judge ordered the Town to cease and desist operation. The Town is exploring selling the Wind 2. Falmouth would like to know if the Turbine commenced operation again, would this meet the terms and conditions to receive loan forgiveness under Project Regulatory Agreement? The committee was unable to determine if this would be possible without more information about the sale and eventual operation of Wind 2. The Trust will respond with a letter asking for more information.
2. Asset Management Planning Grant Program. Mr. Keenan reported that the Trust is ready to move the proposed grant program to a board vote for the June Board meeting. The Trust will ask the Board of Trustees to approve funding of \$2 million for the first round. The Committee discussed how the projects will be solicited in relation to the IUP. Mr. McCurdy was concerned if projects will appear as grants and not loans as Asset Management Planning is not in DEP regulations as being eligible for additional subsidy. The Committee is already working on an emergency regulation change in relation to the Lead Service Line Replacement program the board voted for on May 2, 2018 and the regulations should be modified to allow for the various programs being contemplated. The Asset Management Plan Grant will be solicited with the IUP as previously discussed. MassDEP legal is working on the regulation changes. Mr. McCurdy will review the latest draft of the Asset Management Plan Grant Application and will provide comments.

3. DEP Full Time Employee (FTE) Cap. Mr. McCurdy brought up adjusting their FTE cap regarding employees that are funded through EPA grants. This comes up from the discussion with Commissioner Suuberg from the Executive Committee meeting held on May 16, 2018. MassDEP needs increased head count to administer these new LSL and AMP grant programs. Currently the process for planning projects solicited in the IUP does not involve the ranking and review that would be required as part of the Asset Management Planning Grant program. It was noted that while the program will allow communities to request loans for portions of the required match – it is not expected that there will be many requests due to the small amount of funding required.
4. Lead Service Line Replacement Program: Mr. Keenan distributed a marketing infographic for review. The committee provided basic feedback on wording. The committee discussed if there would be a distinction between commercial/ business owned properties in the program. Since the program will be part of the IUP solicitation process – there should not be any conflicts with who the property owner is as the work will fall under standard DWSRF regulations.
5. EPA Grant Application: Mr. Keenan requested the status of materials needed for the Fiscal Year 2018 EPA grant application. Mr. McCurdy confirmed that the requested documents were being processed. The committee then discussed adjusting Set Aside funds requested in the application. The Trust will reduce Set Asides requested in the application and use funds in the Trust's Administrative account. This will allow the Trust to divert the original set asides to Drinking Water projects. This will increase the Trust overall capacity with DWSRF projects. The amount will be presented to the Board for vote at the June meeting

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Approved: 09/12/2018