## Minutes Executive Committee Meeting Massachusetts Clean Water Trust

**DATE:** September 30, 2015 **START TIME:** 2:28 p.m.

**PLACE:** State House Room 372 **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

**ABSENT:** Rachel Madden, Director of Finance & Administration of the Trust

**ALSO PRESENT:** Bernard Greene, Senior Legal Counsel of the Trust

Joe Delaney, Department of Environmental Protection

Nate Keenan, Deputy Director of the Trust

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

- 1. <u>FY 2016 Budget</u>. The Committee discussed the FY 2016 DEP budget and the impact, if any, of the Governor's early retirement incentive program. Ms. Perez reported that the budget for DEP was approximately \$9 million. The Trust's budget will be circulated on Thursday. Mr. McCurdy reported that approximately \$250,000 is included in the budget for the DW needs survey. He also reported that, with respect to the disadvantage business enterprise requirements of EPA ("DBE"), DEP is planning to engage a firm to perform either an availability analysis (which is more costly but cost-effective because it will be good for ten years) or a disparity study (which is less costly but will be good only for three years) to determine the numbers of women and minority firms that are available. They will talk to EPA about the best approach and will also discuss with MWRA whether they want to join with DEP in the development of joint DBE goals. There is nothing in the budget at this time for this work.
- 2. <u>Falmouth Wind Turbines</u>. Mr. Keenan reported that there are further efforts in Falmouth to shut down the wind turbine identified as Wind 1. The Trust is not aware of any current plans to shut down Wind 2, which was financed by the Trust from ARRA funds. The Committee discussed the status of Wind 2 in the context of the letter sent to Falmouth on April 2, 2013 by Ms. Perez and then Commissioner Kimmell and a legal opinion letter prepared by Nixon Peabody, dated March 29, 2013.
- 3. <u>Best Management Practices</u>. Mr. Keenan distributed a timeline for the Best Management Practices Guidelines. He proposed that the Board approve the

guidelines in December to meet the January 1 deadline in the statute. There was discussion of how to organize the required stakeholder groups and how to incorporate their input into the Guidelines.

4. <u>Annual Report</u>. The annual report for the SRF program is planned to be distributed today. A cover letter will be sent out by the Treasurer.

## LIST OF DOCUMENTS AND EXHIBITS USED:

Time line for completion of the Best Practices Guidelines project

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

**APPROVED:** October 21, 2015