Minutes Executive Committee Meeting Massachusetts Clean Water Trust

DATE: December 21, 2016 **START TIME:** 1:35 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

Nate Keenan, Deputy Director of the Trust

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

- 1. <u>Heather Saxelby O'Donnell</u>. Mr. Keenan reported that the Trust's program associate, Heather Saxelby O'Donnell, has left the Trust on maternity leave and will not return. She will be replaced by Heidi Walsh who is currently employed by the Retirement Board where she does outreach to retirees.
- 2. <u>Town of Barnstable</u>. Mr. Keenan reported that he has not received a response to questions submitted to the Town of Barnstable concerning their request to adjust the affordability calculation because of variations in income levels of the several villages within the town.
- 3. Regulations. Mr. McCurdy reported that Commissioner Suuberg has signed off on the SRF regulations required by Sections 23 of Chapter 259, Acts of 2014. The regulations are now going back to the E/O Environment and Energy Affairs for final review and corrections to the galley copy. They will then be taken to the Secretary of State's Office for the preparation of the official copy and publication in the Central Register.
- 4. <u>IUP</u>. Mr. McCurdy reported that the public hearing on the intended use plan will be held on Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at 10:00 a.m., at DEP's offices
- 5. <u>Worcester</u>. Mr. McCurdy reported that DEP has not yet heard back from Worcester regarding whether they want to use any SRF money for their sewer project.
- 6. <u>Contract Assistance</u>. The Committee discussed the contract assistance recommendation in the Governor's fiscal year 2018 budget. The recommended amount is \$57.9 million. This is a cut from the fiscal year 2017 appropriation of

\$63.7 million. Ms. Madden is hopeful that we will be able to return the contract assistance numbers back the to the \$63 million range.

7. <u>DBE Study</u>. Mr. McCurdy reported on the progress of the preparation of the disadvantaged business enterprise study that will determine the Fair Share employment goals for SRF financial assistance recipients. This will be presented to the Board or the Executive Committee for approval.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Approved: April 25, 2017