

**MEETING OF THE MASSACHUSETTS  
CLEAN WATER TRUST  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

November 3, 2021  
1:30 PM

Location: Remote\*

**Minutes**

**Attendees:** State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg, Chair  
Martin Suuberg, Commissioner of MassDEP  
Timur Yontar, Assistant Budget Director for Capital, Executive Office for  
Administration & Finance, Designee

**Also Present:** Susan Perez, Executive Director, MCWT  
My Tran, Treasurer, MCWT  
Sally Peacock, Controller, MCWT  
Sunkarie Konteh, Accountant, MCWT  
Pamela Booker, Accountant, MCWT  
Nicole Munchbach, Accountant, MCWT  
Rachel Stanton, Communications Specialist and Graphic Designer, MCWT  
Joshua Derouen, Program Associate, MCWT  
Jonathan Maple, Policy Analyst, MCWT  
Keelan Baldwin, Intern, MCWT  
Paul Locke, Assistant Commissioner, MassDEP  
Maria Pinaud, Director of Municipal Services, MassDEP  
Robin McNamara, Deputy Director of Municipal Services, MassDEP  
Emily Kowtoniuk, Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs, Office of the State  
Treasurer  
Andrew Napolitano, Deputy Communications Director, Office of the State  
Treasurer  
Mary Wilkins, Communications Executive Assistant, Office of the State Treasurer  
Jennifer Pederson, Executive Director, Massachusetts Water Works Association

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Treasurer Goldberg at 1:30 p.m.

Item #1

**MOTION- VOTE**

**Acceptance and Approval of October 6, 2021 Minutes**

The motion was made by Mr. Yontar and seconded by Commissioner Suuberg and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on October 6, 2021.

Item #2

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Ms. Perez said that the capacity for offering financing for the 2022 Intended Use Plan (IUP) is in the process of being calculated.

There were a record number of Project Evaluation Forms (PEFs) that were sent to MassDEP in response to the 2022 IUP solicitation. The high demand will make it difficult to offer financing to all projects, especially for drinking water. Drinking water financing is in high demand because 0% interest PFAS remediation loans are continuing to be offered.

Commissioner Suuberg said that outside the 2022 IUP, MassDEP is continuing to administer and encourage school drinking water testing.

Ms. Perez said that the second round of the School Water Improvement Grant (SWIG) program will be launching soon with Expanded School Water Improvement Grant (ESWIG) funds being offered for the first time. ESWIG funds are available to eligible childcare and early education facilities.

Item #3

**MOTION- VOTE**

The motion was made by Mr. Yontar and seconded by Commissioner Suuberg and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

***Prequalification of Consulting Engineering Firms for the Development of Asset Management Plans for Eligible Borrowers***

1. That the recommendation of the procurement management team, established pursuant to the Trust's request for responses, dated June 2, 2021, distributed to the Board, to prequalify firms to provide consulting engineering services to "eligible entities" that are Massachusetts cities, towns, and utility districts for the development of asset management plans, is hereby approved.
2. That the Board hereby delegates to the Executive Director, and/or other authorized officers of the Trust, all necessary power and authority to take any such further action as necessary to finalize the prequalification of the selected firms.

Item #4

**MOTION- VOTE**

The motion was made by Mr. Yontar and seconded by Commissioner Suuberg.

Ms. Perez said that there is a vote every year to authorize the amount for the Asset Management Planning (AMP) in the coming year. In past years, the vote has been on \$2 million for the year. However, with the large number of 2022 IUP applications for traditional AMP projects and newly eligible cybersecurity AMPs, the amount expected to be awarded in grants is approximately \$2.67 million.

The motion was voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

***Authorize up to \$2.67 million for the Asset Management Grant Program for the 2022 IUP Solicitation***

The Trust designates up to \$2.67 million, from the unrestricted funds on deposit in the Equity Funds under the Master Trust Agreement, to offer a continuation of the Asset Management Grant Program on the 2022 IUP Solicitation.

Item #5

**MOTION- VOTE**

The motion was made by Mr. Yontar and seconded by Commissioner Suuberg and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

***Approval of Asset Management Program Commitments***

<b><u>PAC No.</u></b>	<b><u>Recipient</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
<b>CW-21-19</b>	<b>Canton</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>
<b>CW-21-20</b>	<b>Methuen</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>
<b>CW-21-27</b>	<b>North Attleborough</b>	<b>\$110,250</b>
<b>DW-21-07</b>	<b>Southampton</b>	<b>\$65,873</b>

Item #6

**MOTION- VOTE**

The motion was made by Mr. Yontar and seconded by Commissioner Suuberg and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

***Approval of Community Septic Management Program Commitment***

<b><u>PAC No.</u></b>	<b><u>Borrower</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Interest Rate</u></b>
<b>CW-21-18</b>	<b>Concord</b>	<b>\$512,338</b>	<b>2%</b>

Item #7

**MOTION- VOTE**

The motion was made by Mr. Yontar and seconded by Commissioner Suuberg.

Ms. Perez said that when there are votes on prior year commitments, the votes are usually for revisions. That is the case with the Nahant CW-20-13.

The motion was voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

***Approval of Clean Water Commitments***

<b><u>PAC No.</u></b>	<b><u>Borrower</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Interest Rate</u></b>
<b>CW-21-21</b>	<b>Millbury</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>CW-20-13</b>	<b>Nahant</b>	<b>\$9,767,852<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>CW-21-17</b>	<b>Whitman</b>	<b>\$13,831,080</b>	<b>2%</b>

Item #8

**MOTION- VOTE**

The motion was made by Mr. Yontar and seconded by Commissioner Suuberg and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

***Approval of Drinking Water Commitments***

<b><u>PAC No.</u></b>	<b><u>Borrower</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Interest Rate</u></b>
<b>DW-20-20</b>	<b>Blackstone</b>	<b>\$6,210,000<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>DW-21-09</b>	<b>East Brookfield</b>	<b>\$220,000</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>DW-21-12</b>	<b>New Bedford</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>	<b>2%</b>

Item #9

**MOTION- VOTE**

The motion was made by Mr. Yontar and seconded by Commissioner Suuberg and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

***Approval of Asset Management Program Grants and Grant Agreements***

<b><u>PRA No.</u></b>	<b><u>Recipient</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
<b>CWA-21-19</b>	<b>Canton</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>
<b>CWA-21-20</b>	<b>Methuen</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>
<b>CWA-21-27</b>	<b>North Attleborough</b>	<b>\$110,250</b>
<b>DWA-21-07</b>	<b>Southampton</b>	<b>\$65,873</b>

Item #10

**MOTION- VOTE**

The motion was made by Mr. Yontar and seconded by Commissioner Suuberg and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

***Approval of the Community Septic Management Program Loan/Local Government Obligation and Financing Agreement***

<b><u>PRA No.</u></b>	<b><u>Borrower</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Interest Rate</u></b>
<b>CWT-21-18</b>	<b>Concord</b>	<b>\$512,338</b>	<b>2%</b>

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<sup>1</sup> First Revision. Previous PAC amount was \$5,721,000.

<sup>2</sup> First Revision. Previous PAC amount was \$5,000,000.

Item #11 **MOTION- VOTE**

The motion was made by Mr. Yontar and seconded by Commissioner Suuberg.

Ms. Perez said that Nantucket is a Housing Choice community so the interest rate for their agreements is 1.5% as opposed to the usual 2%. There are two loans for Nantucket in this case because construction costs need to be broken out into a separate loan from architecture and engineering costs to meet federal Clean Water grant requirements. Only Clean Water construction costs are eligible for federal award disbursements. CW-20-42 is the loan for construction costs.

The motion was voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

***Approval of the Clean Water Loans/Local Government Obligations and Financing Agreements***

<b><u>PRA No.</u></b>	<b><u>Borrower</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Interest Rate</u></b>
CWP-18-42-A	Brockton	\$939,000	2%
CWP-20-14	Dudley	\$924,097 <sup>3</sup>	2%
CW-20-13	Nahant	\$9,767,852	2%
CW-20-42	Nantucket	\$25,152,107	1.5% <sup>4</sup>
CW-20-42-A	Nantucket	\$2,367,871	1.5% <sup>5</sup>

Item #12 **MOTION- VOTE**

The motion was made by Mr. Yontar and seconded by Commissioner Suuberg and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

***Approval of the Drinking Water Loans/Local Government Obligations and Financing Agreements***

<b><u>PRA No.</u></b>	<b><u>Borrower</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Interest Rate</u></b>
DWP-20-20	Blackstone	\$6,210,000	2%
DW-21-09	East Brookfield	\$220,000	2%
DW-21-12	New Bedford	\$150,000	2%

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURN:** The motion was made by Mr. Yontar and seconded by Commissioner Suuberg and voted unanimously in favor of adjourning the meeting at 1:49 p.m.

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS AND EXHIBITS USED:**

1. Minutes, October 6, 2021
2. Memorandum of Prequalified Consulting Engineering Firms Recommendations
3. Project Descriptions

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<sup>3</sup> First Revision. Previous PRA amount was \$735,937.

<sup>4</sup> Housing Choice Loan

<sup>5</sup> Housing Choice Loan

**\*Location: Remote:** Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021: Notice is hereby given in accordance with M.G.L.c.30A, § 20, that the Wednesday, November 3, 2021 meeting of the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust's Board of Trustees will be held through remote participation.

Those interested in attending the online meeting can do so by visiting <https://zoom.us/j/93515986199?pwd=Qm9TWElPR3VMTUIkeUxVZlBaalA0dz09>. The Meeting ID is 935 1598 6199 and the password is 143459.

Alternatively, if you wish to participate just by telephone, call (646)558-8656 and then enter the attendee Access Code 935-1598-6199 followed by the pound (#) sign.

To ensure that the audio is clear to all attendees, unless you are actively participating in the meeting, please mute your audio. If you have technical difficulties joining the meeting, please email Joshua Derouen at [jderouen@tre.state.ma.us](mailto:jderouen@tre.state.ma.us)

**Please Note:** There will be no physical meeting at the offices of the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust.