

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

November 4, 2020  
1:30 PM

Location: Remote\*

**Minutes**

**Attendees:** James MacDonald, First Deputy Treasurer, Designee  
Martin Suuberg, Commissioner of MassDEP  
Maya Jonas-Silver, Director of Capital Planning and Long-Term Obligations,  
Executive Office for Administration and Finance, Designee

**Also Present:** Susan Perez, Executive Director, MCWT  
Nate Keenan, Deputy Director, MCWT  
My Tran, Treasurer, MCWT  
Sally Peacock, Controller, MCWT  
Pamela Booker, Accountant, MCWT  
Sunkarie Konteh, Accountant, MCWT  
Nicole Munchbach, Accountant, MCWT  
William Kalivas, Treasury Specialist, MCWT  
Jonathan Maple, Policy Analyst, MCWT  
Joshua Derouen, Program Associate, MCWT  
Rachel Stanton, Communications Specialist and Graphic Designer, MCWT  
Maria Pinaud, Director of Municipal Services, MassDEP  
Millie Garcia-Serrano, Southeastern Regional Director, MassDEP  
Elizabeth Zelnick, Deputy Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs, Office of  
the State Treasurer  
Pat-Hugh Noel, Benefits Administration Analyst, Office of the State Treasurer

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Mr. MacDonald at 1:31 p.m.

Item #1

**MOTION- VOTE**

**Acceptance and Approval of October 7, 2020 Minutes**

The motion was made by Ms. Jonas-Silver 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 7, 2020.

Item #2

### **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Ms. Perez said that the Trust and MassDEP received the award letter for the Water Infrastructure Improvement for the Nation Act grant from EPA, which was applied for over the summer. The grant will fund the Expanded School Water Improvement Grant (ESWIG) program. It will allow ESWIG to offer grant proceeds to private schools and group childcare facilities in “Disadvantaged Communities” for the first time. ESWIG adds approximately \$3.75 million to the SWIG program. There was a press event this past Friday featuring Treasurer Goldberg and MassDEP to announce this grant award.

The school districts that have already been awarded SWIG grants were sent letters to inform them that they now have until April 9, 2021 to use their grant proceeds. Mr. Maple continues to communicate with these districts as they work to complete the grants.

Mr. Derouen said that a survey was sent to over 500 e-mail addresses for contacts in over 270 water utilities and municipalities that have not applied for State Revolving Fund (SRF) financing in 10 or more years. The Trust received 168 responses before the survey closed on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Thirty-seven respondents indicated in their responses that they would like to discuss SRF financing further with us. The Trust and MassDEP may hold a webinar for these thirty-seven communities where we can provide information and answer their questions.

Ms. Perez said that the working group for implementing the Water Infrastructure Transfer Act (WIFTA) will continue to discuss how the funds transferred from Clean Water to Drinking Water will be implemented. There may be Drinking Water projects on the 2021 Intended Use Plan (IUP) that are eligible to receive WIFTA funds. Hopefully there will be an update that can be provided during the December Board meeting.

The Project Evaluation Forms have been received and reviewed for the 2021 IUP and the Trust and MassDEP will continue the discussion regarding program capacity to determine how much SRF financing will be available for the 2021 IUP.

Item #3

### **MOTION- VOTE**

The motion was made by Ms. Jonas-Silver 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-20-25</b>	<b>Barnstable</b>	<b>\$63,600</b>
<b>CW-20-08</b>	<b>Melrose</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>
<b>DW-20-15</b>	<b>Walpole</b>	<b>\$42,000</b>
<b>DW-20-12</b>	<b>West Bridgewater</b>	<b>\$46,200</b>

Item #4

**MOTION- VOTE**

The motion was made by Ms. Jonas-Silver 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 Commitments***

<b><u>PAC No.</u></b>	<b><u>Borrower</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Interest</u></b> <b><u>Rate</u></b>
CW-20-37	Bridgewater	\$400,000	2%
CW-20-10	Easton	\$500,000	2%

Item #5

**MOTION- VOTE**

The motion was made by Ms. Jonas-Silver and seconded by Commissioner Suuberg and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

***Approval of the Clean Water Loan Commitment***

<b><u>PAC No.</u></b>	<b><u>Borrower</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Interest</u></b> <b><u>Rate</u></b>
CW-20-38	Gloucester	\$180,000	2%

Item #6

**MOTION- VOTE**

The motion was made by Ms. Jonas-Silver and seconded by Commissioner Suuberg and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

***Approval of the Drinking Water Loan Commitment***

<b><u>PAC No.</u></b>	<b><u>Borrower</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Interest</u></b> <b><u>Rate</u></b>
DW-20-04	Ayer	\$6,052,983	0% <sup>1</sup>

Item #7

**MOTION- VOTE**

The motion was made by Ms. Jonas-Silver 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>
CWA-20-25	Barnstable	\$63,600
CWA-20-08	Melrose	\$60,000
DWA-20-15	Walpole	\$42,000
DWA-20-12	West Bridgewater	\$46,200

Item #8

**MOTION- VOTE**

The motion was made by Ms. Jonas-Silver and seconded by Commissioner Suuberg and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

***Approval of the Community Septic Management Program 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</u></b> <b><u>Rate</u></b>
CWT-20-37	Bridgewater	\$400,000	2%
CWT-20-10	Easton	\$500,000	2%

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<sup>1</sup> PFAS Mitigation Loan

Item #9

**MOTION- VOTE**

The motion was made by Ms. Jonas-Silver and seconded by Commissioner Suuberg and 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>
<b>CWP-19-42</b>	<b>Chicopee</b>	<b>\$2,023,412<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>CW-20-38</b>	<b>Gloucester</b>	<b>\$180,000</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>CWP-17-16-A</b>	<b>New Bedford</b>	<b>\$1,062,000<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>2%</b>

Item #10

**MOTION- VOTE**

The motion was made by Ms. Jonas-Silver and seconded by Commissioner Suuberg and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

***Approval of the Drinking Water 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>DWP-20-04</b>	<b>Ayer</b>	<b>\$6,052,983</b>	<b>0%<sup>4</sup></b>

Item #11

**MOTION- VOTE**

The motion was made by Ms. Jonas-Silver and seconded by Commissioner Suuberg and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

***Approval of the Andover Emergency Drinking Water 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>DW-19-13</b>	<b>Andover</b>	<b>\$4,791,300<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>0%</b>

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURN:** The motion was made by Ms. Jonas-Silver and seconded by Commissioner Suuberg voted unanimously in favor of adjourning the meeting at 1:42 p.m.

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS AND EXHIBITS USED:**

1. Minutes, October 7, 2020
2. SWIG Program Update
3. Project Descriptions

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<sup>2</sup> First Revision: Previous PRA amount was \$915,162

<sup>3</sup> First Revision: Previous PRA amount was \$962,900

<sup>4</sup> PFAS Mitigation Loan

<sup>5</sup> First Revision: Previous PRA amount was \$3,253,219

**\*Location: Remote :** Pursuant to the Governor's March 12, 2020 - [Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law](#): Notice is hereby given in accordance with M.G.L.c.30A, § 20, that the Wednesday, November 4, 2020 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=Qm9TWElPR3VMTUlkeUxVZlBaalA0dz09>. 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.