

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
MASSACHUSETTS CLEAN WATER TRUST**

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Friday, May 24, 2019
Time: 12:30 PM
Location: Massachusetts Clean Water Trust
1 Center Plaza, Suite 430
Boston, Massachusetts 02108
Notice: Due public notice given
Attendees Sue Perez, Executive Director, Trust
Maria Pinaud, Director of Program Development, Trust
Maya Jonas-Silver, Director of Finance & Administration, Trust
Also Present Nate Keenan, Deputy Director, Trust
Jonathan Maple, Policy Analyst, Trust
Absent

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

1. **Minutes Approval.** The Committee approved minutes from the March 21, 2019, May 9, 2019 and May 16, 2019 meetings of the executive committee.
2. **Discussion on Title V Septic Legislation Changes.** Mr. Keenan informed the committee that the Trust was working on updating the Community Septic Management Program guide. The Trust's feedback will focus on making sure the guide accounts for updated laws governing betterments and ensuring the content is organized and drafted for clarity. The Trust will have a meeting with Tony Rassias (Deputy Director, Bureau of Accounts from the Division of Local Services – DOR), to discuss the program and how local governments should handle program balances. He committed to having feedback to MassDEP within 2 weeks.
3. **2020 IUP Solicitation – Update and Timeline.** Ms. Pinaud informed the committee that the Project Evaluation Form will be handled completely online this year and is currently being tested. The current intent is to have the solicitation announced mid to late June. Ms. Pinaud confirmed that the solicitation letter was being drafted and would share with the committee once completed.
4. **Asset Management Planning (AMP) Grant Program for the 2020 Solicitation.** Ms. Perez informed the committee that the Trust was finalizing its 2020 AMP grant feedback and would send to MassDEP by the end of the day. Additionally, the Trust will be adding the AMP grant program to the June Board of Trustees agenda to authorize \$2 Million for the 2020 IUP. She noted that the solicitation cannot be released until the Board approved the program for 2020. Regarding the 2020 AMP Grant guidance, the Trust wanted to confirm and ensure that projects will be limited time frame and not drag on beyond a year. The Committee agreed that MassDEP and Trust will edit their documents to place a 1-year time limit for project completion.

5. **DWSRF Disadvantaged Communities – IUP Changes.** Ms. Pinaud confirmed that she had received the information about updating the 2019 IUP and noted that she does not believe that IUP needs to be open for public comment. Since the public comment period was already held for the DWSRF disadvantaged community program and can be added to the 2019 IUP without additional public comment. She will look into what edits need to be made and finalize the process.
6. **School Water Improvement Grants – Follow up and funding.** Ms. Perez informed the committee that an amendment has been added to the Senate Budget that would allow the Trust to expend up to \$5 million on deleading schools. Additionally, Ms. Perez noted that MassDEP released its updated lead guidance for children’s drinking water. The Trust will monitor the budget process and any attention the revised lead guidance may create for the program.
7. **Cherry Valley Water District Follow Up.** Following up on the subject of potential loan refinance for the Cherry Valley Water District, Ms. Pinaud confirmed that MassDEP Central Region has been working with the community but does not currently have any plan for consolidation of master planning. The committee discussed option for moving forward with assistance including reaching out to stakeholders and community representatives. Ms. Perez noted that as it currently stands the Trust would not be comfortable recommending the loan to the Board without a more solid long-term financial plan. The Trust will develop a list of questions for the district to answer and will perform due diligence on the loans before the loans would be voted by the board.
8. **DEP Regulation Changes.** Ms. Pinaud confirmed that the proposed regulation changes have been listed for public notice with a public hearing scheduled for June 12, in Boston. The public comment period will end on June 24th.
9. **PFAS and Emerging Contaminants Working Group Outreach.** Ms. Perez asked if there were any updates on outreach to PFAS working groups. Ms. Pinaud confirmed that there was an internal working group and an advisory committee. These groups are working on specific limits for contaminants and providing technical advice. Ms. Jonas-Silver noted that she would reach out to the group at Administration and Finance, and see what activities are being addressed. Ms. Perez, noted that the Trust was mainly interested in staying in the loop, and making sure that these groups are aware that the Trust may be a resource.
10. **DBE Progress and Status.** Ms. Pinaud confirmed with Mr. McCurdy that all the data has been transmitted to Keen Independent Research and believes the project is on track for the September deadline.

Other Business (Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting)
LIST OF DOCUMENTS AND EXHIBITS USED:

The meeting adjourned at 1:19 p.m.

Minutes Approved: 06/13/2019