EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE MASSACHUSETTS CLEAN WATER TRUST

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Thursday, June 27, 2019

Time: 12:35 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. <u>Minutes Approval.</u> The Committee tabled this item until the next meeting.
- 2. Tri-Town Water Board Project and IUP MassDEP Update. Ms. Perez confirmed that MassDEP and Trust received a notice from the Tri-Town Water Board that they would be removing their 2019 Drinking Water Project from the Intended Use Plan. Ms. Pinaud confirmed that there would be additional projects dropping as well. The Committee discussed allowing four additional projects from the priority list to move forward. The Committee will discuss this issue further once the loan application period closes on June 28, 2019.

Ms. Pinaud notified the Committee that the Town of Andover has submitted an emergency funding request related to pipe damage that occurred with the Columbia Gas pipeline explosions. The requested amount of approximately \$18 million was being reviewed by MassDEP staff.

3. EPA and DWSRF Funding Update. Mr. Keenan reported that he has reached out to EPA Region 1 on the possibility of using retroactive fund transfers or unrestricted program funds to increase the Trust's annual DWSRF funding capacity. Katie Marrese from EPA Region 1 will reach out to EPA HQ for guidance on eligible actions.

The committee discussed the processing timeframe of emergency projects related to emerging contaminants and PFAS mitigation. The discussion centered on DWSRF capacity and how fast the Trust could process these projects. At this time, the Committee will monitor emergency projects and consider how to best utilize the SRF programs to support communities with PFAS mitigation.

4. 2020 Solicitation Update. Ms. Pinaud notified the Committee that the solicitation will be sent out on Monday July 1, 2019. Additionally, she provided an update on the online project evaluation process that will be available for the 2020 solicitation. This will launch the first completely online process for the MassDEP's SRF applications. Testing is nearly complete and appears to be functioning properly.

Other Business

(Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting)

Meeting Process. Ms. Perez discussed with the Committee the process for establishing the weekly agenda. Moving forward the Trust will reach out to all committee members the day before the meeting notice deadline (48 hours), to solicit agenda topics and give committee members more input and notification of meeting topics.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS AND EXHIBITS USED:

1. Massachusetts Clean Water Trust Contract Assistance Projections

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Minutes Approved: 07/25/2019_