

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

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Thursday, June 18, 2020
Time: 12:30 PM
Location: By Telephone
Notice: Due public notice given
Attendees Sue Perez, Executive Director, Trust
Maya Jonas-Silver, Director of Finance & Administration, Trust
Maria Pinaud, Director of Program Development, Trust
Also Present Nate Keenan, Deputy Director, Trust
Jonathan Maple, Policy Analyst, Trust
Joshua Derouen, Program Associate, Trust
Sally Peacock, Controller, Trust

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

Open the Meeting: Ms. Perez opened the meeting after confirming all Committee Members were present.

1. **MassDEP Update on Emergency Projects.** Ms. Pinaud provided an update on the status of existing and proposed emergency projects. Regarding Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) projects, she noted that two projects from the towns of Nantucket and Plymouth were near completion, and that two projects, from the Town Andover and the City of Lawrence, related to the 2018 Columbia Gas Explosion were initially delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic but were ready to proceed. Additionally, Town of Abington has requested emergency funding to replace a force main that could potentially fail in similar fashion to the force main in Plymouth, resulting in higher costs to address the issue. Regarding Drinking Water SRF projects, MassDEP has issued a PAC and PRA for the Town of Barnstable's PFAS mitigation emergency project that should be before the Board of Trustees at the next meeting. MassDEP is still waiting for an application from Littleton on a similar PFAS mitigation project.

Ms. Pinaud noted that MassDEP has received a request for emergency funding from the Barnstable County Fire Training and Rescue Academy (Barnstable County would be the borrower) for PFAS mitigation at their old firefighting training center. This project falls under the Clean Water SRF as a Brownfield remediation project. Ms. Pinaud wanted the Committee to confirm if this project would qualify for 0% interest under the emergency funding program for PFAS mitigation. The Committee discussed the eligibility and concurred that the project likely qualifies pending a vote by the Trust's Board of Trustees. Ms. Perez requested a list of all confirmed and potential emergency PFAS projects including their proposed dollar amounts for the Trust to track. Ms. Pinaud confirmed that the Town of Barnstable's drinking water project was the only confirmed PFAS emergency project currently proceeding but would provide an updated list to the Trust.

Mr. Keenan followed up on the previous meeting and noted that the authorization for the pilot emergency funding program that provides 0% interest to PFAS mitigation projects ends this calendar year. The Committee discussed whether to include the program explicitly in MassDEP's annual Project Solicitation as an ongoing program for the 2021 Intended Use Plan. The Committee agreed that the 0% PFAS remediation loan program should continue contingent upon available funding and that the vote to

	authorize the continuation of the program would be put in front of the Board of Trustees at the July 8 th meeting. Additionally, it was agreed that MassDEP would include the 0% PFAS program on the Project Solicitation with the “subject to availability of funds” qualifier. The Trust will submit feedback on the solicitation notice after the meeting.
2.	<u>Clean Water SRF to Drinking Water SRF Lead Transfer Authority Planning Update.</u> Mr. Keenan notified the Committee the Trust was finalizing proposed documentation for the DWSRF to utilize the Water Infrastructure Transfer Act (WIFTA). WIFTA temporarily expands the CWSRF to DWSRF transfer authority to address a threat to public health due to heightened exposure to lead in drinking water. The Trust should be ready to proceed with the public comment period on the timeline listed in the previous meeting.
Other Business (Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting)	
3.	Mr. Keenan notified the Committee that this would be the last meeting of the Executive Committee for Mr. Maple before taking leave. Mr. Maple is expecting a new addition to his family in late June.
	<u>Adjourn the Meeting:</u> Ms. Perez requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Pinaud moved the motion and Ms. Jonas-Silver seconded. A roll call was held, and all members approved the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

Minutes Approved: July 16, 2020