

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

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Thursday, June 24, 2021

Time: 12:30 PM

Location: By Telephone

Notice: Due public notice given

Attendees Sue Perez, Executive Director, Trust
Maria Pinaud, Director of Program Development, Trust

Also Present Nate Keenan, Deputy Director, Trust
Sally Peacock, Controller, Trust
Joshua Derouen, Program Associate, Trust
Keelan Baldwin, Intern, Trust
Robin McNamara, Deputy Director of Municipal Services, MassDEP

Absent Maya Jonas-Silver, Director of Finance & Administration, Trust

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

	<u>Open the Meeting:</u> Ms. Perez opened the meeting after confirming the attendees present.
1.	<u>Minutes:</u> The Committee approved meeting minutes from the 6/17/2021 meeting of the Executive Committee.
2.	<u>Status of Upcoming Clean Water Needs Survey:</u> Ms. Pinaud said that the planning process for the next Clean Water Needs Survey (CWNS) is underway. Data collection for the survey needs to begin on March 1, 2022. MassDEP will issue a request for responses to find consulting firms to conduct the surveys. The last time MassDEP had a CWNS conducted was in 2012. The CWNS will be done in a similar way to the Drinking Water Needs Survey. The CWNS will need to be part of the Fiscal Year 2022 budget. Ms. Perez agreed with the approach.
3.	<u>Update on Martha's Vineyard Commission 208 Equivalency Study:</u> Ms. Pinaud said that MassDEP has approved the scope of the study with the Martha's Vineyard Commission. The Martha's Vineyard Commission will need \$200,000 as they work to implement the study with their environmental consultant over a period of 18 months. They may need some funds up front to contract with the consultant. The scope of the study includes outreach, system assessments, testing, and creating a final report. Ms. Perez said that the Trust can disburse funds up front if the Martha's Vineyard Commission reports what those funds would be going towards. They should then provide quarterly updates on the use of those upfront funds. Other funds can then be requested on a reimbursement basis. We will need to establish a Memo of Understanding between the Trust, DEP and the

	<p>Commission. We should be able to use the one created for the Cape Cod Commission as a starting point.</p> <p>The cost of this study is already part of the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2022. It has been budgeted for multiple fiscal years even though it is just getting ready to proceed.</p>
4.	<p><u>American Recovery Plan Act Funds:</u> Ms. Perez said that the Massachusetts State Legislature will likely open testimony for how \$2.8 billion in American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) is to be spent.</p> <p>The Trust and MassDEP should work to prepare testimony on our potential uses and the dollar amounts for each use.</p> <p>Combined sewer overflow (CSO) projects are a potential use. A list of consent order CSO projects should be developed along with how much each one would cost. The project sizes, projected costs, and expected completion date can all be used to determine an amount for this use. There are CSO projects across Massachusetts and not just certain areas like the Merrimack River region.</p> <p>Lead service line surveys is another potential use to help communities come into compliance with the federal Lead and Copper Rule. To determine an amount for this use, the maximum of \$200,000 per drinking water system for up to 300 systems should be considered.</p> <p>PFAS remediation, with the amount of press it is getting and the ARPA language mentioning it, will continue to be considered as a potential use.</p> <p>Expanding sewer systems for housing development is another potential use but questions need to be answered before an amount and other specifics can be determined.</p>
Other Business (Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting)	
<p><u>Adjourn the Meeting:</u> Ms. Perez requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Pinaud moved the motion. A roll call was held, and all members approved the motion.</p>	

LIST OF DOCUMENTS AND EXHIBITS USED:

Minutes Approved: July 22, 2021