## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE MASSACHUSETTS CLEAN WATER TRUST

## **Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** Thursday, August 27, 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

Joshua Derouen, Program Associate, Trust

Sally Peacock, Controller, Trust

## **SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS**

**Open the Meeting:** Ms. Perez opened the meeting after confirming all attendees were present.

- **1.** Minutes. The Committee approved meeting minutes from the 08/13/2020 meeting of the Executive Committee.
- **2.** Update on 2021 Intended Use Plan (IUP) Project Solicitation. Ms. Pinaud said that the solicitation for the 2021 IUP closed last Friday. 150 Project Evaluation Forms (PEFs) were submitted to MassDEP making it a strong response which will lead to a competitive project selection. For comparison, about 100 PEFs were submitted to MassDEP last year during the 2020 IUP solicitation.

The 150 PEFs amounted to about \$1.5 billion in projects. 96 PEFs were submitted for Clean Water projects totaling a little over \$1 billion. 54 PEFs were submitted for Drinking Water projects totaling approximately \$445 million.

Of the Clean Water PEFs, 72 were submitted for about \$1 billion in construction projects. There were 8 PEFs for planning projects totaling about \$8.6 million. There were 16 PEFs for asset management planning (AMP) projects totaling about \$1.55 million.

Of the Drinking Water PEFs, 45 were submitted for about \$445 million in construction projects. There were 7 PEFs for planning projects totaling about \$1.6 million. There were 2 PEFs for AMP projects totaling \$155,738.

Ms. Perez said she is curious to see how many PEFs were submitted for projects that are eligible for special financing such as PFAS remediation and lead service line replacements.

Ms. Pinaud said MassDEP has not been able to review all the applications yet but will get that information shortly. She also stated that after the October 15<sup>th</sup> loan application deadline for the 2020 IUP projects passes, MassDEP will be able to compile a list of projects on the 2020 IUP that are not moving forward. This list will help the Trust determine the financial capacity for the 2021 IUP.

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

<u>Commonwealth of Massachusetts Fiscal Year 2021 Budget.</u> Ms. Jonas-Silver said that the Commonwealth had been operating on a temporary budget for one month until the enactment of a four-month temporary budget.

<u>Water Infrastructure Transfer Act (WIFTA) Transfer.</u> Mr. Keenan said that the Board of Trustees will be voting on the WIFTA transfer during its September 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. The Trust and MassDEP will work together on outreach efforts to communities with leads service line replacement projects that could benefit from this transfer. There will also be a press release after the transfer has been finalized.

<u>Surveying communities not using or not moving forward with the SRF for their projects.</u> Mr. Keenan said that the Trust is working to consolidate its edits and address comments that MassDEP had on the initial draft of the survey. The latest edits and comments could be circulated to MassDEP as early as today.

<u>Adjourn the Meeting:</u> Ms. Perez requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Jonas-Silver moved the motion and Ms. Pinaud seconded. A roll call was held, and all members approved the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Minutes Approved: October 15, 2020