

**MEETING OF THE MASSACHUSETTS
CLEAN WATER TRUST
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

June 29, 2015
3:30 PM

State House
Room 373, Conference Room
Boston, Massachusetts

Minutes

Attendees: Deborah B. Goldberg, Treasurer and Receiver General of Massachusetts
Martin Suuberg, Commissioner, MassDEP
Rachel Madden, Executive Office for Administration and Finance Designee

Also Present: James A. MacDonald, First Deputy Treasurer
Maureen Godsey Valente, Deputy Treasurer
Sue Perez, Executive Director, MCWT
Steven McCurdy, Director of Municipal Services, MassDEP
Bethany Card, Assistant Commissioner, MassDEP
Nathaniel Keenan, Deputy Director, MCWT
Andrew Gottlieb, Executive Director, Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative
Paul Niedzwiecki, Executive Director, Cape Cod Commission
Kristy Senatori, Deputy Director, Cape Cod Commission
Erin Perry, Special Projects Coordinator, Cape Cod Commission

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Treasurer Goldberg at 3:34 PM.

Item #1

MOTION- VOTE

The motion to vote was made by Rachel Madden, seconded by Commission Suuberg and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the minutes of the meeting held on June 3, 2015

Item #2

REPORT OF THE CAPE COD COMMISSION

Mr. Niedzwiecki provided an update to the board regarding progress made on the Cape Cod Area Wide Water Quality Management Plan, (208 Plan). Covering the major topics below:

1. Review of the 208 Water Quality Plan
 2. Discussion of the types of projects expected on Cape Cod as a result of the 208 Plan
 3. Next steps in process including necessary regulatory actions and future funding
- Treasurer Goldberg commented after the presentation that the report was very impressive and as a former local official she was supportive of the idea of the watershed approach to fixing the issue, opposed to municipal boundaries designating how the problem is fixed.

Mr. Neidzwicki replied that the plan they have developed will create better projects and at a lower cost of capital than originally estimated due to the watershed approach and using innovative technologies.

Item #3

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Keenan reported on the following:

1. Best Management Practices: In the legislation that past last session the Trust was tasked with developing Best Management Practices for various water and financial practices at the municipal level. Currently, we have drafts that were developed with the help of a consultant and we are now ready to work with the Department of Revenue to get their sign off before opening the discussion up to a stakeholder group. We expected to be completed in the fall. The best management practices included:
 1. Full Cost Pricing
 2. Leak Mitigation
 3. Asset Management
 4. Inter-Municipal Agreements
 5. Enterprise Funds
2. Development of Regulations: An additional aspect of the new legislation was the incorporation of sub-2% loans and additional subsidies over what is currently being provided. MassDEP has developed draft regulations that are currently being reviewed by the Trust and are expected to be final around the new year.
3. Fall River: A letter was sent to Fall River in response to their request of the board for \$1 million from the Administrative Fund of the Trust and the elimination of the Administrative Fee for their outstanding loans. The letter explained that this was not possible for the board to approve but the Trust would work with the city to better understand the problem and hopefully find a solution. A call is being arranged to start the discussion.

4. EPA Grants: The annual EPA grants the Trust receives to help fund the program will be reduced for this year. The Clean Water grant was reduced by \$312,000 and we are waiting to hear the amount for the Drinking Water grant. The reduction is due to a rescission in the EPA's overall budget. The grant amount after the reduction is \$47,360,000. The reduction will not have a major impact on capacity but any loss of funding is not a positive development.

Item #4

MOTION- VOTE

The motion was made by Rachel Madden, seconded by Commission Suuberg and **voted unanimously in favor** of acceptance of the following:

Amendments of By-Laws

The acceptance and approval of edits to the By-Laws of the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust, establishing the office of Deputy Director and making certain other clarifying changes

Item #5

MOTION- VOTE

The motion was made by Commission Suuberg, seconded by Rachel Madden and **voted unanimously in favor** of acceptance of the following:

Appointment of Deputy Director

That the Board of Trustees appoints and confirms the following individual as an officer of the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust, in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws, which individual has been nominated as such officer by the Trustee listed next to his name:

OFFICE	NAME	NOMINATED BY
Deputy Director	Nathaniel Keenan	State Treasurer

Item #6

MOTION- VOTE

The motion was made by Rachel Madden, seconded by Commission Suuberg and **voted unanimously in favor** of acceptance of the following:

Clean Water Loan Commitments

<u>PAC No.</u>	<u>Borrower</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Equivalent Interest Rate</u>
CW-14-20	Billerica	\$4,826,666 ¹	2%
CW-15-06	Quincy	\$4,000,000	2%

¹ First Revision. Original PAC amount was \$4,568,100.

Item #7

MOTION- VOTE

The motion was made by Commission Suuberg, seconded by Rachel Madden and voted **unanimously in favor** of acceptance of the following:

Drinking Water Loan Commitments

<u>PAC No.</u>	<u>Borrower</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Equivalent Interest Rate</u>
DW-14-12	Uxbridge	\$3,186,000 ²	2%

Item #8

MOTION- VOTE

The motion was made by Commission Suuberg, seconded by Rachel Madden and voted **unanimously in favor** of acceptance of the following:

Clean Water Loans/Local Government Obligations and Financing Agreements

<u>Project/PAC No.</u>	<u>Borrower</u>	<u>Loan/LGO Amount</u>	<u>Equivalent Interest Rate</u>
CW-14-20	Billerica	\$4,826,666	2%
CW-14-18	Haverhill	\$3,283,090 ³	2%

Item #9

MOTION- VOTE

The motion was made by Rachel Madden, seconded by Commission Suuberg and voted **unanimously in favor** of acceptance of the following:

Drinking Water Loans/Local Government Obligations and Financing Agreements

<u>Project/PAC No.</u>	<u>Borrower</u>	<u>Loan/LGO Amount</u>	<u>Equivalent Interest Rate</u>
DWP-12-26-A	Brockton	\$275,500	2%
DW-14-12	Uxbridge	\$3,186,000	2%

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURN: Seeing no other business, at 4:20 PM the motion to adjourn was made by Rachel Madden, seconded by Commissioner Suuberg and voted unanimously in favor.

²First Revision. Original PAC amount was \$2,935,500.

³ First Revision. Original PRA amount was \$545,000.