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**Water Supply Protection Trust  
December 6, 2017  
John J. Carroll Water Treatment Plant**

Trustees

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MWRA

Michael Hornbrook, Chief Operating Officer  
Tom Durkin, Chief Financial Officer  
Louse Miller, Budget Manager  
Chris Lam, Assistant Finance Manager  
John Gregoire, Reservoir Program Manager  
Pam Heidell, Policy and Planning Manager  
Dave Coppes, Director of Waterworks  
Sean Navin, Director Intergovernmental Affairs  
Steve Remsberg, General Counsel

DCR

Jonathan Yeo, Director, Division of Water Supply Protection  
John Scannell, Director, Wachusett-Sudbury  
Scott Murphy, Assistant Director Wachusett-Sudbury  
Scott Campbell, Regional Engineer  
Dan Clark, Director Natural Resources

MWRA Advisory Board

Joseph Favaloro, Executive Director

WSCAC

Lexi Dewey, Executive Director

The meeting convened at 10:08 a.m.

## **1. Approval of Minutes – September 28, 2017 meeting**

A motion to approve the Sept. 28, 2017 meeting made and seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

## **2. Financial and Progress Reports – Jonathan Yeo**

A PowerPoint presentation accompanied the Financial and Progress Reports and is appended to the minutes of the meeting. Items discussed included:

- Quabbin-Ware Regional Director. It was noted that approval to fill the position was granted and the paperwork for the approved candidate was filed: consequently, in the coming days the name of the new Director will be announced.
- Budget Status. DCR as a whole has a set cap for expenditures, and the Watershed Division continues to explain that Water Supply Protection division is exempt from the cap. In response to DCR staff comments, Joe Favaloro asked that he be informed when there is any misunderstanding regarding the nature of the Division of Water Supply Protection, and the intent of the Trust mechanism to ensure the Division of Water Supply Protection has adequate funding.
- Deer Harvest. A screenshot of a map that is now on-line showing the locations of where deer are harvested was shown. (A new GIS Director at DCR has introduced a number of new GIS applications). The harvest varies year to year.
- Land Acquisition. Jim French is retiring. Mention of this evoked questions as to how DCR knows when key parcels are for sale (internet, signs).
- Fishing. It was a good year for fishing, both in terms of visitations and safety/reporting mechanisms adopted. A series of slides were presented that showed trends and use statistics, including that revenues and number of boats decontaminated are trending down.
- DEP inspections. Both DEP and EPA are active in following watershed protection activities and compliance with water filtration waiver.
- Forestry. A series of pictures illustrated openings for forestry and regrowth. In response to a question later in the meeting, DCR staff indicated that promoting early successional habitat has been part of forestry plan for years, and that 5-8 years after an opening is forested, the opening has regrown.
- Direct Discharge Elimination. Pictures were shown of new detention basins and work being done in South Bay. DCR indicated that at this point, direct stormwater discharges have been eliminated from about 98% of high priority areas. Mike Hornbrook suggested that a letter to DOT thanking them for implementing and funding the program was appropriate.
- Dam Day. The walkway at Wachusett Dam was opened to the public on dam day with 1600-1800 people attending.
- DCR staff are kicking off the Watershed Protection Plan update.
- Gull Harassment at Quabbin and Wachusett is ongoing.
- Quabbin Administration Building. Project is moving along. MWRA staff coordinating with DCR, and a revised cost estimate for work to be done is anticipated in January.

### **3. End of Season Quabbin Fishing Report – Jonathan Yeo**

See bullet under item 2, Financial and Progress Reports.

### **4. Update of completion of Quabbin Public Access Plan and Comprehensive Land Management Plan**

DCR presented two reports, 1) *2017 Quabbin Reservoir Watershed System Public Access Management Plan Update* (November 2017) and 2) *Division of Water Supply Protection 2017 Land Management Plan* (November 2017).

Jonathan noted that the reports are redlined and reflect comments received, with majority of redlining appearing in the reports' appendices. It was noted that both DEP and MWRA staff reviewed reports early on.

There was a discussion of moose: there is no moose hunt in Massachusetts. DCR does not think that moose population is increasing, but is instead stable. Trustee Heyes remarked that he thought the moose do alter the species composition.

### **5. Miscellaneous Updates**

Fred Laskey noted that Pam Heidell was retiring in January.

Trustee Meehan asked if the snake relocation project on Mt. Zion has been withdrawn (answer: yes).