

Minutes
Executive Committee Meeting
Massachusetts Clean Water Trust

DATE: August 9, 2017

START TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: State House, Room 327

NOTICE: Due public notice given

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE –

PRESENT: Sue Perez, Executive Director of the Trust
Rachel Madden, Director of Finance & Administration of the Trust
Steve McCurdy, Director of Program Development of the Trust

ALSO PRESENT: Bernard Greene, Senior Legal Counsel of the Trust
Nate Keenan, Deputy Director of the Trust

MINUTES APPROVED:

May 10, 2017

May 24, 2017

June 14, 2017

June 29, 2017

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS (INCLUDING DECISIONS MADE/ACTIONS TAKEN/ VOTES):

1. Falmouth Wind Turbine Loan. Ms. Perez updated the Committee on the Falmouth wind turbine situation. The Trust notified the Town of the Board's decision to convert the loan that financed the Wind 2 turbine into a zero-percent loan and give the town credit for principal during the time that Wind 2 was operating as an energy efficient project, with the remaining balance paid through 2029. The Trust will send any additional documentation required to the town in the near future.
2. Group of Projects. Mr. McCurdy reported on the continuing efforts to complete the documentation of projects to be included in the group of projects for the grant application. MWRA has sent documentation for some projects, but DEP is still awaiting additional materials. Ms. Madden offered to contact MWRA to try to improve the way their projects are delivered.
3. National Information Management System. Mr. McCurdy reported on his attempts to input data to the CWSRF National Information Management System data report. EPA has changed the categories in which project data is placed to eliminate the "unclassified" category of the report. This category was used for projects that did not fit into any of the regular boxes. EPA has now created several new categories, which do not include all the different projects that had previously been listed under unclassified. He is trying to develop a solution to this problem with EPA. The

NIMS information is due at the end of the month.

4. Additional Trust Initiatives. Ms. Perez reminded the Committee of the suggestion by Commissioner Suuberg that the Trust develop proposals for additional projects that it could support such as the replacement of lead service lines. Ms. Madden described an initiative of the Governor to incentivize the development of affordable housing in Commonwealth communities. She asked, for example, whether the Trust could reward cities and towns that are working to increase affordable housing by giving a borrower, that otherwise qualifies for financing, additional points in the evaluation of water projects or additional subsidization. It was agreed that a task force will be organized to begin to discuss the Commissioner's suggestion in September.
5. Town of Barnstable. Mr. Keenan reported that the Town of Barnstable has applied for a loan of \$2 million for an emergency project to remediate the contamination of town drinking water sources by the operation of the county fire academy and airport. The project will cost \$4 million, but town meeting did not appropriate the full amount needed. The town plans to pay the difference out of its operating budget as the project progresses. Mr. McCurdy noted that the County offered to pay the debt service on the loan because of their responsibility for the contamination.
6. Davis Bacon. Mr. McCurdy reported that he has learned that EPA will be discussing streamlining the Davis-Bacon wage requirements.
7. Meeting with Senator Cyr. The meeting planned with Senator Julian Cyr to discuss legislation he is introducing into the General Court to finance Cape Cod wastewater projects was cancelled.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Approved: October 18, 2017