

**Attendance Roster**

Board Members		
Bill Harvey	Christian Carpenter	Randy Karg
Others		
Maurice Goulet	Nick Milano	Tracey Klenk
C. McCue Potts	John Harney	Newton Thompson

**Agenda**

- Call to order
- Town meeting with MWRA in 2020
- Use of privately developed water rate setting
- Owner Project Manager Contract for WTP Project
- Adjourn

**Agreements**

1. Given the information gathered in a meeting with MWRA and Town Officials, there is no compelling financial or operational reason to switch Medfield’s water source from local wells to MWRA at this time.

**New Action Items**

#	Item	Responsible	Due
1.	Update the MWRA meeting summary document and distribute to all.	N. Milano	26 Feb 21

**Summary Notes**

Meeting began: 09:08

Meeting concluded: 09:52

B. Harvey opened the meeting by making the following statement for remote meetings.

*Pursuant to Governor Baker’s March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor’s March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Medfield State Hospital Development Committee is being conducted via remote participation. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings as provided for in the Order. A reminder that persons who would like to listen to or view this meeting while in progress may do so by following the instructions on the agenda and meeting notice. This meeting is being recorded.*

**MWRA Meeting Summary Review –**

N. Milano reviewed the memo that he created to summarize a meeting that was held with MWRA and Town personnel. The desired outcome of the session was to gain a more comprehensive and current understanding of the cost and timing to switch Medfield's water supply from local sources to the MWRA system.

In summary, it is estimated that making this change would require approximately \$19 million in connection fees and construction cost, a total expenditure twice as much as the filtration facility planned for Wells # and #4. The overall timeframe for connection is approximately 6 years for legislative action, permits, engineering design and field construction. MWRA's water supply rates are significantly higher than Medfield's rate. The details of the analysis are contained in the memo. Some suggestions for adding to the document's completeness and clarity were made: An action item was noted.

Water quality issues related to a change in water supply, as experienced by Flint, MI were reviewed. Technology to avoid these types of water quality issues is well known and could be applied to any potential change in Medfield's water supply. There are no known instances of a Massachusetts town experiencing water quality issues from a switch to MWRA water sourcing.

The board aligned on the following agreement: Given the information contained in this memo, there is no compelling financial or operational reason to switch Medfield's water source from local wells to MWRA at this time.

**Water Rate Setting Tool -**

The action item to review the capability and utility of the current tool created by Willis Pelagian with him has been taken on by K. Trierweiler. This action item remains open. No agreements were reached.

**Owner's Project Manager for Treatment Plant Project-**

Proposals from Woodard & Curran and Weston & Sampson have been received and forwarded to the chair of the Permanent Building Committee for review and selection recommendation. A successful bidder will be selected after completing references.

The contract for these services will be structured to cover both the engineering design phase and construction phase with flexibility to terminate by the Town if the experience in the first phase of work proves unsatisfactory. Funding for the position is covered by the existing CapEx authorization for design engineering work and will be incorporated into the CapEx authorization for construction.

**Question from the floor –**

A question from a meeting attendee regarding water sourcing from the Neponset basin was addressed. The reply explained that future use of Wells #1 & #2 in the Neponset basin is necessary to assure an adequate supply and operational flexibility. Past exploratory work to identify additional well sites did not identify any useful new well locations.

Motion to adjourn meeting: Motion: C. Carpenter, Second: R. Karg - Unanimous Roll Call Vote