

Central Plymouth County Water District Commission

Minutes of May 2, 2019 Meeting

Attending – Commissioners: Jack O’Leary, Chair, Joanne Zygmunt, and Paul Collis. The meeting took place at the Brockton Satellite Registry of Deeds at 32 Belmont Street, Brockton Massachusetts. Frank Basler was the scribe. Attendance as noted on the sign in sheet attached.

Chair O’Leary opened the meeting at 6:33 P.M.

The Commissioners reviewed the minutes from the meeting on March 7, 2019. Commissioner Zygmunt made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collis, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

The Chair stated that he had to leave the meeting early to attend another meeting and asked that the agenda be taken out of order.

Frank Basler handed out a financial revue showing charges and credits stating that the Commission cash balance is \$300,018.20 as of March 31, 2019.

The Commissioners handed out the Existing Conditions Plan Water Control Structures and discussed the work that established elevation controls and a significant amount of elevation levels. The Chair will be field checking the data. The consultant will be setting up elevation gauge markers in several areas in the upcoming months. The consultant submitted a bill to the Chair and would like to be paid. Frank Basler will process the invoice for payment. The Chair mentioned that the state has a highly detailed licensed through Google. The Commissioners discussed the GIS Auto Cad program to identify opportunities.

Pine duBois suggested that the Commissioners reach out to DER to ask for assistance with the project. Commissioner Zygmunt asked if Brockton has a gauge and Commissioner Collis said these do exist but no one was sure if they were being used.

The Chair asked to discuss scope of Communications, outreach and education. Mark Divine was reached to discuss his experiences and the Commission’s needs. Divine can be used to help develop an RFP. The Chair mentioned that a former colleague could assist with the RFP. Commissioner Zygmunt suggested that she worked with Divine and Frank Basler. The Commission discussed the needs of the Commission and how to move ahead.

Commissioner Zygmunt said the Wildlands Trust can do work on communications, web site development, and social media. She said there are many candidates that can be used for this work. She recommended a vendor to set up the web site and publish it. Frank Basler suggested that a county web site page with a landing page for the CPCWDC would be possible after a web reset was completed at the County, which is targeted for Fall 2019. Commissioner Zygmunt will develop a plan for the next meeting.

Ms. duBois suggested getting things right the first time. She suggested a press story may yield some artistic and creative talent to help. It was suggested that outreach to the local college institutions may be of some help.

The Chair made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collis, for Commissioner Zygmunt to develop a plan to move ahead with a scope of service and solicit vendors. The motion passed unanimously.

Next discussion was about hiring Mark Devine to write the technical scope of service that could be used to develop a plan to resolve the water issues within the Region. Commissioner Collis stated that he would like to have more dialogue with Brockton. Commissioner Zygmunt says there are four areas that she has identified as needs: address Monponsett algae management; communications and public relations work; look at water quantity issues on volume to be taken from Silver Lake; and looking at water supply needs of the District.

The Chair will contact Divine and work with him to write a proposal for the next meeting.

Ms. duBois discussed some work that was done in Silver Lake about a management practice that she thought the Commissioners should be aware. She asked the Commissioners if they could ask Brockton what their management plan is. Commissioner Collis will call Brockton to request the plan in writing.

Commissioner Collis asked if there was a Resource Management Plan. Commissioner Zygmunt shared that DEP is making the timeline. Commissioner Collis motioned, seconded by Commissioner Zygmunt, to write to DEP for their Resource Management Plan.

Chair O'Leary needed to leave the meeting and Commissioner Collis continued with the meeting as chair.

Commissioner Collis asked Ms. duBois what the draw from Silver Lake currently is at. She stated about 8.5MM gallons per day withdrawal from Silver Lake.

New Business

Commissioner Zygmunt said that Senator Brady's office asked for budget needs for FY20. The Commissioners created the below budget request and Commissioner Zygmunt will forward to Senator Brady's office. Commissioner Zygmunt made a motion to approve a budget request of \$170,000 be asked for in FY '20, seconded by Commissioner Collis. The motion passed unanimously.

The budget request that was agreed was as follows:

- 1) \$90,000 for stakeholder engagement and public outreach and education to address water quality and quantity issues and to promote conservation and protection of water resources
- 2) \$50,000 for flow monitoring equipment on Herring Brook and additional water quantity monitoring equipment
- 3) \$30,000 for water quality monitoring of Silver Lake, Furnace Pond, and Monponsett Pond, twice monthly during the months of June to October, inclusive, and once monthly during the months of November to May

No other new business.

Don Howard asked if Brockton was selling water to Abington. Commissioner Collis motioned, seconded by Commissioner Zygmunt, that Commissioner Collis will call Brockton to investigate the charge. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be July 11th, 2019.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Frank Basler

Administrator, County of Plymouth

Handouts:

Draft minutes of March 7, 2019

Current Financial Standing as of March 31, 2019

Existing Conditions Plan Water Control Structures