

Central Plymouth County Water District Commission

Minutes of Tuesday September 28, 2021, ZOOM Meeting

The meeting took place via Zoom video/teleconference due to current COVID-19 social distancing recommendations issued by Governor Charles Baker.

Quorum was reached with two Commissioners voting in affirmative, roll call vote: Commissioner O'Leary – yes, and Chair Zygmunt – yes. Two in the affirmative, the meeting began at 12:02 PM. The meeting was recorded.

Meeting attendees identified included CPCWDC Advisory Board member Don Howard, of Hanson, CPCWDC Advisory Board member Bill Boulter of Pembroke and newly appointed CPCWDC Advisory Board member Councilor Susan NiCastro of Brockton. Matt Ladewig from ESS Group, Inc attended as the Silver Lake Water Quality Monitoring Project consultant and Consultant Kim Groff. Nancy O'Rourke, Executive Assistant, Plymouth County, attended and took minutes.

Commissioner O'Leary moved to accept the minutes of September 1, 2021 (Emergency Mtg,) and August 24, 2021. Seconded by Chair Zygmunt. Roll call vote: Commissioner O'Leary – yes, and Chair Zygmunt – yes. Motion passes unanimously.

Chair Zygmunt gave an overview of the Finance Report. The August 31, 2021, bank balance was \$476,440.43. Frank Basler has asked for approval by email of the Commissioners of the below invoice:

- ESS Group Inc – invoice #52883 dated September 20, 2021, for \$11,493.51 for services rendered through 9/4/21

Commissioner O'Leary made a motion to approve the ESS Group invoice of \$11,493.51 as noted above. Seconded by Chair Zygmunt. Roll call vote: Commissioner O'Leary – yes, and Chair Zygmunt – yes. Motion passes unanimously.

Commissioner Sotir joined the meeting via telephone.

Matt Ladewig from ESS Group briefed the board on the samplings he is conducting at Silver Lake and reports the initial mapping is complete and is processing the data. Two aquatic invasive species have been found, Eurasian Milfoil and Fanwort. Chair Zygmunt requests an email be sent from the Commissioner's office reminding of the September 30th deadline for public comments on the SAP.

Chair Zygmunt asked for an update on the Hydrodredge. Commissioner O'Leary had no new information to report and would like to keep this item on the agenda for the next meeting. Commissioner O'Leary requested Commissioner Sotir take the lead on this project due his current and future workload limiting his availability. Commissioner Sotir agreed.

Patrick Hill, interim director for the City of Brockton DPW and City Councilor Susan Nicastro have been appointed as the Brockton representatives to the CPCWDC Advisory Board by Mayor Sullivan.

The Chair updated the meeting on her request to City Solicitor Meghan Bridges on water supply agreements that Brockton has with other communities. Attorney Bridges has replied to emails and due to staffing shortages has not been able to prioritize the request. She has assigned the request to a new employee in her office. The Chair has not received any information. Commissioner O'Leary made a motion to authorize the Chair to file a Freedom of Information Act Request (FOIA) to obtain the water supply agreements. Chair Zygmunt and Commissioner Sotir requested an additional month to allow the city to respond to the request. There was no second and the motion failed.

Chair Zygmunt reported she attended a meeting of the Brockton Finance Committee where there was an item for discussion to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the Town of Avon for water and sewer connections for a new development. The Chair will share a draft of that agreement with the other board members. The Commissioners expressed their concern with agreements Brockton is entering into and the legality of that action. Chair Zygmunt would like to address this issue after she has been able to consult with Pine duBois of Jones River and whether the committee should consider hiring an Environmental Attorney on retainer.

Chair Zygmunt will set up a meeting with Interim DPW Director Patrick Hill to discuss all CPCWDC ongoing agenda items and to bring him up to speed on all plans. Once that meeting is complete, she will extend an invitation to him to the next public meeting.

The next meeting will be a Zoom meeting on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, at noon.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 P.M.

Submitted by Nancy O'Rourke

Handouts: Agenda for September 28, Financial Report as of August 31, 2021, and ESS Group Inc invoice.