

TRI TOWN BOARD
of Water Commissioners
Braintree, Holbrook, Randolph

MINUTES

Tuesday, September 19, 2023
Johnson Chamber - Braintree Town Hall

Present: Mayor Charles C. Kokoros, Chair, Town of Braintree, Bill Alexopoulos, Town of Randolph, Katherine Goldrick, Town of Holbrook.

In attendance: Helen Gordon, Lou Dutton, Lorraine See, Jim Arsenault, Brian Howard, Chris Dapson, Ed Spellman, Kate Naughton

Mayor Kokoros opened the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

Mayor Kokoros took roll call attendance – all Tri-Town Board of Water Commissioners member present: Mayor Charles Kokoros, William Alexopoulos, Katherine Goldrick

Construction schedule update:

Helen Gordon (EP) reviewed current status. Work has started on footprint. Progressing well. The rain has been challenging. The contractor is trying make up time. Contractor may ask for extra time. Typically, extra time is only given for extreme events and unanticipated events. Request will be reviewed. A detailed conversation with the Board to follow to determine if additional time granted. Still working toward December deadline. Trying to keep things moving. Will may potentially be requesting to work on holidays.

Mr. Alexopoulos questions why they would question if they could work. Helen Gordon answered that by couldn't that wouldn't do work on holiday.

Mayor Kokoros stated that they work on holidays, but NOT Veterans Day. (Which is a Saturday this year) Helen Gordon continued - project is tracking generally on budget with deliverables. Monthly construction meeting was held today. Went over accomplishments – nothing major discussed other than the rain.

Ms. Gordon noted that monthly updates are sent and posted on the towns website.

No questions on construction update.

Expenditures to date on US Army Corps Permit:

Helen Gordon (Environmental Partners) Tribal permit costs have not changed. Need to vote on amendment for Environmental Partners for PAL work. That is for the additional base on 50 sites and assessment. Report being put together now. This is be the last amendment for PAL work.

MOTION: A vote to approve Environmental Partners' Extra Services Request No.7 for the Tri-own Water Treatment Plant Project in the amount of \$21,610.00. Extra Services Request No.7 covers the cost of the increase in number of archaeological features found during the investigation and to complete the reporting required as part of the revised US Army Corps Permit NAE-2016-01052 Tri-Town Water District General Permit dated March 13, 2023.

MOTION: Mr. Alexopoulos

SECOND: by Ms. Goldrick

o No Discussion

Mayor Kokoros – Yes

Mr. Alexopoulos – Yes

Ms. Goldrick – Yes

Vote : Unanimous

SRF Reimbursement update:

Helen Gordon (Environmental Partners) The first drawn down was submitted for the project. SRF called the reviewer unexpectedly on leave. She is back now. They do have a few comments, should have comments by the end of this week. Hopefully #1 will be forthwith when questions answered.

Drawn down #2 drafted ready to go for time period April-June. Moving forward monthly request for previous month.

Braintree, Randolph submitted.

Holbrook waiting on paperwork for draw down. Chris will follow up with Katie.

Brian Howard (Randolph Town administrator) questions: Will there be principal forgiveness in Year #2 drawn down #3? Helen Gordon will check on it.

Potential standalone Tri-Town Water District Website:

Helen Gordon (Environmental Partners) states that people are looking for information on the project. A Tri-Town can get own site through EZRY as the platform. Annual Fee would be maybe \$50 for website name annually. Not expensive. It would take Environmental Partners maybe 40 hours to set up. Environmental Partners would update. When the project is over the site would then go to Tri-Town to be managed. This would give platform to start. Helen can provide cost.

Mayor Kokoros agrees this is a good idea.

Richard Pump House:

Lou Dutton (Town of Braintree) First quote was for motor on top of pump. That would not work. Pump can not handle extra weight of the motor. Had to go back for 2nd quote for \$344,000. Braintree has appropriated \$100,000 – would have to get 70K more. Randolph and Holbrook vote need to contribute as well. This is vote is to get the process moving.

Mayor Kokoros states that the pump house has 3 pumps. This largest pump – pumps 4.5 million gallons a day.

Mr. Alexopoulos asks if this will be a brand new pump and motor. Mr. Dutton confirms.

Mayor Kokoros speaks about plan for 2020 to constantly top of Great Pond in order to maintain no restrictions until we reached 85%. This allows us to topping off during high demand. Water is managed so that residents may use water for sprinklers, etc. Pump is important. We have access to 350 million gallons of water that we have access to.

Mr. Alexopoulos –asks if the price of \$344,000 is for parts and labor? Mr. Dutton confirms. Mr.

Alexopoulos asked about lead time. Mr. Dutton states if it is bid out now, it will hopefully be installed in March.

Motion to support going to bid for replacement pump at \$345,000

MOTION: Mr. Alexopoulos

SECOND: by Ms. Goldrick

o No Discussion

Mayor Kokoros – Yes

Mr. Alexopoulos – Yes

Ms. Goldrick – Yes

Vote : Unanimous

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 11:30 a.m.

Motion to adjourn

MOTION: Mr. Alexopoulos

SECOND: Ms. Goldrick

o No Discussion

Mayor Kokoros – Yes

Mr. Alexopoulos – Yes

Ms. Goldrick – Yes

Vote : Unanimous

*Respectfully Submitted,
Kate N. Naughton
Recording Secretary*