

TRI TOWN BOARD
of Water Commissioners
Braintree, Holbrook, Randolph

MINUTES

Wednesday, May 10 2023
Johnson Chamber - Braintree Town Hall

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

In attendance: Helen Gordon, Chris Dapson, Sarah Price Lou Dutton, Steve DeFrancesco, Jim Arsenault, Brian Howard, Kate Naughton

Mayor Kokoros opened the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Mayor Kokoros took roll call attendance – Tri-Town Board of Water Commissioners member present: Mayor Charles Kokoros, Greg Hanley, William Alexopoulos.

**Tri-Town Water Treatment Plant Update:
US Army Corp Update**

Helen Gordon (Environmental Partners) Corps of Engineers permit work is in week 4. The project rep believes that they will be done the end of this week, PAL will be done the end of this week. Budget is on track for PAL, EP and Tribe. The estimate to date is \$176,186.42 and estimated four-week cost is \$219,390. The proposed Change Order for Walsh is still being negotiated – still waiting for credit detail that they're providing. There's a credit associated with the PCO because they're not taking all the spoils offsite, they're bringing it to another location on site. We want a credit for what they would've spent. Finally got a detailed breakdown of what they're proposing for the credit yesterday. The credit is being looked over and EP will have a conversation with them to talk about the credit. By next month's the cost for any extra time associated with the tribal work for Walsh should be finalized.

Construction Schedule

Helen Gordon: Walsh has begun a mass excavation of the clear well and finished water pump area. The mass excavation is estimated for a 30-day period - that should take until June 16th. Form work should start in June. A pre- coordination meeting will take place on site with Walsh and sub-contractors.

Sampling of Bio Solids

Helen Gordon: MWRA is requiring a pilot study (they call it a bench test) MWRA will be on site May 16th for a progress meeting and will meet with Steve and AECOM team. > to go over that pilot to finalize, yes, this is what we're going to do and if we send this information to you, this is what you want. Then the process, the amendment for AECOM to do that pilot testing, which is an additional piece that needed to

be done., Next month I'll have a detail on what that pilot looks like and what the costs are associated with that.

Steve DeFrancesco stated there have been four weeks for the archeological work. Only needed a week and a half of Walsh's time with their excavator.

Helen Gordon reminded all that Sarah and Chris provide regular updates that you put on the website.

Request for Signatures on previously approved items:

Change Order 1 – Tribal Oversight Costs

Environmental Services Number 4 and 6.

Helen Gordon (Environmental Partners) pages need to be signed for Environmental Partners Number Four, which was for that habitat assessment muscle work. All three communities need to sign that and turn in to your treasurer. Also, Randolph and Holbrook need to sign Extra Services number six. Change Order #1 needs signatures as well.

Mr. Hanley questions if wet signatures are needed or if DocuSign is OK.

MS. Gordon will check with SRF.

Mr. Hanley asked Ms. Gordon if the delegation can be kept in the loop (especially Senator Keenan) Mr. Hanley feels that at the 11th hour that conditions, are being added. At a meeting of the Joint Board Jim McLaughlin stated that there may be regulations that are coming up that require zero PFAS.

Ms. Gordon answered in the affirmative She stated that we are designing to a standard now which is worth 20 parts per trillion. Ms. Gordon confirms that GAC can bring the number to zero – the questions how long the GAC filter will last and what the additional operational and maintenance cost would be. They are keeping an eye on all new regulations. MASS DEP can go lower than an EPA limit.

Mayor Kokoros stated that Braintree staff stated and they've issued discharge permits for industrial use without hesitation.

Braintree Master Plan Steering Committee Roadshow:

Connor Murphy of the Braintree Planning Department addressed the Commissioners to get feedback on the Braintree Master Plan proposed strategy. They are currently on phase three where they will be working on the strategy list. Come July through December they will start to formulate the master plan document itself and get it ready for adoption. There have been close to 2300 folks who participated so far. Mr. Murphy described the module for the Tri-Town Board of Water Commissioners. There are seven strategies that he would like the board to provide feedback.

Mr. Hanley asked if he could circulate the information to his board members. Mr. Murphy stated that they will be working on this until June and Mr. Hanley may bring forward to his board.

Richard Pumphouse:

Lou Dutton updated that 2 pumps are working at the Richardi pumphouse. The motor on 3rd pump is relatively new. The shaft snapped and impeller dropped to the bottom of the reservoir. D and C Construction retrieved it from the bottom of the reservoir. It needs a new shaft and impeller or to be completely replaced. At that time, just with the impeller replacement, it was a hundred thousand dollars just for that. New pricing is being done.

Future Meeting Date

June 20, 2023 10 a.m.

MOTION to adjourn

MOTION: Mr. Hanley

SECOND: Mr. Alexopoulos

Mayor Kokoros – Yes

Mr. Alexopoulos – Yes

Mr. Hanley - Yes

Vote : Unanimous

Respectfully submitted: Kate Naughton