

CHARLES RIVER POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT
66 Village Street, Medway, MA 02053

Minutes from October 12, 2022 Monthly Meeting – 3:05 p.m.

The meeting was held in the John McCahill Conference Room at the District's treatment facility. In attendance were Chairman David C. Formato, District Commissioners Michael Callahan, Douglas M. Downing, Wolfgang Bauer and Mark Cataldo and Executive Director Elizabeth Taglieri, Engineer Kristen Mucciarone and Executive Secretary Barbara W. Maffeo. Also in attendance were Ellen Rosenfeld, town of Millis Select Board and Brutus Cantoreggi town of Franklin Director of Public Works.

The following attachments were presented during the monthly meeting and are on file at the District with the approved minutes.

- Prior Year Comparison of O & M Budget (July 2021 – September 2021 vs. July 2022 – September 2022);
- Year to Date O & M Budget versus Actual (July 2022 – September 2022);
- Overview of FY 2023 Budget dated October 11, 2022;
- Septage Revenue – Prior Year Comparison (July 2021 – September 2021 vs. July 2022 – September 2022);
- Sewer connections (September 2022);
- Executive Summary for Force Main Investigation Findings and Recommendations from CDM Smith September 29, 2022;
- Draft Minutes from September 14, 2022 Monthly Meeting and 2:00 pm Meeting;
- Copy of Warrant #23-04 dated October 12, 2022.

Item #1 – Update on Cured in Place Piping (CIPP) Lining of Pipe and Manhole Rehabilitation in Mine Brook Interceptor (MBI) Subsystem.

- a. Discussion and Vote to Extend National Water Main Cleaning Company's Contract. The Director reported that the contractor had made numerous site visits. The submittals have been approved and the pipe has been ordered. Originally the work was to be completed in October, but a contract extension through November 18, 2022 has been requested to complete the work in the month of November. Presently, the bypass pump will be installed the week of November 7th and then the pipe lining, manhole repair and cleanup will commence the week of November 14th. The road will be closed for two days as the lining is completed. The Director will contact police departments in the towns of Franklin and Medway to coordinate the road closure.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bauer and seconded by Commissioner Cataldo to vote to extend National Water Main Cleaning Company's contract to November 18, 2022. There

will be no increase in cost. The Executive Director has the latitude to extend the contract to December 2, 2022.

The Director added she will be out of office when the work commences, but the Engineer has been working in tandem on this project and there will be a resident engineer on-site from Tetra Tech. The Director will be reachable should the need arise.

VOTED: That the District approves the preceding motion. The vote was unanimously approved.

Item #2 – Discussion on Results from the Force Main Ultrasonic Testing.

The NPDES permit required the District to investigate findings and recommendations with relation to the District's force main. CDM Smith provided an Executive Summary for the District on their findings and projected costs related to the ultrasonic testing. The towns of Franklin and Bellingham are the two member towns that utilize this force main. They will be required to pay for any of the proposed inspections or repairs. The Director will contact the Directors of the Department of Public Works to inform them of the findings and discuss future plans.

Commissioner Bauer expressed the importance of fixing the piping before there is a problem. Chairman Formato suggested the District budget monies for next fiscal years to explore modifications to the piping versus testing recommendations.

Item #3 – Update on Tree Plantings from Removal of Trees at Aeration Tanks.

The Director reported the Engineer has contacted numerous tree nurseries to purchase one inch replacement trees around the aeration tanks. There are two-inch replacement trees available, but the space needed to plant is tight and they would cost more to purchase. The nurseries are continuing to work to find the trees requested, but the planting may not happen until the spring versus this fall. There is currently no deadline, but fall was the preferred planting time. Small trees can be planted by staff, larger trees may require professional planting assistance.

Item #4 – Update on Request for District's Deposition on October 26, 2022 in the Case of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, et al., vs. Tresca Brothers.

The Director has been called to give a deposition with relation to the aforementioned case. The District was a recipient of Tresca Brothers concrete during a certain time period. The concrete poured by Tresca Brothers in the District's case was for the Phase C modifications. The Director will keep the Commissioners updated on this matter.

Item #5 – Approval of Warrant #23-04.

A motion was made by Commissioner Callahan and seconded by Commissioner Cataldo to approve Warrant #23-04 as shown in the agenda.

- a. O & M \$273,191.48
- b. Capital Projects \$ 1,064.88

VOTED: That the District approves the preceding motion. The vote was unanimously approved.

Item #6 – Engineer’s Report.

- a. Update on Electrical Savings with 3rd Party Supplier. The Engineer reported that although energy prices are climbing, the District locked in a rate of 8.3 cents per kWh through March 2025. She calculated the District has saved \$252,000 so far this year by being locked in with a good rate.
- b. Update on Estimated Cost to Perform Per and Polyfluoroalky (PFA) Sampling for Future Planning Purposes. The Commissioners inquired what potential costs for sampling PFA’s might be should that parameter appear in the next NPDES permit. Depending on the NPDES permit, the sampling could be for 3 significant users up to all users along with the influent, effluent and sludge. The Engineer reached out to a company that performs PFA sampling. The cost of testing could range from \$9,000 – \$28,000.
- c. Update on Heating Oil Invitation for Bid. The District has an invitation for bid out for the heating oil used at the District. The District has two 10,000–gallon tanks. The bids are due October 21, 2022. The District has two bid items one for a fixed rate and one variable rate based on the mark up of the current rack rate.

Item #7 – Executive Director’s Report.

- a. NPDES Compliance Report. The treatment facility was in compliance for the month of September 2022.
- b. Sewer Connection Approvals – September 2022. The following sewer connections were approved earlier on an individual basis. (gallons per day – gpd).

Franklin	3 homes	1,320 gpd
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	commercial/retail/residential	53,250 gpd
Millis	7 homes	1,650 gpd

- c. Vote to Approve Executive Director’s Salary Increase as Discussed at the September 14, 2022 Meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Cataldo and seconded by Commissioner Downing to approve the Executive Director’s salary increase as discussed at the September 14, 2022 meeting as follows: a four percent (4%) increase in salary, back dated to July 1, 2022 and revisit the salary discussion in January/February 2023.

VOTED: That the District approves the preceding motion. The vote was unanimously approved.

- d. Next Meeting Scheduled for Thursday, November 10, 2022 to be held in the John McCahill Conference Room at the Charles River Pollution Control District. Meeting details will be posted.

Item #8 – Approval of Minutes from September 14, 2022 Monthly Meeting and Executive Director Meeting Minutes .

A motion was made by Commissioner Downing and seconded by Commissioner Cataldo to approve the aforementioned and to forward a copy of the minutes to all attendees of the meeting. Commissioner Callahan was not in attendance and abstained from voting.

VOTED: That the District approves the preceding motion. The vote was unanimously approved.

The Chairman invited public comment at this time. Ellen Rosenfeld, a member from the Millis Select Board, spoke to the Board about the town's background and actions related to their capacity at the District. There was discussion about the actual versus projected capacity numbers. Ms. Rosenfeld's engineer calculated the town of Millis is only using two-thirds of their capacity while paying for one-hundred percent.

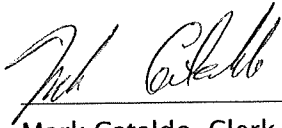
The Chairman explained the District has a permit issued and managed by the Massachusetts Department of Environment Protection (MassDEP). The District's flows have been increasing and reflect greater than eighty percent capacity. The District must manage flow with the towns. The Director will be in contact with member communities to bring them up-to-date on the District's findings related to flow and capacity.

Brutus Cantoreggi, Director of Franklin's Department of Public Works gave an update of Franklin's progress with Infiltration Inflow (I/I) resulting in pipe lining. He shared some information about a sinkhole on Route 140 and Maple Street in Franklin. The Director had the area cameraed and it does not appear to be the District's pipe. There is an old service line in that area.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cataldo and seconded by Commissioner Bauer to adjourn the monthly meeting.

VOTED: That the District approves the preceding motion. The vote was unanimously approved.


Barbara W. Maffeo, Executive Secretary
Charles River Pollution Control District



Mark Cataldo, Clerk
Charles River Pollution Control District

11/12/22

Date

The preceding is presumed to be a complete and accurate account of the items discussed and agreements made unless the District is notified to the contrary within seven days of distribution.