



LYNNFIELD CENTER WATER DISTRICT WARRANT
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Regular Board Meeting
7:00 pm November 28, 2022

Date, time, place: The regular meeting of the Board was held on Monday, November 28, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

Present: Commissioners Anders Youngren, Joseph Maney, Steve Walsh, Superintendent John Scenna, Treasurer Kevin Sullivan and Clerk of the Board Christine Smallenberger

Absent: none

Others attending: Patricia Campbell, Fran Richards, Town Assessor Victor Santaniello and Anne Malenfant from CDM Smith via zoom

Additional attachments: Agenda, incorporated into the minutes hereto.

Next Regular Meeting: December 5, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Adjourn: 5:58 PM

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM

Tax levy hearing: Superintendent Scenna introduced the new town assessor manager, Victor Santaniello to present on the FY23 classification hearing. The LA5 gives all options to calculate a single tax rate of 1 which would imply no shifting of the tax burden. The district collects revenue via the tax levy revenue based on \$1,000 valuation that go out via the town on a quarterly basis. If we want to maintain a 60/40 split, the tax levy vote tonight will be \$0.45 per thousand up \$.02 from last year. Mrs. Campbell said it's not fair we are assessed a \$25 fee automatically on the volumetric bills as well as the property tax on the value of our home as she doesn't use that much water. Chairman Maney explained that customers use to pay 75% of our revenue based on the valuation of your home; that wasn't fair for those who don't use much water. The goal is to lower the tax shift once we get through construction, but right now, we just need a little security. If we go from \$0.43 to \$0.45 it will be a minimal increase on your property tax bill.

Motion: a motion was made to adopt a single tax rate at \$0.45 per 1,000 with a factor of 1.

Seconded: the motion was seconded, and the motion was passed with Commissioner Youngren, Commissioner Maney and Commissioner Walsh saying aye by a unanimous vote.

Motion: a motion was made not to adopt the open space discount.

Seconded: the motion was seconded, and the motion was passed with Commissioner Youngren, Commissioner Maney and Commissioner Walsh saying aye by a unanimous vote.

Motion: a motion was made not to adopt the residential exemption.

Seconded: the motion was seconded, and the motion was passed with Commissioner Youngren, Commissioner Maney and Commissioner Walsh saying aye by a unanimous vote.

Motion: a motion was made not to adopt the small commercial exemption.

Seconded: the motion was seconded, and the motion was passed with Commissioner Youngren, Commissioner Maney and Commissioner Walsh saying aye by a unanimous vote.

Execution of pfas earmark contract: Superintendent Scenna spoke with Representative Jones regarding the award of the \$100,000 contract. We put short-term measures in place at station 2 and as of last Wednesday we insulated the enclosure. We tested the system, and the approach works and are working out additional details. CDM Smith has looked at long-term PFAS options with one option staying the course with the current permit, but you run risk of the DEP not extending it (it is a 2-year permit). CDM Smith and Superintendent Scenna met with MWRA and were informed that the MWRA is not committed to building the pipeline up Route 1 anytime soon.

In 2021 PFAS, became the more dominant water quality discussion. Station 1 was turned off after initial samples. Station 2 is above the mcl with station 4 and station 3 below the mcl. The DEP will be coming out with a proposed mcl for individual compounds, which would bring Glen Drive into the mix for needing treatment and Phillips Road depending on where the EPA ends up. The majority of testing is below mcl. There are communities to 10-100% times over the mcl. The elephant in the room is what is the EPA going to do, keep the MCL at 20 or drop it. If the EPA drops it, there will be significant more testing. With this new quality challenge, the interconnection is important for quality standpoint.

Commissioner Youngren asked who tests MWRA water for PFAS. MWRA tests the water before they send it out and are responsible for treatment. Ms. Malenfant/CDM Smith

showed several options for the district (see attached sheet incorporated into these minutes) for the long-term PFAS capital project options and 30-year total cost.

Chairman Maney inquired about 2 questions: would Lynnfield Water District be a partner and what are the new regulations. We are waiting to hear about the new regulations timetable. Option 6 for 100% MWRA is not real; MWRA is not committed to building the pipeline without partners. Option 2 is the best option to keep the district in control. The problem is it is now an \$18 million investment and we have only \$10 million. We addressed the system for iron and manganese but now we have to address the PFAS component.

Mrs. Campbell asked what is the North Shore Water Resilience Task Force. Senator Tarr has brought together a group of watershed users together to look at regional goals of water management and if resources can be shared, how people regulate water use and provide additional water. The district is in that group and the Town of Lynnfield's representative is conservation.

It appears we are making the right decisions but its apparent we need to build a larger project than originally planned. We need to determine how we fund the balance and hopefully the next 6 to 8 weeks will give us that information. Another workshop is scheduled for December on the Capital Improvement Projects though it may be postponed until after the holidays. In terms of Glen Drive, we don't know when we will be ready until we get information from the state. The December bills will have an insert similar to last year for PFAS because of an elevated test. We have another pending FOIA request for Wing Road; Commissioner Youngren offered his assistance. AT&T agreed to everything onsite at Wing Road as long as they get a building permit. We have until the end of this week to complete the FOIA request.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 pm

Respectfully submitted,