



LYNNFIELD CENTER WATER DISTRICT WARRANT
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Regular Board Meeting
6:00 pm April 26, 2023

Date, time, place: The regular meeting of the Board was held on Monday, April 26, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

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

Absent: none

Others attending: Anne Malenfant from CDM Smith, Patricia Campbell, Fran Richards, Ken MacNulty, Robert Look, Ellen Crawford, Phil Crawford, Richard Kosian, Mr. and Mrs. Fraumeni, Dan Tomasello

Additional attachments: Agenda, incorporated into the minutes hereto.

Next Regular Meeting: June 6, 2023

Adjourn: 6:48 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

Capital Projects Update

Anne Malenfant from CDM Smith presented an update on the Glen Drive treatment plant (presentation incorporated into these minutes and posted on the website). The presentation is to give residents in attendance and residents unable to attend the board meeting the ability to watch the presentation on our website the information to vote on May 8, 2023 at our Annual District Meeting to fund an SRF (state revolving fund) program. The SRF funding is a financial mechanism to build the new Glen Drive plant at a 0% interest loan.

It will cost an additional \$62 per house per year, approximately \$15 per quarter with the SRF loan. Borrowing up to \$17 million in the SRF benefits the district. We won the SRF loan to borrow up to \$17 million due to having a short-term plan, we have a legitimate need, and we also have a long-term plan with an easement with the Sagamore development. The Sagamore development gave us the ability to connect both stations and treat PFAS at all

stations. If we borrow \$17 million in today's market, it will cost the district \$24 million. This equates to a \$7 million savings to the district which is about \$80 a year per customer or \$1,600 dollars to each customer over the life of the loan. Originally the district approved \$9.8 million to approve the original project. We have to address PFAS; we cannot exceed the maximum contaminant level (MCL). This project has to happen and will never happen cheaper than with the SRF funding. The original funding of \$9.8 million dollars was to have an average impact of \$225 per household and based on 2% interest rates. In today's market, the \$225 per household becomes \$253 impact per household because of higher interest rates. Together with the SRF loan, the money we already borrowed and some of our free cash, the impact is \$315 per household which is an additional \$62 per house per year.

The implications will be severe if we don't do this now. Water sources will be shut down. We will be in danger of fighting fires. 20% of our water comes from station 2 and if not treated, will be above the MCL. When the EPA rules come into play, station 4 will become an issue. This solution is proactive and solves all the problems in the district for today and those projected 3 years from now and decades to come.

Ms. Malenfant reinforced that it is required by June 30th to vote to appropriate the funds. The state is also discussing principal forgiveness to allow us to pay back less if the federal government gives them additional funding.

Mr. MacNulty inquired about the MWRA interconnection. There is a connection fee to the MWRA. The MWRA passed a policy to waive the connection fee through an application. While it is not guaranteed, we have to go through the paperwork. We are going to for the full 575 gpm (gallons per minute) from MWRA through the interconnection even though we are only going to be taking 250 gpm. If we need to use 575 gpm in the future, we won't have to go through this process again.

Mrs. Campbell asked for the definition of the names that are shortened in the presentation. She also asked to pass around a microphone or come to the microphone to be heard. Mr. Look asked about paying back the loan, is it the entire town or part of the town. Chairman Maney said that anyone in the district will pay this loan back. This will be in the rate and/or the tax. Mr. Look asked about the \$17 million loan term. We will pay it back in 20 years at a 0% interest rate. Mr. Look asked will it affect the water conservation during the summer months. Chairman Maney said by 2025, it should eliminate this.

We will have a meeting with the residents near the Glen Drive treatment plant. Superintendent Scenna said we will do a Code Red to those residents to invite them to a meeting to discuss the design plan.

Motion: a motion was made to endorse Article 13 of the Annual District Meeting Warrant to accept the state revolving funding.

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

Mr. MacNulty asked if we would have early voting. The charter does not allow for early voting.

Continued Business

a. FY24 Budget & Fees Vote

Motion: a motion was made to approve FY24 budget of \$3,349,591.

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

b. FY23 Surplus Appropriation Vote

Motion: a motion was made to approve the FY24 fee schedule, FY23 Supplemental Appropriations and proposed FY24 ADM Appropriations

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

Other Items

Motion: A motion was made that Lynnfield Center Water District join the lawsuit to recoup costs against manufacturers against PFAS.

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

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:24 pm for executive session.

Respectfully submitted,