

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 1998
MINUTES APPROVED AT THE OCTOBER 9, 1998 MEETING

Present: Guy Carbone, BELMONT; Mike Nicoloro, CAMBRIDGE; Ed Sullivan, CANTON; Andrew DeSantis, CHELSEA; Peter Hersey, MELROSE; Katherine Haynes Dunphy, MILTON; Stanley Stanzin, NEEDHAM; Bernie Cooper, NORWOOD; Joe Foti, SOMERVILLE; Phil Farrington, STOUGHTON; Walter Woods, WELLESLEY; Steve Powers, WINCHESTER; Bob Simonds, WOBURN.

Also in attendance: Andrew Pappastergion and John Carroll, MWRA Board of Directors; Douglas MacDonald, MWRA; Joseph Favaloro, Ann Chamberlin LaBelle, Ryan Ferrara, Cornelia Potter, Kim Smith and Mary Ann McClellan, MWRA Advisory Board.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The meeting, held at the Advisory Board office, was called to order by Chairman Joe Foti at 8:40 a.m. **A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 12, 1998 MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.** It was seconded. The deletion and correction of a sentence was requested by Katherine Haynes Dunphy from Section V. The amended minutes were passed by unanimous vote.

II. ACTION ITEM: NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF FY99 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The following slate was presented to the Executive Committee for their consideration:

<u>Chairman:</u>	Joe Foti, Somerville
<u>Co-Vice Chair of Finance:</u>	Katherine Haynes Dunphy, Milton and Phil Farrington, Stoughton
<u>Vice Chair of Operations:</u>	Andrew DeSantis, Chelsea
<u>Secretary:</u>	Edward Sullivan, Canton
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Michael Nicoloro, Cambridge
<u>At-Large:</u>	Bernard Cooper, Norwood Guy Carbone, Belmont William Hadley, Lexington Peter Hersey, Melrose Frank Lagrotteria, Weymouth Steve Powers, Winchester David Ravanese, Everett Robert Simonds, Woburn Stanley Stanzin, Needham John Sullivan, Jr., Boston Walter Woods, Wellesley

A MOTION WAS MADE TO SUBMIT THE LIST OF NOMINEES TO SERVE AS THE MWRA ADVISORY BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR FY99 TO THE FULL ADVISORY BOARD. It was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

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III. DISCUSSION - COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CHELSEA CREEK WATER LINE RELOCATION PROJECT - Doug MacDonald, MWRA

Joe Favaloro began with a recap stating that approximately three fiscal years ago discussion around relocation of the Chelsea Creek Water Line began with the MWRA. There was a lot of debate at that time about the appropriateness of putting the project in the Capital Improvement Program and the Advisory Board's capital budget comments very clearly related the Advisory Board's concerns relative to that project.

One of the facts that is not disputed is the dredging for the Boston Harbor Navigational Project requires the movement of these pipes per order of the Army Corps of Engineers. Tara O'Donnell of the MWRA had language inserted that allowed for a \$15 million allocation for Massport for the project, all costs associated with the relocation of that waterline would be covered. The bill passed the House and Senate and became the Seaport Bond.

The Administration and Massport were concerned there were insufficient funds to accomplish the dredging, therefore, there was discussion between Massport and the MWRA and an MOU was then signed on the belief that the MWRA costs associated with that project would be no greater than \$5 million. In spirit, the MOU was a splitting of the costs on the relocation pipe project.

Design and construction is now estimated at \$9.6 million. Of that, \$2.5 million is covered through the MOU by the Seaport Bond Bill, another \$500,000 has come forward from Massport and \$600,000 from the Army Corps of Engineers, for a total of \$3.6 million, making the MWRA's share in the project approximately \$6 million.

Joe Favaloro's final point was "You've gone from paying zero for the project, to paying 50 percent of the project, to now paying somewhere in the vicinity of 65 to 70 percent."

Doug Mac Donald stated "We went from paying \$9.6 million, which is where we started." He noted that when the MWRA requires a gas or electrical line to be moved, the utility companies are responsible. In this particular instance, the Authority has to move the line and before all of this started, had the bid been \$9.6 million, then the tab for the MWRA ratepayer would have been \$9.6 million.

The Seaport Bond Bill was an authorized, but unissued, bond and was held up by A & F discussions about the bond cap. Massport's initial legislation had been filed as \$15 million to recover their projected costs and the insertion of the MWRA project took from that \$15 million. Massport and MWRA went to A & F together to urge the release of the funds so the project could go ahead. When A & F saw that we had the memorandum of understanding the \$15 million became available. The MWRA Board of Directors approved the MOU.

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The basic problem now is the \$1.2 million shortfall in making this project a 50/50 split with Massport, and where the Board of Directors is going to go on the contract. If the contract is not awarded, the Authority may be exposed to additional costs.

Mr. MacDonald's recommendation to the Board of Directors is to award the contract. Joe Favaloro reported that a vote of the Board of Directors had already been taken on this project and failed. According to Robert's Rules of Order, without a substantial change, this project cannot be voted on again. Mr. Favaloro asked to be put on record that another vote would be an illegal vote.

IV. ROLE OF ADVISORY BOARD IN WATER TREATMENT DECISION

Joe Foti reported that he was pleased with the attendance at the first "Coffee and Conversation" meeting, stating that it was well attended, particularly by Board of Health Departments, with twenty communities present. The participants consisted of Board of Health personnel, DPW officials and some legislative aides. Two more "Coffee and Conversations" are planned.

Per request of John Sullivan at the last Executive Committee meeting, a notebook was given to each member consisting of MWRA Board Summaries regarding the water treatment decision and the Water Treatment Decision Primer, which condenses staff summaries to the Board regarding water treatment options.

After much discussion, the Executive Committee agreed that the water treatment decision was narrowed down to two choices: water filtration or ozonation. The committee determined that a public hearing should be held prior to the October 2 retreat of the Board of Directors. This will allow communities to state positions, make comments, express concerns and ask questions allowing every community to go on record. The legal transcript of this hearing will be provided to the entire Board of Directors. In addition, comments in writing from communities will be incorporated.

V. UPDATE MANAGEMENT STUDY

Phase II of the HDR Management Study will focus on general and administration functions.

VI. STATUS - MDC WATERSHED DIVISION BUDGET REVIEW

The Governor vetoed the language allowing the Advisory Board to review the MDC Watershed Division's Budget. Staff is working to ensure that the Watershed Division is held accountable to MWRA ratepayers.

VII. APPROVAL OF THE ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 17, 1998

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 17, 1998. It was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:50 A.M. It was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Sullivan, Secretary