



# Advocacy & Accountability

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Friday, April 12, 2019  
Advisory Board Office  
10:00 AM

## Attendees

Michael Rademacher	Arlington	John DeAmicis	Stoneham
John Sanchez	Burlington	John Carroll	MWRA Board of Directors
Lou Mammolette	Chelsea	Joe Foti	MWRA Board of Directors
Ralph Pecora	Lexington	Andy Pappastergion	MWRA Board of Directors
Elena Proakis Ellis	Melrose	Joe Favaloro	Advisory Board staff
Bernie Cooper	Norwood	Travis Ahern	Advisory Board staff
Lou Taverna	Newton, Chairman	Lenna Ostrodka	Advisory Board staff
Nick Rystrom	Revere	James Guidod	Advisory Board staff
Brendan O'Regan	Saugus		

## DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

### **A. Approval of the Executive Committee Minutes for March 15, 2019**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Committee for March 15, 2019. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

### **B. Approval of request by Crescent Ridge Dairy of Sharon, MA, to tie into existing sewer in Stoughton, MA, as set forth in MWRA Policy OP.11**

Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, explained that this was the next step of the process for Crescent Ridge Dairy following the presentation on the proposed connection at the February Advisory Board meeting. Since then, the Water Resources Commission has voted to allow the connection. If the Advisory Board were to approve of the connection, the final step would be approval from the MWRA Board of Directors in May.

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE REQUEST BY CRESCENT RIDGE DAIRY OF SHARON, MA TO TIE INTO EXISTING SEWER IN STOUGHTON, MA, AS SET FORTH IN MWRA POLICY OP.11. It was seconded and passed by a unanimous vote.**

### **C. Advisory Board Emerging Comments on MWRA's Proposed FY20 CIP and CEB**

Director of Finance and Policy, Travis Ahern, Community Specialist, Lenna Ostrodka, and Finance and Policy Analyst, James Guidod, presented the Executive Committee with the preliminary FY20 Comments and Recommendations. After reviewing the Authority's proposed FY20 CIP and CEB, staff recommend reducing the proposed rate revenue requirement by \$4.3 million. This would reduce the rate increase from 3.74% down to 3.15%. The largest budget adjustments were recommended in capital financing, personnel, and the watershed budget. Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, highlighted that staff are reviewing enhancements to the Wiggins Pump Station rehabilitation, which serves Massport's Conley Terminal, in their review of the CIP.

### **D. Location and Time of Future Executive Committee Meetings**

Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, discussed the potential scheduling concerns for the Executive Committee as road and bridge construction projects in the area continue to pick up. The April 12 meeting being scheduled for 10:00 instead of 8:00 was to give members a feeling for how meeting at a later time would work for their schedules and commutes. The Executive Committee decided they would like to continue



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meeting at 10:00 in the Advisory Board office for the time being. As construction in the area increases, the topic will be revisited.

**E. Approval of the Advisory Board Meeting Agenda for April 18, 2019**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda of the Advisory Board meeting for April 18, 2019. The motion carried and the agenda was approved.

**F. Adjournment**

A motion was made **TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 12:05 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Michael W. Rademacher, Secretary

These minutes reflect the discussion of the meeting. The Advisory Board maintains audio recordings of Executive Committee meetings that are available upon request.