



# Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, June 20, 2019  
11:30 am

Needham Town Hall  
1471 Highland Avenue  
Needham, MA

### Attendees (Voting Members)

Michael Rademacher	Arlington	Amy McHugh	Marblehead
Dave Manugian	Bedford	Tim McGivern	Medford
John Sullivan	Boston	Moe Handel	MAPC
Jay Hersey	Brookline	John Cosgrove	Needham
John Sanchez	Burlington	Lou Taverna	Newton, Chair
Sam Corda	Cambridge	Bernie Cooper	Norwood
Bob Higgins	Hingham	John DeAmicis	Stoneham
Ralph Pecora	Lexington	Patrick Fasanello	Walpole
James Finnegan	Lynnfield Water District	Joe Labao	Wilmington
Yem Lip	Malden		

### Other Attendees

Owen O’Riordan	Cambridge	Carolyn Fiore	MWRA
Cathy Watkins	Cambridge	Matt Horan	MWRA
Chase Berkeley	Milton	Fred Laskey	MWRA
John Carroll	MWRA Board of Directors	Susan Herman	Stoughton
Andy Pappastergion	MWRA Board of Directors	Andreae Downs	WAC
Beth Card	MWRA	Lexi Dewey	WSCAC
Mike Cole	MWRA	Joe Favaloro	Advisory Board
Ria Convery	MWRA	James Guiod	Advisory Board
Dave Coppes	MWRA	Patrick Boyle	Advisory Board

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### Draft Meeting Summary

**A. Welcome**

Advisory Board Chairman, Lou Taverna, opened the meeting at 11:33 AM and welcomed all attendees to the Needham Town Hall.

**B. Report of the Executive Director**

Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, discussed the status of Debt Service Assistance in the Massachusetts Legislature. He also presented a tentative agenda for the August Advisory Board field trip, which would be a tour of Boston Harbor departing from Deer Island.

**C. Presentation: FY19 in Review**

MWRA Executive Director, Fred Laskey, gave a presentation highlighting the accomplishments and challenges of the MWRA during FY19. Please see attached [presentation](#).

D. **Committee Reports**

**Executive Committee** – Louis M. Taverna

- **Massport Update**

Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, discussed developments related to the easement costs presented by Massport in the installation of the replacement cross-harbor electric cable.

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- **Advisory Board and MWRA Budget Scorecard**

Finance and Policy Director, Travis Ahern, gave a recap of the FY20 budgeting process since the release of the Advisory Board's FY20 Comments and Recommendations on the MWRA's proposed CEB and CIP. After the Advisory Board's recommendation of decreasing the rate requirement to 3.15%, the Board of Directors recommended further reductions down to 3.07%. Mr. Ahern explained that MWRA staff had developed a budget that matched the 3.07% rate requirement but that the number was reached with some adjustments different than the adjustments proposed by the Advisory Board. Mr. Ahern highlighted the differences using a budget scorecard which had Advisory Board feedback on the MWRA staff's updated budget. Copies of the approved FY20 community assessments were made available to attendees.

E. **Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 12:40 PM. It was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Rademacher, Secretary

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