



Advisory Board Meeting

Wellesley Free Library
530 Washington Street
Wellesley, MA 02482

Thursday, November 21, 2019
11:30 am

Attendees (Voting Members)

Michael Rademacher	Arlington	John Cosgrove	Needham
Dave Manugian	Bedford	Lou Taverna	Newton, Chair
Mark Mancuso	Belmont	JR Greene	Gubernatorial representative (Quabbin)
Jay Hersey	Brookline	Chris Cole	Reading
John Sullivan	Boston	Brendan O'Regan	Saugus
John Sanchez	Burlington	Jess Fosbrook	Somerville
Sam Corda	Cambridge	Sam Stivers	Southborough
Andrew Fisk	CT River Conservancy	John DeAmicis	Stoneham
Ralph Pecora	Lexington	Pat Fasanello	Walpole
Yem Lip	Malden	William Shaughnessy	Wellesley
Moe Handel	MAPC	Bob Rafferty	Westwood
Amy McHugh	Marblehead	Joe Labao	Wilmington
Tim McGivern	Medford		

Other Attendees

Bill Kiley	BWSC	Elizabeth Ennen	Northeastern University
Jamal Jones	Lexington	Sharon L. Harlan	Northeastern University
Beth Card	MWRA	Mariana Sarongo	Northeastern University
Mike Cole	MWRA	Laura Senier	Northeastern University
Jim Coyne	MWRA	Andreae Downs	WAC
Ria Convery	MWRA	Lexi Dewey	WSCAC
Dave Coppes	MWRA	Jerry Eves	WSCAC
Carolyn Fiore	MWRA	Paul Lauenstein	WSCAC
Matt Horan	MWRA	Janet Rothrock	WSCAC
Brian Kubaska	MWRA	Kurt Trampusch	WSCAC
Fred Laskey	MWRA	Joe Favaloro	Advisory Board
Sean Navin	MWRA	Travis Ahern	Advisory Board
Leo Norton	MWRA	Lenna Ostrodka	Advisory Board
Sean Harrington	Needham	James Guiod	Advisory Board
Steve Cusick	Needham		
Martha Davis	Northeastern University		

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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 Wellesley Free Library.

B. Approval of the Advisory Board Meeting Minutes for September 19, 2019

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the Advisory Board meeting of September 19, 2019.

C. Report of the Executive Director

Regarding the cross-harbor cable replacement, Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, noted that the information requests sent to Massport and the Army Corps of Engineers have yielded few results. He explained that one potential path forward would be for the Advisory Board to begin working with an attorney, particularly during the DPU public comment period.

Mr. Favaloro also discussed that DWSP staffing levels continue to be a concern with the Advisory Board. He advised that he recently met with officials from DWSP and Governor Baker's office and that he is hopeful these issues will be resolved soon.

D. Presentation: A Drop in the Bucket: Water Affordability Policies in 12 Massachusetts Communities

Northeastern University School of Law Professor, Martha Davis; Northeastern University Department of Health Sciences Chair, Sharon L. Harlan; Northeastern University Associate Professor of Sociology and Health Sciences Laura Senier; Northeastern Graduate Research Assistant, Mariana Sarongo; and Northeastern Graduate Research Assistant, Elizabeth Ennen gave a presentation of their [report analyzing water affordability in Massachusetts communities](#).

E. Presentation: Annual Water and Sewer Retail Rate Survey

Finance and Policy Analyst, James Guiod, gave a [preliminary overview of the 2019 Advisory Board Retail Rate Survey](#). For the 2019 calendar year, using the AWWA standard of 120 HCF per household usage annually, the average combined water and sewer bill for MWRA communities was \$1,660. This is an increase of 3.54% from last year's combined bill of \$1,603. When factoring in local, state, and federal data, the average household usage in the MWRA service area is estimated to be 64.5 HCF a year with an average combined bill of \$867.

F. Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Louis M. Taverna

• **Action Item: Cambridge partial sewer**

A motion was made for the approval of Cambridge partial sewer separation for the Cambridge system, including the continued but restricted stormwater contribution for a 12-month trial evaluation period to verify flows and benefits to the MWRA's CSO Long-Term Control Plan, provided that (1) the program does not have any financial impact to the MWRA; (2) the program benefits the MWRA; and (3) the program only takes place in a combined system. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

• **Action Item: Town of Burlington Emergency Water Supply**

A motion was made authorizing the MWRA Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute an Emergency Water Supply Agreement with the Town of Burlington, subject to the approval of the MWRA Advisory Board, for a period of up to six months. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Operations Committee – John Sanchez

- **Second Next Meeting/Wastewater Meter Replacement Start**

Operations Chairman, John Sanchez, discussed the updated Wastewater Meter Replacement Program which was voted on by the Board of Directors later in the month. Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, suggested that the Operations Committee hold an additional meeting regarding the topic in the new year.

G. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 12:41 PM. It was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Rademacher", is centered on the page. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

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.