

PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD

The 416th meeting of the Pawtucket Water Supply Board met on October 10th, 2023 at 5:00 PM

William Masuck called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

PWSB Members Present

William Masuck, Chairperson –present

James Bradford, Vice Chairperson – present

Thomas Hodge - present

Mike Araujo – present

Mark Theroux – present

Mark Stankiewicz - present

PWSB Staff Present

James DeCelles - Chief Engineer

Russell Houde – Assistant Chief Engineer

Joe Keough – Attorney

Katie Peters – Executive Project Manager

Michael Lecours – Chief Financial Officer

Public Attendees

None

4. Consent Agenda

The Lincoln and Cumberland connections were discussed, there were no new updates to share. The Bristol County / East Providence interconnection is still in progress. Bristol County will build a pipeline into East Providence that will then connect to PWSB mains. The Department of Health delay in approving the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank loan was discussed. There are no updates but there is also no cut-off date for the loan so the money is not in jeopardy of being revoked.

A motion to approve Consent Agenda was made by James Bradford and seconded Mark Theroux.

Roll Call Taken:

William Masuck - Yes

James Bradford – Yes

Thomas Hodge – Yes

Mark Theroux – Yes

Mark Theroux – Yes

Mark Stankiewicz - Yes

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New Business:

5A. Lippitt Property

The Board was asked to approve the PWSB authorize a partial reimbursement of \$8,000 towards the purchase price of property sold to the Cumberland Land Trust by the Town of Cumberland. The PWSB and CLT have been working in partnership to acquire the property and land rights of parcels within Little Pond watershed in Lippitt Estates. The pond drains into Long Brook which is a tributary of the Arnolds Mills Reservoir. The Town of Cumberland owns 54 lots, totaling approximately 4.7 acres in Lippitt Estates. A recent appraisal (please see attachment for first and last page of report) valued the land at \$80,000 if sold for development or \$12,000 if appraised as conservation land. The Cumberland Town Council at their September 20th meeting agreed to sell the Land Trust these lots for \$9,600. As a condition of the land sale the CLT is responsible for the demolition of an existing structure on the property. The \$8,000 dollar contribution from the PWSB would help the CLT build up their cash reserves to help with the costs of demolition.

A motion to approve the purchase was made by Thomas Hodge and seconded James Bradford.

Roll Call Taken:

William Masuck - Yes

James Bradford – Yes
Thomas Hodge – Yes
Mark Theroux – Yes
Mark Theroux – Yes
Mark Stankiewicz - Yes

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5B. EnelX Energy Demand Response

The Board was asked to authorize entering into a 5-year Demand Response Payment Contract with EnelX and e2Comply. EnelX, working on behalf of the Electric Grid ISO (Independent System Operators) and Rhode Island Energy, administers a Demand Response Payment Program. Participation in the program requires the PWSB to be available to shed our electrical load on the electrical grid, by transferring to generator power. Based on the previous five-year contract, PWSB is projected to receive revenue payments of \$204,000 over the duration of the new contract. Participation in the program requires compliance monitoring of the generator and annual reporting to RIDEM. These services are performed by a third party, e2Comply. The cost of these services for the five year contract is \$25,500. EnelX will pay this fee upfront and deduct this cost from the initial demand response revenue checks, until they recoup this cost. The net projected revenue would total \$178,500.

Motion to accept the contract was made by Mike Araujo and seconded by Mark Theroux.

Roll Call Taken:

William Masuck - Yes
James Bradford – Yes
Thomas Hodge – Yes
Mark Theroux – Yes
Mark Theroux – Yes
Mark Stankiewicz - Yes

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5C. Whitcomb Property

The Board was asked to authorize a 50% contribution of \$5,000 towards the purchase price of the Whitcomb, located in the Little Pond watershed. The Cumberland Land Trust has entered into a purchase and sale agreement with the Whitcomb estate to purchase AP 66 Lot 285 for a sale price of \$10,000. The one-acre lot could potentially be subdivided into two house lots. The PWSB and CLT have been working in partnership to acquire the property and land rights of parcels within Little Pond watershed in Lippitt Estates. The pond drains into Long Brook which is a tributary of the Arnolds Mills Reservoir. The CLT would grant the PWSB a conservation easement on the property.

Motion to accept the purchase was made by Thomas Hodge and seconded by James Bradford.

Roll Call Taken:

William Masuck - Yes

James Bradford – Yes

Thomas Hodge – Yes

Mark Theroux – Yes

Mark Theroux – Yes

Mark Stankiewicz - Yes

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5D. Amendment of PWSB Public Input Policy

The Board was asked to approve a request that the Pawtucket Water Supply Board (“PWSB”) revise its Public Input Policy. On November 8, 2005, the PWSB adopted a Public Input Policy (“Policy”) pursuant to a City of Pawtucket Ordinance. This Ordinance was amended on July 6, 2023. The City of Pawtucket has requested that the PWSB amend its Policy in conformance with amendments to the Ordinance.

Motion to accept the request was made by Thomas Hodge and seconded by Mike Araujo.

Roll Call Taken:

William Masuck - Yes
James Bradford – Yes
Thomas Hodge – Yes
Mark Theroux – Yes
Mark Theroux – Yes
Mark Stankiewicz - Yes

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5E. Portal Storage Unit Rental

The Board was asked to authorize the procurement for the rental of Storage Containers to be utilized for secure storage of new water meters and appurtenances for the water meter replacement project utilizing the existing State MPA #607 for Modular Buildings, Portable Storage, and Relocatable Walkways. The total cost for all basic and additional services for the three-year rental agreement is as follows:

(3) 20' containers at 85 Branch Street (3 year, 2023 - 2026) - cost of \$ 47,045.00
(3) 40' containers at 239 Grotto Ave. (3 year, 2023 -2026)- cost of \$ 33,624.00
Total \$ 80,669.00

Motion to accept the request was made by Mike Araujo and seconded by Mark Theroux.

Roll Call Taken:

William Masuck - Yes
James Bradford – Yes
Thomas Hodge – Yes
Mark Theroux – Yes
Mark Theroux – Yes
Mark Stankiewicz - Yes

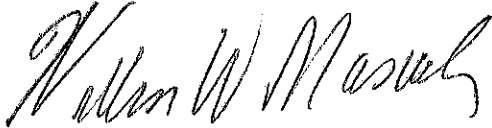
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Next scheduled meeting will be on November 14th, 2023.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mark Stankiewicz and seconded by Mark Theroux.

Meeting adjourned at 5:32 pm.

Certified by PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD, recorded by kp

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William W. Masuck".

William Masuck, Chairperson