

**MFN Regional Wastewater Meeting
December 7, 2021**

**MEETING MINUTES
(VIRTUAL MEETING – GOTOWEBINAR)**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mansfield: Michael Trowbridge
 Mansfield: Matthew Teixeira
 Mansfield: Jess Aptowitz, MFN Secretary
 Norton: Mike Yunits, MFN Chairman
 Norton: Diane McElligott
 Foxboro: Chris Gallagher, MFN Vice Chairman
 Foxboro: Richard Pacella

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Lee Azinheira

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

GUESTS PRESENT: Chris Rositer, MFN
 Joe Cove, MFN Counsel
 Kevin Dumas, Mansfield Town Manager
 Josh Reinke, Interim DPW Director
 Matt Violette, MFN Treasurer
 Renee Gauthier, Secretary

1) Approval of Meeting Minutes (11-2-21)

Discussion: Diane stated that the minutes of 11/2/21 need to be amended to reflect prior to going into executive session that the MFN Commission would not return to the regular meeting.

Motion: To approve Meeting Minutes of 11-2-21.
 (Aptowitz/Trowbridge); all in favor; unanimous.

Roll Call Vote:

Yunits – Yes
McElligott - Yes
Trowbridge – Yes
Aptowitz – Yes
Teixeira – Yes
Pacella – Yes

Gallagher – Yes

2) Approval of Bills

Discussion - Warrant 22-09:

Motion: To approve Expense Warrant 22-09 in the amount of \$79,909.11 and to authorize the Executive Director to be the only signature required for the warrant. (Trowbridge/Aptowitz); all in favor; unanimous

Roll Call Vote:

Yunits – Yes

McElligott - Yes

Trowbridge – Yes

Aptowitz – Yes

Teixeira – Yes

Pacella – Yes

Gallagher – Yes

3) Community Updates

a) Mansfield
Nothing new.

b) Foxborough
Nothing new.

c) Norton
Nothing new.

4) FY2023 Draft Budget

Discussion: Lee reviewed draft budget for FY2023. The summary is that the overall budgets is only increased by 0.14 % over last year. Revenues are up significantly, and are expected to be again next year, partially due an increase in septage disposal at the plant. Chris Rositer explained that the septic receiving plant in Taunton has closed, so more local haulers have returned to using the MFN plant. Lee said the plant on accepts septage from the three MFN towns. Lee explained that after review with Matt Violette, they recommend to only increase the budget by 1.5% rather than 3%; review each year and increase back to 3% if needed in future years. In FY2028 a large debt service will be paid off, so overall costs will decrease. He inquired if there were any questions. Mike Trowbridge stated that reducing the costs going back to the towns is a good thing and Dianne agreed.

5) Executive Director's Report

Chris Rositer added that even with the increase to incoming septage, there should be no additional cost increase, except that they may spend a little to clean septage receiving tanks, but cost is low. Chris said there has been a cost reduction due to the change to solids handling, they are now decanting the sludge, thickening what is put on trucks which saves on the trucking load charges. Chris said this has saved the plant about \$42,000 in costs.

- 6) Any Items Not Anticipated 48 Hours Prior To This Meeting
- 7) Next Meeting – Tuesday, January 4, 2022, 6 PM.
- 8) Executive Session – Rail Trail Property Including Imminent Domain


Motion: That the Commission enter into executive session under the terms of Massachusetts General Laws chapter 30A section 21 (a) (6) to discuss easement valuations, appraisals and other related cost items as they may bear upon clarifying title to the MFN Sewer lines in the location of the proposed rail trail. (Trowbridge/Aptowitz); all in favor; unanimous

Roll Call Vote:
Yunits – Yes
McElligott - Yes
Trowbridge – Yes
Aptowitz – Yes
Teixeira – Yes
Pacella – Yes
Gallagher – Yes

Motion: To adjourn the regular MFN Meeting Session and not return; To move the meeting into Executive Session at 6:14PM and not to return to open meeting. (Trowbridge/Aptowitz); all in favor; unanimous

Roll Call Vote:
Yunits – Yes
McElligott - Yes
Trowbridge – Yes
Aptowitz – Yes
Teixeira – Yes
Pacella – Yes
Gallagher – Yes

Respectfully submitted,
Jess Aptowitz



Signature of District Secretary

1/11/22

Date of Acceptance