

**MFN Regional Wastewater Meeting
January 11, 2022**

**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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Lee Azinheira

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Foxboro: Richard Pacella

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 (12-7-21)

Discussion:

Motion: To approve Meeting Minutes of 12-7-21.
 (Trowbridge/Aptowitz); all in favor; unanimous.

Roll Call Vote:

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

2) Approval of Bills

Discussion - Warrant 22-12:

Motion: To approve Expense Warrant 22-12 in the amount of \$82,340.90 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

Gallagher – Yes

Discussion - Warrant 22-13:

Motion: To approve Expense Warrant 22-13 in the amount of \$67,641.610 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

Gallagher – Yes

3) Community Updates

a) Mansfield

Nothing new. Sewer contractor is installing the pipe lining to County Street on the Foxboro interceptor.

b) Foxborough

Nothing new.

c) Norton

Nothing new.

4) FY2023 Draft Budget

Discussion: Lee stated that he would like to defer the vote to approve the FY2023 budget to February 1st, as he is waiting for the final insurance numbers. He would prefer to have the best available numbers prior to the vote. Lee stated that if there were any questions between now and then, please reach out to him and he would be happy to supply the information.

5) MFN Easement to Norton for Bike Path on Certain Designated Parcels Owned by MFN

Lee explained that MassDOT needs to see progress on the acquisitions, these parcels are fee simple and will show them that progress is being made. We already own these parcels. Joe Cove stated this motion authorizes the MFN Director to act on behalf of the MFN Commission and giving this permission will speed up the process, which will help Norton to keep the funding in place.

Motion: MFN Easement to Norton for Bike Path on Certain Designated Parcels Owned by MFN Motion: Whereas there has been an understanding between the Towns of Norton, Mansfield and The MFN Regional Wastewater District that the district would at the appropriate time give to the town of Norton and Mansfield, if required, easements for bicycle and pedestrian pathway purposes over the sewer conduit line currently owned by the district in the location of the rail bed previously owned by the New York New Haven/Penn Central system and further that the Towns of Mansfield and Norton are now in the process of designing and completing land acquisitions for the subject bicycle pathway and it is now appropriate to grant such easements, I now move that the MFN Regional Wastewater District: vote to direct and authorize its Executive Director to execute in the name of the district and under its seal and upon such terms as the Executive Director deems appropriate and in the best interest of the district easements to the towns of Norton and Mansfield for the purposes of a bicycle path/pedestrian walkway over the sewer conduit line/interceptor line/trunk line now owned by the district and in the location of the former rail bed of the New York New Haven/Penn Central system and specifically in those parcels where it appears that the district holds fee title.

(Trowbridge/Aptowitz); all in favor; unanimous

Roll Call Vote:

Yunits – Yes

McElligott - Yes

Trowbridge – Yes

Aptowitz – Yes

Teixeira – Yes

Gallagher – Yes

6) Executive Director's Report

7) Any Items Not Anticipated 48 Hours Prior To This Meeting

8) Next Meeting – Tuesday, February 1, 2022, 6 PM.

9) **Motion:** To adjourn at 6:13 PM.
(Aptowitz/Trowbridge); all in favor; unanimous

Roll Call Vote:

Yunits – Yes

McElligott - Yes

Trowbridge – Yes

Aptowitz – Yes

Teixeira – Yes

Gallagher – Yes

Respectfully submitted,
Jess Aptowitz



Signature of District Secretary

2/1/22

Date of Acceptance