

CAMBRIDGE WATER BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2014

This meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m. at 250 Fresh Pond Parkway, in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Those in attendance were:

Cambridge Water Board (CWB): Richard Johnson, Ann Roosevelt, Jim Tanner and Phil Weinberg (via telephone)

Cambridge Water Department (CWD): Fred Centanni, Sam Corda, Tim MacDonald, Mark Gallagher and Linda Vierboom

A. MINUTES OF JANUARY 15, 2014 MEETING

Mr. Tanner moved and Mr. Johnson seconded the motion to approve the January 14, 2014 minutes as amended. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Huron Avenue Water Projects Update: The status of the upgrades to the Huron Avenue 40 inch transmission main and the new 24 inch connection at the water treatment plant were given by Mr. Gallagher via a power point presentation and discussion. The presentation is summarized below. At the request of the MWRA and to accommodate sewer separation work on Huron Avenue, CWD shut down the 40" transmission main in September of 2013. The shutdown of the 40" supply main reduced the Cambridge flow by approximately 90% and the MWRA agreed to supply the remaining water for the city's needs, at no cost, for the duration of the project. The MWRA connection at Norfolk Street gate house was activated to provide the water. The original shut down duration was anticipated to be 4 months, however due to contract/construction delays the shutdown was extended until April 2014. Once it was known that the 40" was going to be shut down for an extended period, the CWD decided to take advantage of the main being dewatered to perform internal inspections and make any repairs to the pipe as may be needed. CWD added a changed order to the Huron A, Sewer Separation contract, to remove and replace all the old pipes and valves in a critical section where it interconnected with a 30" main on Huron at the intersection of Gurney. The new piping and valves in this area will give CWD much more reliable control and isolation ability for the transmission main along with a future connection location for a redundant line.

24" Connection at the Water Treatment Plant: The recent transfer of the railroad land adjacent to the plant back to the City opened up a unique opportunity. With the railroad gone the restrictions for crossing under it were also gone, which gave us the ability to install a new 24" main under the tracks out to Fresh Pond Parkway. This connection has added partial emergency redundancy to our water supply system.

C. OPERATIONS

Transmission and Distribution:

None

Water Operations:

None

Watershed:

Inquiries or questions by the board: The question was asked as to when the Kingsley Park Project would go out to bid. Mr. MacDonald indicated that the goal is to award the contract on April 1st and thus needs to go out to bid by the end of February. Ms. Roosevelt asked where the Trapelo Road Gatehouse was located, whereby Mr. Macdonald described the location in more detail and indicated where it was on the watershed map.

Ms. Roosevelt said that in the spring the Fresh Pond Advisory Board would like to plant and dedicate a tree to honor Chip Norton. It was also suggested that a future stewardship award in his name be considered as well.

Business:

None

Engineering Division:

None

D. ACTION ITEMS

None

E. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

None

F. NEW BUSINESS

Due to concerns of high speed bikers, and as a result of the Kingsley Park project discussion, the topic of imposing a speed limit on the reservation was put before the board by Mr. Corda. It was suggested that research be done, looking into what other entities do and to bring this information back to the board. This topic will be discussed at future meetings.

Mr. Weinberg moved and Mr. Tanner seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 pm. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

G. NEXT MEETING DATES /TOPICS

- March 12, 2014- Approved- Distribution and Engineering Update
- April 16, 2014 – Approved- Water Operations Update
- May 14, 2014 – Approved – Watershed Chemical Storage Update
- June 18, 3014 – Approved – Budget Overview

Minutes approved by vote of the Board.

Signed: _____
Ann C. Roosevelt, President

Date: _____