

NEW HAMPSHIRE DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION

DRAFT Minutes of April 18, 2018 Meeting

The meeting was convened at 8:06am.

Members present included: Sen. President Chuck Morse, Chair; Sen. Dan Feltes; Paul Sanderson; Rep. Chris Christensen; Andrea Kenter; Rep. Suzanne Smith; Bernard Rousseau; Former Senator Richard Russman; Tim Vadney; Rachel Miller; Rodney Bartlett; Clark Friese; William Boyd, III; David Paris; Bruce Bretton; Commissioner Robert Scott; Christopher Way; Tim Vadney.

Minutes were moved by Sen. Russman, seconded by Sen. Feltes. Vote was unanimous in favor of approval.

Gary Lynn of DES presented an update on the Southern New Hampshire Regional project, including the results from town meeting impacting the project. Plaistow voted with 77% approval on a warrant article to convert the town's fire suppression system to potable drinking water, and Windham approved a warrant article for an engineering study for a proposed extension of the project through the town. He also provided updated cost estimates with Phase I at \$26.3m and Phase II costing \$16m.

David Paris asked about the specifics of the line along Rt 28. Gary Lynn answered that it would be a 20in main running roughly 3.5 miles.

The proposal for Phase I of the project would involve \$19m coming from the trust fund, with \$7.3 coming from MTBE settlement funds.

Gary Lynn continued with a presentation of the MSDC, which they state would buy up front and then sell to the towns.

Bernie Rousseau asked if buying into the MSDC meant reserving a supply and asked how long the buy would be good for. Gary Lynn answered the state makes it available on a first come first serve basis to the towns and that Salem was looking to purchase all of theirs up front. Clark Freise added that the state would lock into the purchase and that it would not expire.

Senator Morse laid out the history of the meetings between Manchester, Derry, Salem, Windham, Atkinson, Plaistow, and Hampstead and that Manchester and Derry were working on an agreement for water rates. Sen. Morse opened the floor for questions and none were asked.

Senator Morse called for a vote on approving the disbursement the \$19.6m for the Southern New Hampshire project. It was moved by William Boyd and seconded by Senator Feltes. Vote was unanimous in favor.

Senator Morse called for a vote on approving the disbursement of the \$11.2m for the MSDC. It was moved by William Boyd and seconded by Senator Feltes. Vote was unanimous in favor of approval.

Sarah Pillsbury laid out a preview of the workshop session and a timeline for the 2018 Loan and Grant round.

Sue Carlson presented the FY 2019 budget, including the operations of the program and the items just approved by the Commission.

Senator Feltes asked how many of the 5 full time employees that staff the program had been hired. Sue Carlson replied that 2 had been hired and the other 3 are in process, with the hope they would be on board in 6 weeks.

Sue Carlson also provided an update on the FY 2018 expenditures made by the Commission.

William Boyd asked if existing contracts had been used for the FY 2018 projects or if they had been put out to bid. Sue Carlson replied they had gone out to bid.

William Boyd asked if the loan Atkinson had declined would have an impact on the Southern New Hampshire Regional project. Sue Carlson replied that it was unrelated.

Senator Morse asked if expenditures had been in line with previous forecasts, Sue Carlson answered that they had been slightly behind, although it was due to the delay in hiring employees.

Bernie Rousseau asked if the \$11.2m for the MSDC was going to be disbursed right away. Clark Freise answered it was under negotiations, and that it might be disbursed next year.

Senator Morse called for a vote approving the FY 2019 budget. Former Senator Russman made the motion, seconded by Rep. Christensen. Vote was unanimous in favor of approval.

Senator Morse passed out draft version of language that would clarify the process of when a town makes a wholesale or bulk purchase of fluoridated water. Rep. Christensen said that the amendment would be heard before his committee on 4/24 in Room 305 at the LOB at 10:00am.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50am.

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