

WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROGRAM

ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 16, 2019 – Franklin WWTP Training Center

Members Present: The meeting was called to order by Ray Korber (Bay District) at 10:05 am. Ron White (DAS), Sharon McMillin (DES), Rene Pelletier (DES), Katie Ambrose (Sanbornton), Johanna Ames (Tilton), Jeanne Beaudin (Belmont), and Scott Dunn (Gilford) were present at that time.

Minutes: Johanna moved, seconded by Scott, with Jeanne abstaining, to approve the April 18, 2019 meeting minutes as written. The motion passed.

Monthly Summary Report: Sharon provided the following updates. They were based on the *Monthly Summary Report* for April 2019.

- Flow Metering Services Study – There were no updates.
- Asset Management/Collection System Evaluations Initiative – A summer intern will assist with collection system assets and GIS input.
- WRBP Infrastructure Ownership/Responsibilities – MOAs for Bay District, Sanbornton, Meredith, Franklin, and Laconia are under review and negotiations will continue.
- Governance Work Plan – See below.
- Rate Assessment Formula – The Wright-Pierce draft report for Phase I is expected to be available for review the end of May. See the Rate Assessment Workgroup Update section below.
- Replacement Fund (Reserve Account) Legislation – Legislation to create a Reserve Account is not being pursued at this time.
- Commercial Discharge Permit (CDP) – There are no new updates.
- WRBP Rules Update – Final rules have been posted. Additional changes will be proposed in the future and members' input will be solicited.

Rate Assessment Workgroup Update: Ray announced that W-P's draft report for Phase I is expected to be ready for discussion at the next advisory Board meeting.

Authority Workgroup Update: Ray announced that he was still working with Richard Head to facilitate meetings with multiple state agencies. For a variety of reasons, no additional meetings have been conducted. He will keep the other members informed and try to expedite the scheduling process. Ron White indicated that someone had inquired about property transfers to the DAS. After some discussion, members agreed that such inquiries were probably premature based on where the process was in the roadmap. Rene indicated his willingness to contact the DAS Commissioner to clarify the premature status of the current inquiry.

Other Business: Sharon informed members of a significant forcemain leak at the Pendleton Beach pump station in Laconia. The discharge originated from a 24-inch ductile iron pipe due to perforations from the outside of the pipe. WRBP staff and a local contractor were deployed immediately to perform the emergency response. Haulers were called in until by-pass pumping could begin. Currently, approximately 1,200 feet of pipe is being bypassed to reach the next manhole from the pump station wet well. Everything is under control and EPA and DES were notified.

The WRBP is soliciting quotes to install a cured-in-place lining, starting at the pump station wall and ending at the rise from the water-soil interface level below the ground surface. The only other option would be to dig and replace which would be problematic because the top of the pipe is 17 feet to 20 feet below the ground surface. This is the deepest WRBP pump station at 40 feet deep. Excavation using a trench box and PVC replacement piping might work in a different, shallow location. Due to the location and depth this is not a viable option. Additionally, doing so would require ripping up a private road and yards at private residences along the road, which would raise restoration costs significantly.

The WRBP is working with the abutters and their homeowners' association and is in contact with them on nearly a daily basis. The residents have been very patient. Busby Construction is the local contractor and deployed quickly to assist with the immediate response and will be the contractor performing the final repairs and restoration. Three septic haulers worked for three days over the Easter weekend as part of this effort. The WRBP's Emergency Response Plan made the immediate response possible and worked well in that regard. Sharon wished to recognize the immediate and effective response by all involved. Paul Busby is working with Wright-Pierce to solicit the quotes for the custom lining. That vendor will be a subcontractor to Busby in order to facilitate the timely completion of the work.

Retroactive funding will cover the expenses for the emergency response from the Replacement Fund. Busby and the haulers will be providing invoices for the emergency response shortly. The lining installation will also need to be out of the Replacement Fund. The cost for just the lining is approximately \$200K. There will need to be some additional excavation and the site restoration performed by Busby. Scott asked which companies were providing quotes for the lining. Sharon said that she could find out from Wright-Pierce and let the Advisory Board members know their names.

Jeanne asked what the life expectancy would be for the liners used for the cure in place installation. Sharon said that research indicates 15 to 20 years; possibly longer, depending upon conditions. This is what Wright-Pierce is recommending. Johanna asked if the replenishment for the Replacement Fund would be paid by the member communities (Laconia and Gilford) in which the leak occurred; or, spread across the member communities as a whole as was done in the past. Sharon reminded members that previous votes had indicated that the reimbursement would only be from the affected member; Gilford and Laconia. Ray asked if this issue could be added to the agenda for the next meeting. Sharon and Johanna agreed, noting that it made sense to discuss this when Wes Anderson (Laconia) was present. Scott asked what percent was Gilford's flow. Sharon estimated that it was at least 75 percent Gilford's flow but that, in this case, actual flow data was available from the haulers and pump station information collected during the event.

The Energy Efficiency Award Ceremony will be held at 12:30 pm today following a luncheon provided by NHSaves. The WRBP staff would be honored to have the Advisory Board members as their guests. The new Water Division Director, Tom O'Donovan, will be in attendance along with DES Commissioner Robert (Bob) Scott, Lisa Cota-Robles from Governor Sununu's office, Peter Clark from Senator Shaheen's office, Kerry Holmes from Senator Hassan's office, Amy Slattery from Congresswoman Kuster's office, and Molly Hayes from Congressman Pappas' office. After brief speeches from each, Tom and Bob will present the award plaque to WRBP staff.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am. The next meeting was rescheduled and will be held at the Meeting House **in Belmont on Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 10:00 am.** The minutes were prepared by Pro-Temp Staffing.