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TOWN OF MEDWAY COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WATER FACILITY BUILDING COMMITTEE

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February 17, 2022

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, no in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted at this meeting. Committee members will be participating remotely. For public hearings, access via Zoom is provided for the required opportunity for public participation. Information for participating via Zoom is posted at the end of this Agenda.

In attendance via Zoom:

Tim Harris, Medway Resident & Chair
John Foresto, Select Board Member & Vice-Chair
Ted Kenney, Medway Resident & Member
Michael Callahan, Medway Resident & Member
David D'Amico, Medway Resident & Member
Peter Pelletier, DPW Director
Sean Harrington, DPW Deputy Director
Barry Smith, Water/Sewer Superintendent
Helen Gordon, Environmental Partners
Gopika Prakash Chandran, Environmental Partners
Rob Williamson, Wright-Pierce
Jim Cray, Wright-Pierce
Michael Boynton, Town Manager
Jill Karakeian, DPW Program Administrator and Recording Secretary

Chair Harris called the meeting to order @ 7:00pm roll call and asked all attending members to state their name and position.

Project Update

Helen Gordon – Wright-Pierce is on schedule to have the bid documents on March 10, 2022 per the latest schedule. Mass DEP does a review of the technical aspects of the Treatment Plant. The approval letter has been drafted and will be issued once the MEPA Certificate has been issued. That Certificate is set to be issued on February 25, 2022. The Planning & Economic Development Board, a decision is expected to be voted at their March 2, 2022 meeting. At their second meeting Wright-Pierce will then submit final plans for them to endorse. Conservation Commission – final revisions are being submitted tomorrow, with the expectation that their next meeting on February 22, 2022, we will get a draft Order

of Conditions. FEMA – Barry Smith is finalizing any paperwork on his end, and Alysa Longo is wrapping up the revised application and we did the extension. 90% review comments from the OPM were given to Wright-Pierce and they are working on those comments. The SRF funding intended use plan for FY22 came out and Medway is on the list of over all project. \$21.4 million with the first year being \$15 million. This is a reimbursement program – they reimburse as you spend. The funds get appropriated when you sign the loan. FY22 typically starts in January for them, and they are running a little late as they have been for the last couple of years. In terms of additional funding, Medway is not listed as a tiered community for the affordability of adjusted per capita income. You are above the highest tier, so that excludes you from additional load forgiveness.

Helen Gordon asked Michael Boynton if Medway was a housing choice community.

Michael Boynton acknowledges that Medway is a housing choice community.

Helen Gordon explains that housing choice communities will get some assistance. Similar to last year, what we would do, at the draft stage, we would let them know if we will be using the SRF funds. They would be funding construction services for the Designer and OPM, construction of the facility, start-up, not utilities and not legal fees.

Michael Boynton will get together with Peter Pelletier and Carol Pratt to discuss the financing options.

Helen Gordon continues with the review. They had a very effective phone call with KP Law on the front-end coordination. We are expecting their final comments by the beginning of next week.

Jim Cray talks about the contractor pre-qualifications. Wright-Pierce completed their evaluations and we will send that out tomorrow and set up a meeting next week to make sure we are all in agreement with the scores.

Tim Harris asked if there were any items that are still waiting on decisions to help move this along.

Rob Williamson explains that whether or not the Town is going to use SRF funding is a critical decision, as it impacts a lot of the front-end stuff. The program has a lot of requirements, that might not be needed if it's not SRF funding.

Jim Cray states that we will be advertising in the Central Register the beginning of March. If it's an SRF project, we advertise it as an SRF project, and that will impact their bid.

Tim Harris questioned the impact on costs of the project with SRF versus private funding.

Helen Gordon explains that the challenges right now plays into the supply chain issues and availability of equipment. It really depends on so many different things.

Michael Boynton will have discussions with Carol Pratt, Town Accounting to discuss options for funding, bonding, percentage rates and will get information to the Committee by the beginning of next week.

Helen Gordon will get Michael Boynton a spreadsheet showing eligible and ineligible costs with regards to SRF funding.

Next Meeting was scheduled for 2/23/22 @ 7:00pm.

Member Kenney makes a motion to adjourn at 8:02pm Vice-Chair Foresto seconds. The motion carries unanimously. A roll call vote was taken due to the nature of the remote Zoom meeting.