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TOWN OF MEDWAY COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WATER FACILITY BUILDING COMMITTEE

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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, Selectmen & Vice-Chair
Ted Kenney, Medway Resident & Member
Michael Callahan, Medway Resident & Member
David D'Amico, DPW Director
Peter Pelletier, DPW Deputy Director
Helen Gordon, Environmental Partners
Michael Boynton, Medway Town Manager
Jill Karakeian, DPW Program Administrator and Recording Secretary

Chair Harris called the meeting to order @ 4:33pm roll call and asked all attending members to state their name and position.

Approval of past Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes from 3/4/21 were tabled for further review.

Contract Negotiation Update

Deputy Director Pelletier explains that the contract was reviewed by Town Counsel and then went to Wright-Pierce. They signed it late Thursday (3/11/21) and returned it with their Certificate of Insurance and Scope of Work, then it was forwarded over to the Select Board. Everything matched up and it all looked good, but ultimately, when it comes time, we will have to negotiate the price for the oversight and a contract amendment will need to be done at that point.

Member Callahan questioned the PFAS and wanted to confirm that they are doing PFAS with this design.

Director D'Amico explains the PFAS will be an alternate for the design purposes. We don't have a PFAS problem currently, however, all the rules have changed and they will be making us test for many more chemicals starting next year that we haven't had to before.

Deputy Director Pelletier confirms that PFAS is included in the total budget but is listed as an alternate.

Chair Harris asked Helen Gordon and Town Manager Boynton to update the Committee on the status.

Helen Gordon explains that we've come to an agreement on Scope & Budget with Wright-Pierce and it's for \$913,300.00, which includes up to bidding with the goal of putting together a Scope & Budget for the Construction Administration support, once we know how long the project is going to take. Environmental Partners is contracted for the entirety of the project, including Construction Administration work under our contract.

Town Manager Boynton feels the complexity and uncertainty of exactly what we are going to be treating; we are sitting here trying to figure out exactly what the state is going to be having us doing 24 months from now and it still just isn't clear enough. The key is to get this underway, get a Design Firm selected, you were pleased with Wright-Pierce and they've been good to us with this process. Let's move forward with the design and within the next 6-8 months we should be in a better position to figure what that next piece will be that needs to be bonded.

Chair Harris mentions coming up with a side by side analysis comparison with Environmental Partner's and Wright-Pierce for CA to come up with our own budgets and what our potential exposure will be with this.

Helen Gordon agrees and has this on her list to do. She will take Environmental Partner's CA responsibilities and Wright-Pierce's and show what the expectation is to negotiate with them.

Town Manager Boynton explains that the original \$2.3M that had been authorized contemplated a total of \$1.5M for design and OPM. Part of it was not totally sure what the level of the OPM would have to be because of the type of construction law we would be doing this under. Whether the Strict Public Works construction law or the traditional building construction law. After review with Town Counsel, the determination was made that we needed to go with the full OPM. We are very happy with that and what Helen Gordon, Paul Millett and company are doing. We have a budget of \$1.5M, we are now with \$800,000.00 from Environmental Partners and the \$913,300.00 to date, puts us at \$1.7M and change, we are clearly exceeding the \$1.5M that was originally targeted. We do have some cost efficiencies in a few of the other parts of the project – when I say the project, I include the work at Oakland for the satellite wells and the raw water piping, same thing at Village and the satellite well at Populatic, we have had some cost savings. The one piece that we haven't done a design on yet is the satellite well at Oakland. In order to do what we are doing without going back to Town Meeting and getting another appropriation to increase the borrowing authorization, we are going to delay some of the design work on the satellite wells at Village, we will defer a portion of the design so we have the borrowing capacity available right now to get the main treatment plant right away.

Chair Harris suggests at some point to reconcile the numbers within a document so we make sure we are tracking it all.

Member Kenney makes a motion that we recommend the final draft of Scope of Services and Contract for Wright-Pierce to the Select Board for approval, Member Callahan seconds. The motion carries unanimously. A roll call vote was taken due to the nature of the remote Zoom meeting.

Vice-Chair Foresto makes a motion to adjourn at 4:52pm Member Callahan seconds. The motion carries unanimously. A roll call vote was taken due to the nature of the remote Zoom meeting.