

Grandin Water District
Commissioners' Meeting

March 10, 2023

MINUTES

- Call to Order** A quorum being present, a meeting of the Grandin Water District (GWD) Commissioners was called to order by the chair, Alex Strysky, at 3:00 p.m. in the basement meeting room of the Dickinson Library in Northfield.
- Attendance** All members were present, to wit: Tim Cosgrove, Alex Strysky, Peter Weis. Also present was counsel to the GWD, Jeffrey Blake. Dennis McCarthy, CFO of Thomas Aquinas College was present via Zoom.
- Preliminary Discussion** This was an informational meeting to learn about the qualifications of engineering firm Tighe and Bond, and to discuss potential scope of work necessary perform due diligence regarding the condition of the material assets of the East Northfield Water Company (ENWC). Mr. Blake suggested a timeline of approximately 17 months until a completed transfer, noting the additional need to complete transfer permitting through Massachusetts DEP and regulatory compliance.
- Tighe and Bond Presentation** Joining via Zoom at 3:14 p.m. were representatives of engineering firm Tighe and Bond: Peter Galant, Peter Valinski and Zach Chornyak. They outlined their experience, both as engineers and in their previous work on behalf on the ENWC. After this presentation, all commissioners were agreed that, dependent on the cost of their proposal, that Tighe and Bond would be an appropriate firm with whom to work, but that a second choice should nonetheless be interviewed for comparison's sake.

**Update on DEP
Coordination**

Form WS-26 has been submitted to Massachusetts DEP by Northfield Mount Hermon. Purchase and Sale agreement is contingent upon GWD submission of similar form WS-26.

EOI Submission

After a review of the Community One Stop for Growth funding program, Mr. Weis made a motion to submit an expression of interest (EOI) which was duly seconded and VOTED to submit an Expression of interest in the Community One Stop for Growth funding program.

GWD Website

The GWD will set up its own website, but for the present will continue to use the town website to announce meetings, and post agendas.

Minutes

Mr. Cosgrove made a motion to accept the minutes for January 26, 2023, subject to the addition of a meeting location which was duly seconded and VOTED to accept the minutes for January 26, 2023, subject to the addition of a meeting location. Mr. Cosgrove then made a motion to accept the minutes for February 16, 2023, subject to the addition of a meeting location which was duly seconded and VOTED to accept the minutes for February 26, 2023, subject to the addition of a meeting location.

**RCAP Training
And Update**

No additional update.

Future Meetings

Next meeting dependent on the availability of engineers from the firm Wright Pierce.

Other Business

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter H. Weis
Clerk of the Grandin Water District