

Grandin Water District
Commissioners' Meeting

July 20, 2023

MINUTES

- Call to Order** A quorum being present, a meeting of the Grandin Water District Commissioners was called to order in by the chair Alex Strycky at 3:30 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room of the Dickinson Library, 115 Main St., Northfield, MA.
- Attendance** All members were present, to wit: Tim Cosgrove, Alex Strycky, Peter Weis. Also attending were Dennis McCarthy, CFO of Thomas Aquinas College and Purna Rao of RCAP both present via Zoom. Sarah Kerns of the Northfield Selectboard attended in person.
- Grant/Loan Opportunities** Mr. Rao reported on many of the loan and grant opportunities with which the commissioners were already familiar, among them USDA, SRF loans, MassWorks, Clean Water Trust, and One Stop. He noted the need for Project Evaluation Forms (PEFs) for these applications and pointed out that Tighe and Bond (T&B) could help with this. He noted the difference between assistance for planning and design versus construction. The Clean Water Trust funding works with a rolling deadline. The fact that the GWD is not yet in possession of any material assets will hamper its ability to win loans and grants but may not actually bar it from doing so.
- Tighe & Bond Site Visit** On July 19, Jennifer Reynolds of T&B visited the East Northfield Water Company facilities with operator Bill Pachalis, inspecting the plant, and examining the potential for conversion, of a second building, now used only for storage, into office space. A report will be forthcoming. On or about September 1, 2023, a full report and engineering assessment will be complete. Further inquiry into obsolescence and other "potential issues" will be upcoming as well.

The hope is that T&B will apply an engineering “eye” in triaging projects and in grant application. T&B will help coordinate a meeting with Mass DEP once their assessments are complete. Mr. Rao offered a further vote of confidence for the work of T&B.

Minutes Due to time constraints the acceptance of the minutes from the meetings of from 2/16, 3/10, 4/19, 4/20, 4/28, 5/9 and 6/9 was postponed until the next meeting. n.b. Despite the agenda item noting minutes for 3/16, this was only an informational meeting with one commissioner. No minutes were taken.

Other Business None.

Next Meeting No further meeting was scheduled.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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