

**CAMBRIDGE WATER BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
April 14, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. at 250 Fresh Pond Parkway in Cambridge Massachusetts. Those in attendance were:

Cambridge Water Board (CWB): Paul D. Robillard, Ann C. Roosevelt and Philip M. Weinberg.
Cambridge Water Department (CWD): Sam Corda, Tim MacDonald, Kathy Toppi and Peter Varga.

Guests: None

A. MINUTES OF MARCH 3, 2008 MEETING

Mr. Robillard moved and Mr. Weinberg seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the March 3rd meeting as written. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Water Week (May 5th thru the 10th): Handed out the water week celebration schedule of events for review.

Annual Fresh Pond Reservation Day (May 10, 2008): This is the first Annual Fresh Pond Reservation Day (FPRD). It will be held on the Saturday of Water Week from 11:00am to 3:00pm. The City is planning this event and many City Departments will be involved. This event will include activities such as: a Story Book Walk, Scavenger Hunt, will involve the Maynard Ecology Center and will celebrate Rachael Carson's birthday. Various forms of transportation will be made available for this event.

Hiring Update: Working Supervisor, Water Systems Maintenance Craftsperson, MEOIIA: posted and will be having interviews on April 15th; Distribution Manager: will be initiated after the Manager of Engineering is being interviewed; Manager of Engineering: reposted a 3rd time the posting closes on the 16th of April- so far received 16 resumes; Treatment Plant Operator: posted, held interviews and to make recommendation to the City Manager.

Water Rate: A rate increase of 2.1% for the Fiscal Year 2009 was approved by City Council on March 24, 2008. The rates are defined in the proposal from the City Manager to City Council, dated March 24, 2008.

Budget 2009: The budget recommendation from the City Manager was discussed. The overall budget increased 0.5% from FY08 with a total budget of \$20.7M. This included \$1.0M in pay-as-you-go capital improvements as well as an additional \$1.0M for water works improvements in Concord Avenue from Blanchard Road to the Alewife Rotary. The operating budget projection, including debt service, is \$18.7M.

Future Water Board Meeting Topics: May: Prospect Point update (former Polaroid site); June: Hydro Feasibility Study update; September – Watershed Tour.

OPERATIONS

Transmission and Distribution:

No Comments

Watershed:

Prospect Point Development Project: Working with Related Retail to review comments from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA) on their DEIR. Planning to meet in late April 2008 to go over the EOEEA Certificate with Related.

This project will be the main topic for our next Water Board Meeting on May 5, 2008.

There was some discussion on the somewhat recent fuel spill at the 128 Truck Stop in Lexington. Mr. Varga stated that we have been working with the Truck Stop for quite a while and we are continuing to do so.

We are working to install additional stop logs in the gatehouse so that we can gain about 450 million gallons of storage capacity within the Hobbs Brook Reservoir.

Business:

No comments

Water Operations:

No Comments

Engineering and Program Development:

No comments

D. Action Items

None

E. Miscellaneous Correspondence and Items of Interest

No discussion

F. New Business

Ms. Roosevelt mentioned that she will again be having the Water Board members over for dinner and she anticipated that this would be in early June 2008.

G. Next Meeting Dates/Topics:

- Monday, May 5, 2008 – Prospect Point update
- Monday, June 9, 2008 – Hydro Feasibility Study update
- Monday, September 8, 2008 – Watershed Tour

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Minutes approved by vote of the Board

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Ann C. Roosevelt, President