

**Minutes of the Board of Water Commissioners
Regular Meeting
December 23, 2013**

Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: DPS Facility – 16A Perry Way

Present:

Board: Commissioners Larry Kelley, Erford Fowler, Roger Jones

Staff: Tony Furnari, DPS Director; Paul Colby, Superintendent Water Operations; Dan Lynch, Distribution Manager; Lisa Valcich, Business Manager; Kathe Talkington, Administrative Office Manager

Old Business

Upper Artichoke Reservoir Dam and Gatehouse Upgrade Evaluation

Mr. Colby noted that Doug Gove, AECOM, has recommended an alternate design for the work at the Upper Artichoke Reservoir Dam and Gatehouse that would require less dredging. The original cost for this additional design and engineering was quoted as \$8,000 however Mr. Gove informed Mr. Colby that the additional cost would be \$19,000.

Mr. Colby added that the overall cost of the project will still be within the \$1.4M budget. The cost for full dredging alone would be over \$1M.

Commissioner Fowler asked if a historical demo permit is needed to remove the gatehouse. Mr. Colby replied that the issue would be addressed during the permitting process.

Commissioner Kelley asked if there were concerns with permitting in West Newbury. Mr. Colby replied the planned work is considered maintenance.

Commissioner Kelley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Fowler to approve Amendment 1 for additional engineer and design to the existing contract for Professional Services for Upper Artichoke Reservoir Dam and Gatehouse Upgrade Evaluation with a cost of the Amendment not to exceed \$19,000.

Vote: 3 yes

Minutes

Commissioner Jones made a motion seconded by Commissioner Fowler to approve the November 20, 2013 minutes as presented.

Vote: 3 yes

Bills Payable

Commissioner Jones made a motion seconded by Commissioner Fowler to accept the December 1 bills payable as presented.

Vote: 3 yes

Next meetings:

Wednesday January 15, 2014 @ 5:30 pm – 16A Perry Way

Wednesday February 19, 2014 @ 5:30 pm – 16A Perry Way

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.