

**Minutes of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners
Special Meeting
June 17, 2014**

Time: 12:00 p.m.
Location: 16A Perry Way

Present:
Board: Commissioners David Hanlon, Roger Jones, John Tomasz
Staff: Tony Furnari, DPS Director; Lisa Valcich, DPS Business Manager,
Paul Colby, Superintendent Water Operations
Guest: Doug Gove, AECOM

Newburyport WPCF Improvement Project, Amendment No 7.

Tony Furnari presented the commission with amendment No. 7 to the existing engineering agreement for OPM Services on the Newburyport WPCF Improvements Project. The proposed amendment incorporates the scope and budget for EFI Global, Inc. to perform a lead and asbestos survey for the old brick building located at 115 Water Street as approved by the Newburyport Sewer Commission at their meeting on April 30, 2014.

Contract amended under article 5 – Payment to the Engineer, Section 5.4, change the budget allowance from \$94,100 to \$96,550.

Commissioner Tomasz made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve budget allowance from \$94,200 to \$96,550.

Vote: 3 yes

Master Service Agreement for Engineering and Supplemental Services in Connection with the Wastewater system

Tony Furnari presented the commission a Master Service Agreement for Engineering and Supplemental Services in connection with the Wastewater System. This agreement is for Environmental Partners to perform engineering and supplemental services in accordance with contract tasks for a period of three years.

Commissioner Tomasz made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve master service agreement.

Vote: 2 yes, 1 present

Upper Artichoke Reservoir Dam Improvement Project

Paul Colby reviewed with the Commission the tabulation of bids received on 6/12/2014. The lowest cost bid was submitted by T. Ford Co., Inc. for \$1,181,225.00 which is \$400,000.00 higher than original estimate. T Ford has a very good reputation for performing quality dam repair work (<http://www.tford.com/>). Their reference sheet shows 16 dam projects in Massachusetts over the past

10 years ranging in size from \$110,000 to \$3,510,000. They have completed projects for the MWRA, Mass DCR, and several municipalities. They are also local, with their headquarters located 15 minutes south in Georgetown. Doug Gove, AECOM spoke regarding the higher bid price compared to estimate. The largest and most difficult component of the project is installation of temporary dams and pumping to be able to perform the work in the dry while maintaining half of the spillway active. The feedback we got from one contractor is that the cost to install the temporary portable dam alone was \$400,000 which is more than twice what we had included in the estimate.

Paul Colby mentioned that the intake structure is failing and has to be redone. The dam itself has had no maintenance for 100 years. There is leaking although the dam is structurally sound.

Project to be funded for increased expense in the amount of \$400,000.00 from retained earnings and to defer expense Capital Improvements for FY2015 will be decreased by \$240,000.00. First contract bid awarded in the amount of \$1,181,225.00 for Construction Costs and \$180,000.00 to AECOM Engineering Services.

Commissioner Hanlon made a motion to approve funding and project bids by AECOM and T. Ford Company, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Vote: 3 Yes

In light of June 17, 2014 meeting, the June 25th meeting of the Water and Sewer Commission is cancelled.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Submitted by:
Lisa Valcich