

Grandin Water District
Commissioners' Meeting

January 26, 2024

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 4:02 p.m. in the Basement meeting room of the Dickinson Library, 115 Main St., Northfield, MA.

Attendance

All commissioners were present, to wit: Tim Cosgrove, Alex Strysky, Peter Weis. Also attending were counsel for the GWD Jeffrey Blake and Dennis McCarthy, CFO of Thomas Aquinas College via teleconference.

Election of a Chair

Mr. Strysky noted that as his term as chair was up, and that as he was not seeking to continue his work with the GWD when his current term is up this spring, that either Mr. Cosgrove or Mr. Weis should serve instead. Reminding the commissioners of the shared nature of the work, Mr. Cosgrove agreed to serve. Mr. Strysky then made a motion to elect Tim Cosgrove as chair of the Grandin Water District, which was duly seconded and without further discussion the Commissioners VOTED to elect Tim Cosgrove as Chair of the Grandin Water District.

Executive Session

At the suggestion of the chair, Mr. Weis made a motion for the GWD Commissioners to go into executive session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, s21(a)(6) to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate with respect to the District's acquisition of the East Northfield Water Company if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body, which was duly seconded and by roll call unanimously VOTED to go into executive session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, s21(a)(6) to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate with respect to the District's acquisition of the East Northfield Water Company as the chair declared that an open meeting may have a detrimental

effect on the negotiating position of the public body. The commissioners returned from executive session at 5:40 p.m.

Minutes

Under review were minutes from the meetings of 9/27/23, 10/26/23, 11/15/23, 11/30/23, and 12/7/23, n.b. The agenda did not include approval of the minutes for 11/15/23, since that meeting was simply a planning session for the "open house" gathering later that evening, a typographical error noted acceptance of minutes for 12/4/23, which meeting was actually held on 12/7/23. Without objection, Mr. Strysky made motion to accept all of the minutes under review, to wit, for the meetings of 9/27/23, 10/26/23, 11/15/23, 11/30/23, and 12/7/23 which was duly seconded and VOTED to accept all of the minutes under review, to wit, for the meetings of 9/27/23, 10/26/23, 11/15/23, 11/30/23, and 12/7/23

Next Meeting

Mr. Cosgrove and Mr. Blake are planning to meet with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in the near future. No date has been set. The Commissioners will meet as soon after that meeting as is practical.

Other Business

Commissioners reviewed best practices for complying with open meeting laws, particularly as they apply to email correspondence. The central question of filtration and its cost remains squarely before the GWD.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter H. Weis

Clerk of the Grandin Water District