



## **WSCAC Executive Committee Meeting**

Tuesday July 26, 2016 - 10:00 A.M.

Location: MWRA Facilities in Southborough

### Members in Bold Present:

**Whitney Beals, WSCAC Chair, NE Forestry**  
**Gerald Eves, Trout Unlimited**  
Michael Baram, BU & Town of Belmont

Andrea Donlon, CRWC  
**Kurt Tramposch, Wayland Wells**  
**Paul Lauenstein, NepRWA**

### Non –Members in Attendance:

Lexi Dewey, WSCAC staff

### I. Updates

- Final FY16 BOD Information
  - New water rate
  - Money to state for final watershed land
- WSPT information: DCR Capital Plan-Phase I approved
- Proposed NPDES EPA to MassDEP
  - Bill has gone to study
  - Will resurface next January
    - Potential WSCAC meeting topic in winter of 2017
- MWRA Advisory Board Field Trip
  - August 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Wastewater facilities

### II. WSCAC Business

- FY2017 Contract
  - Same as FY2016 with slight salary increase
- Membership
  - Requirements
  - Attendance
    - Reviewed: inactive status needed?
  - Participation
- FY17 Topics (MWRA, DCR, EEA)
  - Tunnel and System Expansion
    - Members discussed hosting a meeting in the fall regarding the Metropolitan Tunnel and system redundancy
  - DCR Capital Planning and watershed concerns
    - Members decided it will be determined if an FY17 meeting will be held regarding biking, rail issues, and contaminant monitoring
  - NPDES/Primacy
    - Members discussed hosting a meeting in the winter regarding primacy



- Laskey 2016 Year In Review
- Potential meeting topics for FY2017
  - Metropolitan tunnel, Wachusett pump station, hatchery/hydro. project, and joint WAC meetings on climate, delegation, and MWRA budget
    - Lexi will draft an FY17 meeting schedule and send it to Ex. Comm. members for review

### III. WSCAC Issues

- What is happening in MWRA communities?
  - Renewal contracts for Wellesley and Reading
- New incentives from Advisory Board for communities wanting to join MWRA
- WSCAC Focus
  - Wachusett rail issue and sampling shed
  - Beginning construction on the Wachusett pump station and pipeline/hydro. project
  - Upcoming discussion for redundancy to the city tunnel begins in September
  - Monitoring the forestry program
  - Review of the Comprehensive Land Management Plan
  - Update on illegal biking in watersheds
- New member opportunities
  - League of Women Voters
  - Engineer
  - Changes at Boston Water and Sewer Commission

### IV. Steve Estes-Smargiassi – update on Lead Program

- Newton – first to use MRWA funding
- Staff summaries
- DEP Program
- DPH Role

Members concluded the meeting by discussing MWRA's drought management plan and the conservation message put forth by the Authority.

Meeting adjourned 1:00 P.M.