

**WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE
TOWN HALL
Meeting Minutes ~ June 6, 2005**

Members in attendance: Dave Irwin, Chair; Tom Burns, Vice-Chair; Bob Hunter; Rick Mattila; Joan Meschino; Ed Petrilak; Mike Blanchard – Alternate.

Also in attendance: Willaim T. Harvey, GE Ionics, Inc., Arnold R. Wallenstein, Ferriter Scobbo & Rodophele PC, and Richard Kleiman, ESS.

Meeting called to order by Chair at 7:18 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of minutes dated March 21, 2005 tabled for lack of a quorum of members present at the March 21st meeting and therefore unable to vote on the minutes.

MOTION by R. Mattila, **SECOND** by T. Burns, to approve minutes dated May 23, 2005. **APPROVED**, unanimously.

Chairman's Topics:

Guest speaker William Harvey, Marketing Director for GE Ionics, presented a brief overview of his business types and scope of service, including membrane components, green power solutions and financing solutions. Noted for the record that GE Ionics is not a respondent to the March 29, 2005 RFQ and is not affiliated with any of the respondents. Discussion included concepts of partnering with desalination companies and water production costs. Mr. Harvey advised the committee that he has been appointed to serve on a gubernatorial committee to establish a policy to facilitate permitting of desalination plants in Massachusetts. Mr. Harvey stated that the committee was established specifically with the Hull project in mind.

The WRC agreed to convene its next meeting at 6:00 p.m. to enable the committee to interview both respondents on the same night. The WRC agreed that the interview process will be as follows: (a) respondent will have 20 minutes to present (self-determined topic), (b) WRC will spend approximately 40 minutes asking scripted questions which will be provided to respondents prior to the interview, (c) respondent will be asked to keep answers to 3 to 10 minutes as appropriate, and (d) WRC will allow unscripted follow up questions as appropriate for approximately 30 minutes.

Members of the WRC suggested and evaluated various questions to be scripted and provided to respondents prior to their scheduled interviews.

MOTION by E. Petrilak, **SECOND** by M. Blanchard, to authorize J. Meschino to finalize the scripted questions. **APPROVED**, unanimously.

MOTION by E. Petrilak, **SECOND** by M. Blanchard, to authorize M. Blanchard to check references for SEA, Consultants, Inc. and Wright-Pierce. **APPROVED**, unanimously.

Having no business to conduct, the WRC meeting scheduled for June 13, 2005 will be canceled.

Public Input: Upon inquiry by R. Kleiman, the WRC stated that none of the respondents have been eliminated from consideration. The Chair stated further that respondents have been ranked by numerical score and the top two have been scheduled for interviews.

New Business: None.

Old Business: None.

Items for Discussion: None.

Next Meeting: June 27, 2005
6:00 p.m. at Town Hall

MOTION by R. Mattila, **SECOND** by M. Blanchard, to adjourn meeting. **APPROVED**, unanimously.

9:25 p.m. meeting adjourned.

Approved: _____