

**DRAFT (JCM, 4/27/25)**

**OLSBA WPCA MEETING MINUTES: APRIL 22, 2025**

**7:00 pm**

**ZOOM**

**PRESENT:** Martin Merritt (MM), Jack Reynolds (JR), Bob Palazzo (BP), Chris Shelton (CS), Dennis Colombie (DC), Roger Zito (RZ), James Moynihan (JM)

1. **Quorum:** Established

2. **Meeting Minutes:** The Board deferred action on voting to accept the draft April 2, 2025 meeting minutes until its next meeting

**3/4.Review of the Game Plan and Shared & Internal Project(s) Update :** JM provided an update to the Board relative to his discussion earlier in the month with DEEP officials (including discussing the potential of a meeting for WPCA members & DEEP and DEEP having representation at public meetings to be held prior to the May 24, 2025 Association vote), and his attendance at a meeting between project proponents hosted by Fuss & O'Neil (F&O) on April 9, 2025. JM suggested that the WPCA meet in joint session with the BOG in the very near future to hopefully agree upon the project amount that will be inserted in the Bond Resolution to be voted by the Association on May 24, 2025. Mr. Moynihan also noted that relative to the Shared Sewer Project: No bids had been received by Miami Beach Association, Miami Beach Association was seeking relief from state public health requirements involving private property wells, and that the Town needed to go increase the amount bonded for their share of the project (including work in Sound View).

5. **Bond Resolution:** The Board reviewed the draft template Bond Resolution prepared by Bond Counsel, following her presentation to the WPCA on April 2, 2025. The Resolution will be presented to the Board of Governors as the basis for the planned Association vote on the project on May 24, 2025.

6. **Review of F&O Discussion regarding Project Cost Amount & Inclusion in Bond Resolution:** JM also noted that he, CS and MM had spoken with F&O on April 21, 2025 and expected to receive an updated project pro-forma from F&O later this week - a discussion with F&O about the updated pro-forma was envisioned to occur on or around April 25, 2025.

**Public Input/Comments (1):** Per the request of RZ, and concurrence of the Board, the WPCA invited citizen input... the Board heard from Norman Yester regarding the status of the "sewer project" as of the date of the vote, 5/24/25 and Rob Cappellucci regarding project & homeowner costs.

7. **Engineering Support:** Motion: "Authorize the Chairman to contract with F&O, for engineering services, as of April 21, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$6,000" (CS, MM).

VOTE: 7-0. Motion approved.

**8. Legal Support: Motion:** "Move to authorize the Chair to contract with the law firm Hinkley Allen to review project documents (New London Agreement, East Lyme...) related to the preparation of the May 24, 2025 Association vote for an amount, not to exceed \$3,000" (JR, MM). Following a discussion the Board voted 3-3-1 regarding the motion (In Favor: JR, MM, RZ...Against: CS, DC, JM....Abstain: RP). Based upon the vote, the motion failed.

**9. Cost Sharing Agreement (CSA) Discussion:** JM discussed his project notes relating to the Cost Sharing Agreement (memo, 4/20/25)

**10. Communications:** The Board discussed conducting two public hearings - with a potential "zoom" meeting potentially be held between the dates May 12-14 and an "in person meeting between the dates of May 19-21. JM will check with the state DEEP representatives to see what potential dates might work for them. JM will also work to set up a meeting between DEEP officials and OLS WPCA members. Board members noted the importance of affording community residents the opportunity to participate in the sessions.

**11. FY 2026 WPCA Budget Request:** The Board reviewed the draft FY 2026 Operating Budget request, prepared by JM. Total request: \$51,600.

**12. Member Comments:** There were no additional comments...

**13. Public Input/Comments (2):** The Board heard comments from Norm Yester (question regarding the role of the President in the project, per the revised Bond Resolution and Jason Pope (noted the importance of public information and referenced "uncertainties" in the project.

ADJOURN: By an unanimous vote, the Board approved the motion to adjourn the meeting (CS, JR). The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 pm.