

# **Committee of the Old Lyme Shared & Internal Infrastructure Project**

## Minutes of February 16, 2026, meeting

Called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

Attendance: Gary, Fox, Scott Boulanger, Mark Merritt, Jay Moynihan, John Cunningham, Jerry Vande Werken, Frank Noe, Steve Humes, Douglas Whalen

Previous minutes approval- No minutes to approve

**DEEP 2-17-26 meeting discussion-** discussed to have one voice at the meeting tomorrow with the State.

### **Cost Sharing Agreement (CSA) –**

- it was discussed to update each member of the CSA agreement representatives. Each WPCA should forward their recommendation to their respective Board for approval. Each Board and the Town should provide the representative's name and email for the CSA group.
- Table 4 review should be taken by the group to identify any outstanding issues regarding the Bond resolution and cost differences of \$3 million from previous table 4 entries.
- Review letter to the Town of Old Lyme regarding the CSA agreement and identifying their representative of the CSA. The letter will be brought to the Miami Beach & Old Lyme Shore Board for signing the letter. Old Colony already has the approval to send out the letter.
- Mark Merritt had a question about the 2016 CSA agreement section 4.1. The 2020 Agreement to Add the Town of Old Lyme to the CSA did not modify section 4.1 of the 2016 CSA. Therefore, the conditions precedent to effectiveness under the original CSA have been satisfied even though the town referendum failed. The town's referendum only impacts on the Soundview and Area B internal infrastructure, not the rest of the beaches or the town's role in the shared infrastructure

### **Review of Construction IFO application-**

- Scott discussed the need to get all permits in place. Question was raised about will the project be able to move forward if permits are not in place? Where is Fuss & O'Neill on the permit process? What does the State say about Permits?
- Need to find out from Fuss & O'Neill what is needed for both internal & shared construction IFO application.

**Bond Agreement discussion-** need to address table 4 to make sure the bond resolutions are OK as presented.

**Discussion of O&M management team-** The COO of the East Lyme Sewer district (Ben North) was contacted a few years ago to discuss their agency to handle the O&M management of the day to day operations including the billing. The COO was called and left a message to follow up with their offer a few years ago. The Connecticut Water Company was also contacted, and they informed us they have provided billing for other municipalities Sewer programs and would consider doing the same for us. It was suggested to put together a RFP or scope of work to be sent out for bidders. Jay will follow up on a scope of work for the O&M program for our sewers. Steve has someone in the OCBCA WPCA who can review the RFP if one is put together.

**Construction discussions-** It was discussed that the market adjustments were not all in for each vendor and there was a 1-week extension that was granted. We should have a better idea of the increase by the next meeting.

**CWF grant sequence-** it was discussed that the meeting tomorrow we need to push the need to have the 25% CWF grant be put in front of the forgivable loan. It was also discussed that the Design IFO should be put into the forgivable loan instead of putting it into the Construction IFO.

**Fuss & O'Neill Discussion-**

- there was a concern about the construction monitoring cost that seemed to increase significantly.
- It was asked if we can change the project management team at this point.
- It was discussed that we need to sit down with Fuss & O'Neill and get a new number that is more reasonable since the 4 projects are all together and should see a cost savings due to the similar scope of work between projects.
- There was some discussion about bridge construction. The Town of Old Lyme ARP money for the shared infrastructure was sent aside for the bridge work. Frank is meeting tomorrow to go over the issues related to the spending of ARP money which should have about \$150k left in the account.

**Other items-** Jay is concerned about the Amtrak project and are we ok with moving forward under the Amtrak bridge? Do we need to check with Fuss & O'Neill to verify Amtrak is OK with us to move forward with the project? DOT Paving was raised due to the letter that was sent out about the DOT not delaying the paving project. The DOT is doing the 2 bridge projects and should not be repaving until the bridge work is done. At this time, it looks like we should be completed before the bridge work.

**Next Meeting- TBD**

**Adjourn-** meeting adjourned at 8:04pm (motion- Boulanger/Fox)

Submitted by, Douglas Whalen