

THE MATTABASSETT DISTRICT

Memorandum

Date: December 15, 2021 Subject: Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 14, 2021
To: Board of Directors From: Finance Committee, and *AGS*
Arthur G. Simonian, Executive Director

**Finance Committee
December 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

The Finance Committee met Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at The District Offices at 245 Main Street, Cromwell, Connecticut.

Finance Committee Chair, Doug Sienna, called the Committee meeting to order at 5:31 PM. In addition to the Chair, Committee Members, Joe Corlis, Jim Fallon, Rick Healey and Dale Aldieri were present. There was a quorum. Also, present were Executive Director – Arthur Simonian, Board Chairman – John Dunham remotely.

Following is a summary of the December 14th Finance Meeting:

- 1. Draft Audit Review FY2021** – The Executive Director reviewed and discussed the Draft Audit with the Committee. A few minor changes were made to page 7 that has an amount of \$136 million that didn't match page 8 so we corrected it to \$138 million. Some notes were changed regarding the Clean Water Project. The final Audit will be presented to the Board as a table item at next meeting. We will start to set aside funds and look at reserve balance to make sure we have money set aside for future retirement debt. The Executive Director discussed the long term debt about restructuring when we did the refinancing of the Clean Water Loan and went over the analysis of the Clean Water Refinancing. He compared both loans with all the interest and closing costs with a \$856,000 savings overall.
- 2. Draft Budget Review FY2023** – The Executive Director discussed the spreadsheet that provided analysis over 3 years 2019-2021 of expenses. Overall budget increase is about 5.6%, excluding capital and electricity the increase is about 3.5%. Excess revenue from 2022 is \$500,000 instead of \$250,000 from our left over income for this year. Employee health insurance has gone up quite a bit too; about 6% and it renews in July. Retirement benefits had a significant increase of 19% contributions due to public act. Increase in assessment is mostly due to credits going down for New Britain, Berlin, Cromwell buy in from Middletown. The Operation portion of the budget is based on 5 year flows and debt and capital are based on the reserve capacity. Increased Capital and changes in flow is what impacts changes to assessments between the communities. The Executive Director will go into more detail as to why each town has different numbers. We will get a vote and approval for the January Meeting. We will have all December flows for the 5 year comparison and expenditures updated for January meeting as well.

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3. Related Business & Staff Updates – Board members David Bauer and Daniel Salerno came today for a plant tour with the Executive Director.

Adjournment:

Mr. Aldieri moved, no second required and the committee approved unanimously to adjourn at 6:41 PM.