

Metacomet Board of Directors Meeting (MECC)

Minutes of Meeting

January 12, 2022

APPROVED FEB 09 2022

A meeting of the MECC Board of Directors was held on Wednesday 1/12/2022 via Zoom. Board members present were Chair Jamie Hellen, Vice Chair Sweet, Clerk Blythe Robinson, and Member Brian Noble. Others in attendance were: Metacomet Executive Director Gary Premo, Metacomet Deputy Director Darrell True, Millville Town Administrator Peter Caruso, Plainville Fire Chief Richard Ball, Franklin Fire Deputy Chief Joseph Barbieri, Attorney Leo Peloquin, Attorney Antoine Fares, Metacomet Communications Administrative Supervisor Padraic Pomeroy.

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m. by Chair Hellen.

A roll call was completed. Vice Chair Sweet, Clerk Robinson, and Member Noble present. Member Newman absent.

Agenda Item One:

Executive Session.

Chair Hellen motioned to move to executive session. Clerk Robinson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Sweet- Yes, Robinson- Yes, Noble- Yes, Hellen- Yes. 4 Yes/0 No/1 absent. Entered Executive Session at 8:04 a.m.

- a. To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares; CBA status between MECC and MACOP Local 475.
- b. To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares; Norfolk County Retirement Board ADR application of former MECC employee.
- c. To comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements; the approval of minutes from previous executive session, August 11, 2021.

Returned to open session at 8:50am.

Agenda Item Two:

FY2023 State 911 Development Grant.

Director Premo reported that the fiscal 2023 development grant had been released. The application was being worked on, and it is due March 3rd. The MECC is eligible for 50% of the

assessments for Franklin, Norfolk, Plainville and Wrentham. Mendon and Millville are eligible for 100% of the assessments.

Agenda Item Three:

FY2023 Budget Discussion.

Director Premo discussed health insurance options. MIIA offering a 5% reduction to current rates. Pension assessments increase by \$26,000.

Vice chair Sweet asked if the insurance numbers were from Harvard or from MIIA. Vice Chair Sweet also asked when notice to Harvard Pilgrim would need to be given if the decision was made to change. Director Premo believed it was 60 days. The Board discussed health insurance differences and options.

Chair Hellen advised that the February 9th meeting will have a lengthy discussion about the budget.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Vice Chair to adjourn. Clerk Robinson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Sweet- Yes, Robinson- Yes, Noble- Yes, Hellen- Yes. 4 Yes/0 No/1 Absent.

Meeting of the Metacomet Board of Directors adjourned at 9:03am.