



WSCAC Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday October 20, 2016 - 10:00 A.M.

Location: MWRA Facilities in Southborough

Members in Bold Present:

Whitney Beals, WSCAC Chair, NE Forestry
Gerald Eves, Trout Unlimited
Michael Baram, BU & Town of Belmont

Andrea Donlon, CRWC
Kurt Tramposch, Wayland Wells
Paul Lauenstein, NepRWA

Non –Members in Attendance:

Lexi Dewey, WSCAC staff

I. Metro Tunnel Redundancy Project

- Goals for redundancy
 - Paul discussed the importance of peer reviews and asked to what extent this project is being peer reviewed
 - Kurt's concerns included:
 - Health impact assessment
 - Historic structures
 - Mitigating construction impacts
 - Andrea discussed the role of the Sudbury Aqueduct
 - Michael expressed an interest in additional engineering data and questioned if:
 - Is there a need for total redundancy?
 - What was the cost for the Metro West Tunnel?
 - What are the climate impacts?
 - Jerry expressed his contention that redundancy is key for the MWRA system
- Critical points of failure
- Surface v. Tunnel
- Financial considerations
- Public education and support

II. Interbasin Transfer Act Regulations Revisions

- The committee tabled and rescheduled discussion of the IBTA



III. Watershed forestry & Michael Kellett/Quabbin National Park

- Criticism of Quabbin forestry
 - The committee discussed Forest Stewardship Council Green Certification and the American Tree Farm Certification Program
- Why Quabbin should be a National Park
 - Lexi reviewed the misinformation provided at the forum discussing the concept of Quabbin becoming a National Park
 - WSCAC letter and/or meeting
 - The committee discussed the possible contents of a letter to Mr. Kellett
 - The letter could explain DWSP funding, PILOT payments, information on the WSPT, STAC, and the Public Access Plan
 - Lexi will draft a letter and send it to the Executive Committee for review

Lexi provided an update regarding potential membership opportunities.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 P.M.