

MAB Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2020
Virtual Meeting via GoToMeeting
Special By-Law Meeting
1:30 – 2:30 PM

Members Present: Véronique Blanchard, Arlene Miller, Tracy DeMaio, Jan Ameen, Mary Stucklen, Susan Waite, Mike Pattavina, Juliette Haas, Amy Donovan, Kathleen Casey.

Others Present: Mike Moores, WMRA; John Pepi, Umass Amherst

The meeting was called to order at 1:36 PM

Public Comment Period: No members of the public were present.

Review of proposed changes to the by-laws:

Jan updated everyone that members already all represent some dual stream towns, so that simplifies matters. The point of this by-law revision is to allow the MAB to continue after July 1st while recognizing there are municipalities which are no longer members but who have paid in to the current balance. Jan then reviewed the edits made to the draft by-laws by the subcommittee. Following are some of Jan's notes from the subcommittee discussion:

1. The MAB can stay basically the same as it is now because all members will represent dual stream towns. For example, Tracy and Susan represent both dual stream and single stream. So, if there is a vote that was completely about the MRF (such as acceptable materials) then they would get to vote on behalf of their dual stream towns.
2. In order to be transparent about the \$10,000 from WM for public education the MAB would create a separate line item in the income and expense budget to track that separately.
3. Some expansive language was added to the Purpose

With respect to representation, The City of Springfield's individual seat was removed, and The University of Massachusetts at Amherst was added to Hampshire County, with the City of Springfield added into Hampden County. The two DEP members will remain but only one will vote (Veronique). There would now be thirteen voting members.

It was asked if we should include all communities by name in our by-laws, since we want to reach out to all Western Massachusetts municipalities with respect to education? Do we also want to represent all the region's universities, since we represent The University of Massachusetts at Amherst? Mike asked should we have a category for towns which are not members listed in the by-laws?

Jan stated that each county gets the same number of votes regardless of size. We may decide to change our structure after the \$90,000 balance is expended. After the MAB votes next meeting on the by-laws Tracy can let the past members know that they will still be represented by the MAB.

We will use this version as our proposed new by-laws and this constitutes the reading of the by-laws prior to a meeting to vote on the by-laws. The board will explore the representation at the next meeting. Jan will send out the final draft for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:08 PM

The next MAB meeting has been scheduled for May 21st at 11:00 via GoToMeeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Véronique Blanchard, Clerk