

Minutes of NRSD Regional Agreement Committee 12.19.22

Attending by Zoom: Sharon Carlson Poch (Lancaster rep, NRSC), Brian Boyle (Bolton Advisory), Leah Vivirito (Stow rep; NRSC chair), Kathy Konno (Stow).

Leah brought meeting to order at 3:03 with a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes of 10/2/22 meeting. Leah Vivirito moved to approve the minutes. Sharon Poch seconded. Voted and Passed (3-0-1)

The goal of this evening's review is to update committee regarding feedback from NRSD counsel and suggested changes from DESE.

WORK TO DATE: Leah has met with NRSD counsel and DESE representatives. The work is nearly complete; DESE has made some recommendations regarding incurring debt and withdrawal or a member town from or admission of a new town to the District which will be the focus of this meeting

TIMELINE: We are waiting on feedback from DESE before the agreement can be brought to the SC. DESE has also suggested a summary of changes to be presented to the towns with the updated document, which will be written during a future meeting. Leah is still hopeful that we can have the agreement ready to send to the towns by February.

APPORTIONMENT OF COSTS INCURRED BY THE DISTRICT: Section VII.

- How debt is incurred is dictated by MGL
- Part C: Capital Costs: Clarification of language regarding incurring debt for capital costs for district owned buildings and language regarding incurring debt for capital costs for leased buildings. Any capital costs related to buildings leased in any member towns are the responsibility of that member town.

Incurring of Debt: Section VIII.

- Part B: MGL dictates how a district may incur debt. MGL c71, section 16(d) or 16(n)

Withdrawal of Towns from the District: Section XIII

- Part E: Clarification of language regarding the procedure for withdrawal of a member town from the district.

Admission of Towns to the District: Section XIV

- Part A: Clarification of language regarding a new member town requirement to "buy-in" for capital costs already incurred and assessment for existing debt service.

Next Steps: Waiting on information from DESE. Will set another meeting to draft the summary of changes that will be presented to the town with the updated agreement.

No further business being required, the committee adjourned by unanimous roll call at 4:20pm

Notes provided by Sharon Poch, Lancaster representative