

Intergovernmental Strategies Subcommittee

Date: April 4, 2024

Attendees: Councilors Max Tassinari (MT), Suzanne Swope (SS), Joe Aiello (JA)

General discussion regarding formation of subcommittee.

Discussion of existing materials provided to the subcommittee on existing agreements between the town and Massport and the town and MWRA.

- Noted by JA is the missing original agreement between the town and MWRA. Materials on hand only included an amendment from 2015.
- Impacts of these entities should include more than just PILOT payments as their impacts are more than just usage of 0.3 sq. miles of town land.
- Agreements are expiring June 30, 2025, but for budgetary purposes should be renewed before the beginning of the FY26 budget process beginning in January 2025. The goal should be to renew agreements before end of calendar 2024
- 20 year term on agreements is too long. Too much changes in operations for the same mitigation to be impactful
- Request for payments received by the town adjusted for CPI should be made to town manager
- Align with the city of Boston on environmental & health impact data and mitigation requests for that impact

Discussion on Short Beach/Winthrop Parkway

- Need greater warning from DCR
- Need for help exiting the town through Boston
- Possibility of having DCR be the liaison to state police or Boston police to take direct control of the traffic light at Bennington/Saratoga to give preference to the traffic coming from Winthrop over Scarpa Bridge during events that cause the closure of Revere St./Winthrop Parkway

Public comments from Mr. Jack Dowd:

- MWRA should be giving annual topographical studies of the Point Shirley area and their own property.
- Shift in air travel jet engines has created an increase in Volatile Organic Compounds which have a negative impact on health, made greater by the volume being released by the new, quieter engines. There is a report that Massport presented at a meeting at the Winthrop Arms, which will corroborate this. Many, many residents left that meeting unhappy with Massport.
- Short Beach seawall is in dire need of repair or replacement. Many utilities run under that road and they are under threat, in addition to the traffic and danger to the road.