

Minutes of the February 18, 2022
Carver-Wareham Regional Refuse Disposal District
Zoom Virtual Public Meeting

Present: Bob Belbin, Kevin Bradshaw, Amanda Cobb, Mary Dormer, Dave Menard, Jim Munise

Also present: Executive Director Jeffrey Osuch

Guests: Teno West, Steve Torres, and Jillian Jagling, West Group Law PLLC

Note: All votes taken by Roll Call

10:04am Meeting called to order.

Committee members posed prepared questions to the representatives of West Group Law (see attached), and discussed our potential future needs in a law firm.

West Group Law agreed to forward rates and references no later than Monday Feb. 28, and we will make a decision at our meeting on Wednesday, March 2.

There was discussion whether we should interview any other law firms. The consensus was no, and J. Osuch will notify Jennifer Beaton of Beaton Petersen PLLC that we have decided not to move forward with an interview.

J. Munise moved to adjourn; seconded by M. Dormer. Unanimous 6-0-0 vote.

11:09am Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amanda Cobb", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Amanda Cobb, Secretary, CMWRRDD

CMWRRDD COUNSEL QUESTIONS

- What experience do you have with the open meeting law, understanding of it, replying to one and would you give advice to admit a violation?
- Do you have experience with public records request?
- How would you help with the district if a disagreement between the two towns arises on direction of the District?
- If you or your firm was negotiating a contract on our behalf, and the parties involved were very far from reaching an agreement, how would you handle the negotiations? Can you walk us through your negotiation process?
- How would you handle it if you were asked to work on a contract or business deal that may have some ethical issue arise for you? Has this ever happened to you before and if so, how did you handle it?
- What is the typical fee arrangement, will a portion of the work done for us be handled by associates, paralegals or legal assistants? Are we billed directly for any overtime?
- What steps do you follow to study a problem before making a decision?
- What makes your firm unique from other firms?
- Would you be able to supply references?
- What specifically draws you to work with municipalities, and what parts of this work do you enjoy/not enjoy?
- Have you/your firm experienced a conflict of interest in your work with multiple organizations/municipalities? If so, describe how you/your firm handled it, or how you would handle it if it arose during the course of your work for CMWRRDD.
- What is the worst legal situation you could imagine in a district like ours, and what would you do to remedy it?
- How fast is response time once they have been notified that the committee needs legal assistance?
- What sets them apart from other firms?
- What are your strong points entering this agreement?
- Have you acted as Legal Counsel for AD Makepeace, its Subsidiaries. Senior Management or Covanta/SEMASS in any capacity?