

Commissioner Meeting Minutes  
January 28, 2026

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm.

The Board reviewed and signed Warrants

Mr. Bursch made a motion to approve the minutes of January 14, 2026, seconded, all in favor.

Review of annual audit with CPA Mueller was delayed until next meeting.

The Board reviewed the Articles on the Special Meeting Warrant set for February 25<sup>th</sup>, at 6PM. Mr. Bursch made a motion to accept the Warrant as written, seconded, all in favor.

The Water District received a letter from MassDEP last week. The letter stated that the kayak rack located in the Zone I area is not allowed and will need to be moved within 30 days of the letter. Legal counsel for the District sent an email with the DEP letter to the Woodland's lawyer. The Supt wanted to make it clear the Water District did not notify DEP about the matter. It was the Woodlands that sent them letters requesting permission.

A developer came into the office to speak with the Supt regarding the land off Burrage St and the potential to extend the water main to this area. He was told we would need to have a vote to expand the District to include this area.

The community engagement survey was put on hold for a week. New information just came in from Mass Water Works that the zero percent SRF financing could be going away and be changed to 2 percent. The recent Facebook post created by the group "Citizens for Affordable Clean Water" was discussed. The Board felt a lot of the information in these posts was inaccurate. One post suggested to the readers that when they fill out the survey, "We suggest a "no response" here until all questions are answered." The Board felt they were doing the best they could to provide the residents all the information and didn't understand what questions they were referring to.

The Supt was informed by MassDEP that they would be coming out in April to perform the sanitary survey. It's then that they will inspect and report on all wells.

The Clerk/Treasurer let the Board know that the CD they currently have with Rockland Trust Bank will be coming up for renewal on February 20<sup>th</sup>. The Board requested she look into the rates at a few banks to see where it is best to reinvest the Water Tower repair funds.

#### Public Comment

John Fortune 50 Hemlock Dr questioned the Special meeting articles. The three articles will be funded through the Surplus account.

John responded to the comments made about the Lunenburg Citizens for Affordable Clean Water's Facebook posts. Some of those citizens contributed to the survey and sent their suggestions. The Clerk clarified that yes, those citizens did at the beginning talks about the

survey but to then suggest to people to put a “no response” due to questions not being answered now is frustrating because no one has come into the office or one of the Commissioner’s meetings to state what those questions are.

John asked about the SRF funding that was submitted. It was submitted for the Hickory Hills well and Lancaster wells. It’s the Water District’s intent if approved, that we would request more to include the Keating’s well.

John has gotten information together pertaining to surrounding Town’s and the treatment plants that they have installed. He offered to share this information with the District.

Meeting adjourned 5:10 p.m.

Minutes by Christina Schwinger