

## Commissioner Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2026

Meeting called to order at 4:30 pm.

The Board reviewed and signed Warrants

Mr. Esposito made a motion to approve the minutes of January 28, 2026, seconded, all in favor.

Mark Mueller, CPA reviewed the statement of net position audit with the Board. Overall, the Water District is in good standings financially.

The Supt has been working on gathering information to get an easement through properties located off Mass Ave in order to run the transmission water main from Hickory Hills to Lancaster Ave if a treatment plant were to be built. He feels this option could save the District millions of dollars instead of running the water main through the center of Town and down Lancaster Ave. He will keep the Board updated.

The Supt spoke with MassDEP, and they informed him that Lunenburg should apply for a grant call the emergent contaminant grant. This could help supplement funds for the treatment plant. Tighe & Bond is working on getting the application over to MassDEP.

The Supt and Clerk are looking into another grant, Community for One Stop Growth. This grant could provide an opportunity to extend the water main from Reservoir Rd down Leominster Shirley Rd and branch off to Rt. 70.

New information has emerged that this could be the last year that SRF funding will provide the zero percent interest rate on new loans. It could change to two percent. Principal forgiveness is uncertain as well at this time.

MassDEP requires the District to monitor the Lancaster Ave wells for Iron and Manganese. Recent testing has shown that the manganese is rising. This makes the Lancaster well's water quality very similar to the Hickory Hills well. That was why the engineers felt mixing the two wells was going to be the best option for a future treatment plant.

Mr. Woodward requested that the District get water quality tests done at the Hickory Hills well to get more updated information. The Supt will reach out to DEP for approval.

The Keatings well has been offline for its annual cleaning. The Supt showed the Board a large piece of the calcium buildup that came out of the pipe. He wanted to show the residents the affects of the hard water and what it does to the pipes and homes. The Districts will see how concerned residents are with the hard water when results come in from the Community survey that was sent out.

### Public Comment

Dave Rodgers, Highland Ave asked if there was any update on the kayak rack located in the Hickory Hills well Zone I. The MassDEP letter was forwarded to the Woodlands Condo Trust's lawyer stating the exact date it needed to be moved. No other communication has come since then. Mr. Rodgers felt the Water District should respond to the false statements that residents and the local group, Citizens for Affordable Clean Water, have been writing about in the Lunenburg Ledger and on Facebook. The Board agreed they do not want to get into back and forth communications with anyone on social media. All the District can do is present the facts to the residents and hope that if someone has questions, they come to talk to us.

Meeting adjourned 5:40 p.m.

Minutes by Christina Schwinger