

Commissioner Meeting Minutes
June 24, 2026

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm.

Mr. Bursch and Mr. Emkey were present. Mr. Woodward absent

The Board reviewed and signed Warrants

Mr. Bursch would accept a motion to approve the minutes of June 10, 2026. Mr. Emkey so moved, second, all in favor.

The Supt and Clerk reviewed the billing software changes. They wanted to stick with the original plan that was discussed at the previous meeting where the Board voted to rescind the change. Mr. Bursch would accept a motion to rescind the rescind of the vote on June 10th regarding the changes to the billing software. Mr. Emkey, so moved. All in favor.

The Supt had received quotes for all the material needed to replace the water main on Meadow Lane. Mr. Emkey made a motion to approve \$19,734 for the purchase of the pipe from EJ Prescott. Mr. Bursch second, all in favor. Mr. Emkey made a motion to approve \$15,557.89 for the purchase of material and fittings from Ferguson, for the water main on Meadow Lane. Mr. Bursch second, all in favor. Mr. Emkey made a motion to approve \$7,300 for the hydrants from FW Webb for the Meadow Lane water main. Mr. Bursch second, all in favor.

The Board discussed the sale of water. Currently the Water District provides water to multiple commercial companies. The District gets roughly \$100 thousand dollars a year from that sale. The Supt stated it costs the District roughly \$1,100 per million gallons of water and with these sales the District makes roughly \$10,000 per million gallons of water. It was questioned if the sale of water has an impact on the water system in any way, including capability, compacity and DEP permits. The Supt stated it does not in any way. If any emergency were to happen the sale of water would be the first thing to stop. Mr. Emkey asked that the Superintendent quantify the conditions defining an emergency. The Board agreed this was a positive thing for the District to have this income to offset the water rates for the residents.

Mr. Emkey read a section from the Water Districts easement document. He felt that that statement implied that the Board in conjunction with MassDEP could agree to leave the kayak rack in the Zone I area of the Hickory Hills Well. It was decided to wait until the full Board was present to discuss this further.

The Supt questioned the Board if they would like to move forward with any engineering and site design of the treatment plant that could be needed. If they wanted, he could request Tighe & Bond to come in and speak with the Board. There are still lots of unknowns at this time regarding Massachusetts setting the levels for PFAS. The Board felt it best to continue to monitor the plan that Mr. Emkey had presented at the previous meeting. With this new pumping strategy, it will help provide more answers to compacity and PFAS and manganese levels.

The gateway system for meter reading was up and running at both tanks. Currently the District can read close to 85% of all the meters in Town right from the office.

There was a water main break this past weekend at Tilton Ave.

The Clerk questioned if the Board would like to have one meeting in July on the 15th instead of the two scheduled ones on the 8th and 22nd. The Board agreed to postpone the 8th meeting until the 15th but would decide at that meeting if they would have the one on the 22nd/

The Clerk had received an email from resident, Dave McDonald, asking for the name of the lawyer who had provided him answers to questions he had when he lost the Commissioners election three years ago. The Board agreed there was no problem with providing that information to him but that if he reached out to legal counsel, we would request that he ask questions to the Board first, then they will decide if counsel needs to be brought in.

Public Comment

Dave Rogers, 82 Highland St questioned if there was any legal document with the Hickory Hill regarding the Zone I. No, there is no agreement just the legal easement that states, no structures in the Zone I area.

Meeting adjourned 6:00 p.m.

Minutes by Christina Schwinger