Commissioner Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2026

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm.
All Board members present

The Board reviewed and signed Warrants
Mr. Bursch made a motion to approve the minutes of August 26th, 2026. Mr. Emkey seconded the motion, all in favor.

The Supt spoke with MassDEP earlier in the week on the phone. They discussed that PFOA and PFOS levels have been set by EPA at 4parts per trillion(ppt) and that MassDEP will have to adopt those levels or could be more stringent. The District must become compliant by 2029, or we can apply for an extension until 2031. Mr. Bursch stated all sources will need to be treated to be compliant. The Supt stated that the blending method on Lancaster Ave was getting results under the 4ppt but that is not a long-term solution, only temporary. The Board discussed options for becoming compliant. The Supt had spoken to Townsend Water in that past questioning if they could sell water to Lunenburg. The Supt stated the downside to purchasing water is the cost is out of the Districts control. The Board agreed to have the Supt reach out to Townsend and Fitchburg to see if they would even be able to handle Lunenburg's water demand and if so, at what cost.
The Supt updated the Board on the blending method that was being done with the Lancaster Ave wells. He had to stop running them that way because he saw all kinds of problems. Three out of the four wells had bacteria in them. Mr. Emkey questioned the use of having a UV light added to the Lancaster Ave wells. The Supt looked into it in the past, but MassDEP expressed concern with the wells having Iron and Manganese and how that could affect the UV light.
The other concerns the Supt stated were that well 2 and well 4 both cannot run long term. He also reminded the Board that blending the wells together to get under contaminant levels cannot be an option going forward. Mr. Emkey questioned why this method was tried in the first place. The Supt wanted the Board to see these results for themselves other than him just telling them what would happen.
Mr. Emkey questioned the PFOA and PFOS testing at the wells. The Supt explained that MassDEP sends the District a sampling plan that must be followed and that each well is tested for PFAS and they all need to be under the 4ppt.
When the Supt spoke with MassDEP he asked if they would be able to come out to the Water District and speak with him and the Board. They responded that they don't do that but if someone wanted to go to them for a meeting, they would accommodate it. Mr. Emkey stated he would like to be the one to go to that meeting so he could have his questions answered. The other Board members agreed that the Supt could try and set up that meeting.
The Keatings well is not pumping at the rate it should be, so the Supt asked the Board if he could get prices to have it cleaned. Along with having the Keatings well cleaned he felt it was worth having well 5 at Lancaster Ave cleaned. The Board agreed to have the Supt get prices and at the next Special Meeting it could be voted on, to get done.
Mr. Emkey questioned if the District had any type of notification system in case of an emergency and we needed to reach the residents. The Supt stated that the Fire Department helps use their reverse 911 system for us if we need it.

Meeting adjourned 5:30 p.m.
Minutes by Christina Schwinger