

Commissioner Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2025

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm.

Mr. Woodward and Mr. Esposito present. Mr. Bursch absent

The Board reviewed and signed Warrants

Mr. Esposito made a motion to approve the minutes of September 10th, 2025, Second, all in favor.

The Supt received a quote from Verdanta to work with Dave Harwood, hydrogeologist, to explore potential sites for new water sources in the area of 361 Mass Ave. The Board liked the idea of exploring options but wanted the Supt to get prices on drilling new wells. If drilling were too expensive at this time, then it would not be worth investing in hiring this company.

The Board discussed the employees' use of company vehicles while on call. They want the employees to be able to respond immediately if an emergency comes up. This is standard practice with most municipalities. Since the Water Superintendent position has always been considered an on call, at all times position, then the vehicle will be provided at all times for no cost to the employee.

Mr. Esposito made a motion to authorize the Water Superintendent and any employee that is on call to utilize a Water District supplied vehicle to provide a more rapid response to required needs for the residents. This vehicle is not considered a fringe benefit, and no taxes, fees or reimbursement will be imposed upon the employee. Seconded, all in favor.

The Rolling Acres water main replacement project is coming close to completion. It is the Supt hope that the residents' service lines will all be done in the next two weeks. Then all that's left is cleaning up and loaming the disturbed areas.

Mr. Esposito questioned the Electric Ave project and how the installation of the new service line was going. The Supt had to go and tell them that they will need to re-dig the entire water line across Electric Ave because they installed it at only 3 ½' deep and it's mandatory that water lines be installed at 5' deep to prevent the lines from freezing.

Public comment

William Emkey, 445 Townsend Harbor Rd, reviewed an email he had sent over earlier in the week to the Supt and the Board members. He questioned the need for a pilot study to combine the Keatings and Lancaster Ave wells into one treatment plant. The Board felt they had to go by Mass DEP requirements and what they need in order to approve projects. Tighe & Bond will be providing a proposal to the District before the next Commissioners meeting. The Board does not want to spend lots of money but feels this pilot study could provide essential information to the design and implementation of a treatment plant. Mr. Emkey stated he would be more than happy to work with the Supt to request DEP not to require this pilot study.

Meeting adjourned 5:00 p.m.

Minutes by Christina Schwinger