

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS MEETING
January 13, 2026, at the Water Department office

PRESENT WERE: Board of Water Commissioners, Chairman David Mason, Commissioners Rick Bernard and Steve Whitmore. Also present: Superintendent Sean Anderson, Assistant Superintendent Ron Tivey, Fire Chief Christopher Beal, Town Council Gordan Starr and Resident Steve Rizzo.

- Meeting called to order at 2:30 p.m.
- Warrants to be signed.
- Chairman Mason asked for a **motion** to accept December 9, 2025; minutes as written. Commissioner Bernard **motioned to accept** and **passed unanimously**.

HANOVER HYANNIS II / WILKENS PHASE II

- Phil Pagani dropped off a new set of plans. This one shows a connection to BJ's as it was the preferred choice.
- Superintendent Anderson sent Phil an e-mail asking for greater detail and listing additional requirements for the project as well as suggesting we meet to review the project. He has not heard back yet.

DRAFT OPERATING BUDGET FY 27

- Hand out. Biggest increase is adding \$75K for media replacement at wells 2 & 5 Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) for removing PFAS.
- Likely to be needed 1 – 1 ½ years from start-up.
- Water samples went up 17% because of the GAC sampling monthly.
- Chemical Line Item for all chemicals
- Cleaning new office increase in cost
- Commissioner Whitmore asked for a **motion** that we present the Operating Budget as presented to us to the Prudential Committee as our plan for the year. Commissioner Bernard **motioned to accept** and **passed unanimously**.

BACKUP ENGINES AT WELLS 2 & 5

- Ron advertised the engines and received one inquiry. Prior to the bid deadline he reached out to the one person interested and no response. No bids – no interest in the engines. I am asking the Board to vote on the engines to be surplus items to be disposed of in any safe manor.
- Commissioner Whitmore asked for a **motion** to list the equipment as surplus. Commissioner Bernard **motioned to accept** and **passed unanimously**.

WATER DEPARTMENT LOCATION AND FACILITY NEEDS

- Chairman Mason discussed putting together a committee with input from the Commissioners
 1. Deciding the future location of the Water Department
 2. What to do with the Old Fire Department
- January 27th at 2:30 p.m. Workshop – Water Department Location and Facility Needs

WATER SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT

- Superintendent Anderson's contract expired 12/12/2025.
- Signed 3 years ago when hired.
- Asked if he can work on this with Dave and present it to the Board at a future meeting?

CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

- Satellite well for well 3 update –
 1. The well has been fully developed, and the next step is a 48-hour pump test and water sampling for laboratory analysis.
 2. This is currently scheduled for next Tuesday through Thursday.

3. Future Treatment at Wells 3 & 4 – the staff and I met with Steve Olson and Paul Wohler (OPM) to review the 30% design plans. It was a productive meeting with everyone involved.
- Superintendent Anderson spoke with Napoli Shkolnik about the PFAS Potentially Responsible Parties and asked them to go ahead looking into it and updating us in the future (per our last meeting decision). Asked Sean for our Swap (Source water assessment protection) Report (looks at each source and swap a variant that could impact it).
- Old Jail Lane Trail Proposal Update –There are existing trails on our land already. Superintendent Anderson sees this as possibly helping a safety issue for residents on what has become a busy street with no sidewalks. The town would like to propose before the board at a future meeting, at their own expense cut in a trail that runs parallel to the road. Chairman Mason would like to put it on the agenda for the next meeting for discussion.

TREATMENT PLANT UPDATE

- Wells 2 & 5 – 2-hour generator test was performed while running wells 2 & 5 into the system. No major issue. Just a VFD (variable frequency drive) fault at well 5.
- Doing a full power failure test to ensure everything works as expected

MATTERS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR

Commissioner Bernard **motioned** to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn H. Woodward