

## **BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

November 18, 2025, at the Water Department office

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

- Meeting called to order at 2:30 p.m.
- Warrants to be signed.
- Chairman Mason asked for a **motion** to accept October 14, 2025; minutes as written. Commissioner Bernard **motioned to accept** and **passed unanimously**.

### **MASTER PLAN / RATE STUDY**

- Michael Schrader from Haley Ward had an emergency come up so we needed to table this item for next month.

### **RELOCATION OF OFFICE**

- Steve Rizzo updated about surplus items
  1. Old Avaya phone systems that were at 1841 Phinney's Lane.
  1. Barnstable Fire Station has expressed interest in the phone systems. Steve recommended transferring ownership at no cost.
- Commissioner Bernard asked for a **motion** to declare the phone systems surplus and hand over ownership to the Barnstable Fire Department. Chairman Mason **motioned to accept** and **passed unanimously**.

### **HANOVER HYANNIS II / WILKENS PHASE II**

- Superintendent Anderson received a new plan late yesterday afternoon from Michael Ford.
- The proposal was to tie into two 12" mains on two different streets.
- The problem with what they are proposing is it causes us to have duplicate mains which we try to avoid.
- The board agreed that they are not going to accept the proposal and want to go with the original route that the Board of Water Commissioners agreed on.

### **DRAFT CAPITAL EXPENSES**

- Hand out of proposed capital items.
- Update to SCADA System – Estimate of \$300,000
  1. SCADA is essential in operating water system. All our Pump Stations, Tanks and Vaults have equipment that is no longer supported and parts are no longer made. Communication system – antennas, radios and PLC's need replacing.
  2. Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) Replacement.
    - The GAC inside the filters at Wells 2 & 5 will need replacement as the carbon is no longer able to remove PFAS to remain in compliance with DEP.
    - Timing depends on the levels of PFAS in the raw water and how much water is pumped through each filter. (6 filters)

### **OWNERS PROJECT MANAGER (OPM) – WELLS 3 & 4 NEW TREATMENT**

- We are required to have an OPM for the Wells 3 & 4 new Treatment Plant Project.
- Superintendent Anderson is recommending Paul Wohler, who is a retired Water Superintendent, for the Town of Plymouth. He has overseen many projects and would like the board to vote on hiring him so he can bring him up to speed on the projects.
- Chairman Mason would like to wait till next meeting when we have the full board's vote.
- Wells 3 & 4 30% design phase with Greensand filtration and GAC Treatment
- New regulations published by the EPA have lowered the acceptable levels of PFAS chemicals in drinking water below current DEP regulations.
- GAC Treatment installed at wells 2 & 5.
- To meet summer demand we need PFAS treatment potentially at all sources.

- Wells 3 and 4 have high iron that requires greensand filtration before PFAS treatment.
- Funding will cover construction engineering services, owners project manager services, SRF costs and construction costs.

#### **CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE**

- Satellite well for well 3:
  1. Well screen has arrived at Drillers shop.
  2. Will begin installation first week of December.
- Future treatment at wells 3 & 4:
  1. Need to have some areas cleared of trees and brush.
  2. Clearing for drilling multiple borings and perform a perk test.
  3. Site work starts week after Thanksgiving followed by borings and perk test.

#### **TREATMENT PLANT UPDATE**

- Wells 2 & 5 new generator has a few fault codes – low coolant temperature, low voltage, and a charge fault.
- Biszko has been notified
- New generator for well 5 Station is being delivered on Thursday

#### **NAPOLI CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT**

- They have reached out to have an online meeting about possible lawsuits with local companies that have used products containing PFAS.

#### **MATTERS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR**

- Steve Rizzo got a price for the replacement of the 300' water main in front of the Fire Station.
- Price was \$120,000.00 for the 300' section.
- Talking it through with the General Contractor, WT Rich discussed covering it with buyout savings.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

*Dawn H. Woodward*