

## BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS MEETING

December 9, 2025, 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, Engineer from Haley and Ward Mike Schrader, Resident Steve Rizzo and Liz Reardon

- Meeting called to order at 2:30 p.m.
- Warrants to be signed.
- Chairman Mason asked for a **motion** to accept November 18, 2025; minutes as written. Commissioner Bernard **motioned to accept** and **passed unanimously**.

### MASTER PLAN / RATE STUDY

- Michael Schrader from Haley Ward update on master plan
- Master Plan rate study goals: capital and growth plan, operational needs. List based on projective usage, water quality, customer growth for future consideration. (5 year growth)
  1. Fire Flow Testing for data logs to prioritize improvements in the distribution system.
  2. Mid-January Meeting to discuss further with Superintendent Anderson and BOWC.

### HANOVER HYANNIS II / WILKENS PHASE II

- Superintendent Anderson spoke with one of the Engineers for the project, Nate Cheal from Tetra Tech.
- Nate Cheal said they are working something out with BJ's and to wait for an updated plan.

### DRAFT CAPITAL EXPENSES & DRAFT OPERATING BUDGET

- Hand out of proposed capital items.
- SCADA updates
- Granulated activated carbon
- Litigation money may need to stay put as the DEP sent a letter saying they may ask for these funds from anyone in the SRF program.
- Chairman Mason asked for a **motion** for wells 2 and 5 that any granulated activated carbon replacement is required to be in the regular operating budget. Commissioner Bernard **motioned to accept** and **passed unanimously**.
- Wells 3 and 4 EPA has dropped the regulations to stay in the timeline construction wise.
- Commissioner Whitmore asked for a **motion** to include items number 1 and 3 in our capital budget request. Commissioner Bernard **motioned to accept** and **passed unanimously**.
- Superintendent handed out the draft operating budget fiscal 2027.

### NAPOLI SHKOLNIK PFAS POTENTIALLY RESPONSIBLE PARTIES (PRP'S)

- Meeting was online
- Presented the board with possible lawsuits with local companies that have used products containing PFAS.
- Suing manufacturers to compensate for removal of PFAS
- Goal is not to put anyone out of business like the mom-and-pop stores
- Commissioner Whitmore asked for a **motion** for Superintendent Anderson to contact Napoli Shkolnik and let them know we are interested in moving forward and wait for the next update. Commissioner Bernard **motioned to accept** and **passed unanimously**.

### BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT PHASE 2 PLANNING COMMITTEE

- Use of the existing Fire Station and location of the Water Department for the future.
- Letter was put out to the public for participants.

### 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 asked for a **motion** to move forward to accept a contract with Paul Wohler that understands total yearly rate not to exceed Commissioner Whitmore **motioned to accept** and **passed unanimously**.

#### **CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE**

- Satellite well for well 3:
  1. Well screen and 18" casing has been installed as well as the gravel packing
  2. Rig had a hydraulic line leak no spill of fluid will be onsite tomorrow with repair jack
  3. Next step will be developing the well and pump test
- Future treatment at wells 3 & 4:
  1. Geo technical borings are completed. Scheduling Perc test with the town

#### **TREATMENT PLANT UPDATE**

- Wells 2 & 5 Generator start up for well 5 is scheduled for this Thursday with training
- Will be doing a full power failure test to ensure everything works as expected

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

- Steve Rizzo discussed the 12,000 cubic yards testing of fill.
- Rick Bernard suggested security cameras at our wells

Commissioner Bernard **motioned** to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Dawn H. Woodward*