

## BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS MEETING

March 10, 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 February 10, 2026; minutes as written. Commissioner Bernard **motioned to accept** and **passed unanimously**.

### HANOVER HYANNIS II / WILKENS PHASE II

- All service connection fees have been paid for this project.
- \$1,000.00 deposit for reviewing Water Balance program Application
- Mitigation fees associated with the program should be paid this week.
  - Mitigation fee will bring in \$1,060,200. in revenue that will go into system improvement account.
  - Filled out all necessary paperwork
  - Once we receive check, we can let the Chief know and he can sign off on the project.

### FY 2027 Draft Annual Operating Budget Revised

- Superintendent Anderson would like to add a Service Tech III position to Annual Budget
- Water system is growing, and new treatment has been added and will continue to be added.
- We are falling behind on regular routine maintenance and level of service we are used to.
- Board would like to see analytical proposal for justifying the need for a added position

### NAPOLI-PFAS Potentially Responsible Parties Litigation

- Online meeting at 2:30p.m. to explain the locations selected and path forward.
- Napoli discussed two properties near Well 2. (Cape Cod Potato Chip and Sencorp)
- PFAS contributing parties known contamination
- Chairman Mason mentions if we want to proceed, we need to bring it up to the Prudential Committee.

### WATER DEPARTMENT LOCATION AND FACILITY NEEDS / PHASE 2 PLANNING COMMITTEE

- Chairman Mason asked for a **motion** to approve the work meeting associated with the location of the Water Department and facility needs. Commissioner Bernard **motioned to accept** and **passed unanimously**.

### WATER RATES

- Superintendent Anderson said it was voted on before he started to raise water rates and quarterly service fees 20% a year for 5 years
- 20% a year was to build up cash reserve to anticipate the upcoming expenses associated with the new treatment plant.
- 2026 being the 5<sup>th</sup> and final year
- Another 20% increase would end up as free cash and would not go into any specific account
- Recommending board vote to delay this year's increase until Haley Ward finishes the updated master plan and rate study.

### CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

- Satellite well for well 3 update –
  - Peter Newton is finishing the summary report and permit to submit to DEP today or tomorrow.
- Future treatment at Wells 3 & 4 – having completed the 30% design they are now working on the 50% design.
- Unfortunate news on 3 & 4 treatment construction. We did not make the cut this year for SRF (FY26 looking at a 90% cut to funding).

- Superintendent Anderson is applying for EC-SDC Grant (Emerging Contaminants in Small and Disadvantaged Communities) same one we got 2.388 million for wells 2 & 5 still in the early stages of this.
- Finishing up the Annual Stat Report for the DEP as well as the Annual Water Quality Report.

**MATTERS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR**

- Steve Rizzo is asking for a motion from the Water Commissioners to endorse the replacement of the Water Line in front of the new fire station on Phinney's Lane. From 6" to 8"
- Chairman Mason asked for a **motion** to support the replacement of the water line in the place of the newly built Fire Department. Commissioner Whitmore **motioned to accept** and **passed unanimously**.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

*Dawn H. Woodward*