

**BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS**  
**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF**  
**APRIL 30, 2024**

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Chairperson Boyd called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., announced that the virtual version of the meeting was being recorded, and asked for each Commissioner to state their name for the record by roll call:

**Board Members Present in Person:** Robert H. Sheldon, Commissioner - Present; Joshua M. Fox, Commissioner - Present; and Robert E. Boyd, Jr., Commissioner and Chairperson - Present.

**Board Members Present Virtually:** None.

**Others Present in Person:** Vincent J. Roy, Executive Director; Thomas S. Travers, Treasurer; and Karen A. Moretti, Assistant Treasurer.

**Others Present Virtually:** None.

**1. REVIEW THE MINUTES FROM THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS APRIL 16, 2024, MEETING:**

The Commissioners approved the minutes for the Meeting of April 16, 2024, as amended. The motion for approval was made by Commissioner Fox, duly seconded by Commissioner Sheldon, and approved by unanimous roll call:

Robert H. Sheldon, Commissioner - Aye  
Joshua M. Fox, Commissioner - Aye  
Robert E. Boyd, Jr., Commissioner and Chairperson - Aye

**2. REVIEW THE MINUTES FROM THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS APRIL 22, 2024, MEETING:**

The Commissioners approved the minutes for the Meeting of April 22, 2024, as amended. The motion for approval was made by Commissioner Fox, duly seconded by Commissioner Sheldon, and approved by majority roll call:

Robert H. Sheldon, Commissioner - Aye  
Joshua M. Fox, Commissioner - Aye  
Robert E. Boyd, Jr., Commissioner and Chairperson - Abstained, because he was not present at the April 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

**3. REVIEW THE DIRECTOR'S APRIL 26<sup>th</sup> BI-WEEKLY REPORT:**

Director Roy presented his bi-weekly report to the Commissioners and addressed questions regarding the following topics:

• **RAYMOND ROAD WATER TREATMENT PLANT/PFAS PROJECT**

Director Roy informed the Commissioners that Barbato Construction had completed work on the instrumentation and controls and tentatively rescheduled the Raymond Road Water Treatment Plant (RRWTP) start-up date to May 9<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Sheldon asked Director Roy to clarify the difference between a system start-up and activation. Mr. Roy stated that start-up is a required testing period before being placed into operation with the existing treatment plant system. The testing period requires taking the RRWTP off-line for two-days, eight hours per day to direct water from the RRWTP to flow through the PFAS filtration system. Mr. Roy stated that water flowing through the filtration system would be discharged to the RRWTP's drying bed lagoons and that sampling would be conducted throughout the two-

day period for analysis as required by MassDEP. Mr. Roy also stated that Amy LaPusata of MassDEP would be on site during the start-up period. Mr. Roy strongly emphasized that the new filtration system would not be fully activated until the District receives final approval from MassDEP. Mr. Roy also stated that he anticipates final approval to be within 30 days of completing the testing period.

- *PFAS MULTI DISTRICT LITIGATION (MDL)*

Director Roy informed the Commissioners that on April 18<sup>th</sup> he received an update from Special District Counsel Kenneth Sansone of SL Environmental regarding the MDL. Mr. Roy stated that Mr. Sansone informed him that the Metropolitan Water District (in California) dismissed its appeal for the court's final approval of the DuPont settlement. Mr. Roy stated that the appeal was last referenced in the April 12<sup>th</sup> Bi-weekly Directors Report. Mr. Roy emphasized that the appeal dismissal would allow the claims processed under the settlement to move forward, and more importantly, will set the deadlines for submission of both action fund claims and special needs fund claims.

- *BRUCE FREEMAN RAIL TRAIL*

Director Roy informed the Commissioners that the Town held an informational meeting on Phase 3 of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail project on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Goodnow Library. Mr. Roy stated that he did not attend the meeting, but Treasurer Travers was in attendance. Mr. Roy also stated that he would be scheduling a follow-up discussion with Town officials to address the District's concerns with protecting the drinking water resource area along the proposed rail trail.

- *EARTH DAY – PFAS PRESENTATION*

Director Roy informed the Commissioners that he had participated in the Town's Earth Day event on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, to provide a PFAS presentation directly pertaining to Sudbury's drinking water supply. The presentation was video-recorded and can be viewed on the Town's website.

- *LINCOLN SUDBURY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL / JOB FAIR EVENT*

Commissioner Fox asked Director Roy to provide an overview of the job fair event at Lincoln Sudbury Regional High School (LSRHS). Mr. Roy stated that both Foreman Michael Abbondanzio and Treatment Plant Operator Nigel Dwarika participated in the event, and that the District's temporary summer position was well received, resulting in three job applications. Mr. Roy emphasized that due to lack of funding, the District would only be hiring one individual for hydrant painting and lawn maintenance duties this season.

There was no further discussion on the Director's bi-weekly report.

#### **4. REVIEW 88<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL & SPECIAL MEETING WARRANT ARTICLE EXPLANATIONS:**

Director Roy provided the Commissioners with material for the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting warrant articles, motions, and explanations for their review and comments. The Commissioners discussed the motions and assigned presenters for each of the articles. Commissioner Boyd requested that Director Roy compile the data from the water meters that had been test benched during the year and to prepare a spreadsheet with the results to be presented to the Commissioners for their review at the next Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Sheldon asked Director Roy to also add an additional explanation to Article 9 - Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) funding - and to provide the District's OPEB funding status in comparison with other municipalities.

There was no further discussion on the warrant article explanations.

#### **5. REVIEW 88<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL & SPECIAL MEETING POWER POINT PRESENTATIONS:**

Director Roy presented the Power Point presentation for the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual and Special District Meeting to the Commissioners for their review. Mr. Roy emphasized to the Board that the presentation would be on the upcoming May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda for the Commissioners to rehearse with District Moderator Craig Blake.

There was no further discussion on the PowerPoint presentation.

***Conclusion of Open Meeting:***

Commissioner Fox moved to conclude the open meeting and to move into executive session under Exception 1 of the Open Meeting Law, to review and vote to approve Minutes from the March 24<sup>th</sup> and April 22<sup>nd</sup> Executive Sessions. The motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Sheldon and unanimously approved by roll call:

Robert E. Boyd, Jr., Commissioner and Chairperson - Aye

Joshua M. Fox, Commissioner - Aye

Robert H. Sheldon, Commissioner - Aye

There being no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.