

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF
APRIL 29, 2025

A quorum being present, Chairperson Sheldon called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM. He announced that the virtual version of the meeting was being recorded and requested those in attendance to state their name and title for the record by roll call:

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

Board Members Present Virtually: None.

Others Present in Person: Vincent J. Roy, Executive Director - Present; Thomas S. Travers, Treasurer - Present; Karen Moretti, Assistant Treasurer – Present; Renee Adams, Executive Administrator - Present; Craig Blake, District Moderator, and Douglas Barth, of 286 Old Lancaster Road, Sudbury.

Others Present Virtually: David Tivnan, Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Representative; and Ivan Pagacik, District Wireless Communications Consultant.

1. Review and Vote to Approve the Minutes from the Board of Water Commissioners Meeting held on April 15, 2025.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the minutes for the April 15, 2025, meeting, as amended. Commissioner Fox made the motion for approval, which was duly seconded by Commissioner Sheldon, and approved by unanimous roll call:

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

2. Review of the Director's April 25, 2025, Bi-Weekly Report.

Director Roy presented his bi-weekly report, covering the following topics:

- *Analytical Report for Type 304L Stainless Steel Pipe at RRWTP/PFAS Treatment System:*
Commissioner Sheldon provided a brief summary of the April 23rd virtual meeting with Director Roy, Andy Reid, and Randy Nixon of Corrosion Probe, Inc. Mr. Sheldon explained that the meeting focused on reviewing Corrosion Probe's analysis of the failed type 304L stainless steel (S/S) pipe from the RRWTP/PFAS filtration system.

The analysis confirmed that the pipe was manufactured according to the design specifications for 304L S/S. However, findings indicated that the corrosion damage and resulting leakage were likely caused by microbiologically influenced corrosion (MIC). This type of corrosion commonly occurs in areas where water remains stagnant, particularly in horizontal sections of pipe or areas affected by welding or exposure to high heat, all of which were present in the sampled pipe from the PFAS treatment system. Additionally, the analysis revealed high concentrations of sulfate and chlorides within the pipe. Based on these findings, recommendations include conducting further analysis on piping from the three remaining vessels and considering alternative pipe materials, such as PVC or HDPE, for the East Street plant.
- *Outstanding Receivables:*
Treasurer Travers asked Assistant Treasurer Moretti if there were any high-use commercial accounts on the list with outstanding balances, to which Mrs. Moretti replied that none of the overdue accounts belonged to traditional high-end users.

There were no further questions regarding the Director's Bi-Weekly Report.

3. Vote to Appoint Interim District Clerk

Commissioner Fox moved to appoint Douglas Barth of 286 Old Lancaster Road in Sudbury as interim District clerk, effective on April 29, 2025, replacing the elected clerk who will be unable to attend the Annual Meeting on May 20 because of scheduled surgery. Appointment to terminate effective immediately upon the clerk's return to service following her recovery. The motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Boyd, and approved by unanimous roll call:

Robert E. Boyd, Commissioner - Aye

Joshua M. Fox, Commissioner - Aye

Robert H. Sheldon, Commissioner and Chairperson – Aye

4. Vote to Award Wireless Communication Facility Contract/RFP 25-6

Commissioner Fox asked David Tivnan of Verizon Wireless to clarify the height of the proposed wireless communication tower at 100 East Street and to outline Verizon's course of action should the Planning Board reject its zoning application. Mr. Tivnan explained that Verizon plans to construct a 100-foot tower, which would be barely visible from public view. He also noted that, due to the lack of cell service in the area, Verizon would provide full access at the top of the tower for Town and District communications equipment. Confident in the need for gap coverage, Verizon believes the Town is likely to approve the application. Ivan Pagacik, District Wireless Consultant, added that approval of the award would initiate lease negotiations with Verizon. If successful, Verizon would then proceed with the Town of Sudbury's zoning requirements.

Commissioner Fox moved to award Verizon's response to RFP 25-6, contingent upon execution of a lease agreement. The motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Boyd, and approved by unanimous roll call:

Robert E. Boyd, Commissioner - Aye

Joshua M. Fox, Commissioner - Aye

Robert H. Sheldon, Commissioner and Chairperson – Aye

5. Approve Interim and Final Loan Agreements for ESWTP/PFAS Project

Commissioner Sheldon moved to approve the interim and final loan agreements for the East Street WTP/PFAS Treatment Project with the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust. The motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Boyd, and approved by unanimous roll call:

Robert E. Boyd, Commissioner - Aye

Joshua M. Fox, Commissioner - Aye

Robert H. Sheldon, Commissioner and Chairperson – Aye

6. Appeal for Water Abatement / 198 Pratts Mill Road

Director Roy informed the Commissioners that the property owner cancelled his attendance at the appeal hearing and requested a postponement to a future mutually convenient Commissioners meeting date.

7. Discussion on 89th Annual Meeting

The Commissioners reviewed and edited the PowerPoint presentations for the 89th Annual meeting. They requested that Director Roy prepare the presentations for the final review for the May 13th Commissioners meeting, to which Mr. Roy agreed.

Conclusion of Open Meeting

Commissioner Fox moved to conclude the open public meeting session and move into executive meeting session, not to return to the open public meeting session, under executive session "Exemption 3. To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on

the bargaining position of the public body and to review and vote to approve Executive Session Minutes for April 1, 2025, and April 15, 2025, and the chair so declares.” Chairperson Sheldon subsequently so declared. The motion was duly seconded by Chairperson Sheldon and was approved by a unanimous roll call:

Joshua M. Fox, Commissioner - Aye

Robert E. Boyd, Jr., Commissioners - Aye

Robert H. Sheldon, Commissioner and Chairperson - Aye

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.