

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF  
MAY 13, 2025

A quorum being present, Chairperson Sheldon called the meeting to order at 5:01 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; and Craig Blake, District Moderator- Present.

Others Present Virtually: None

**1. Review and Vote to Approve the Minutes from the Board of Water Commissioners Meeting held on April 29, 2025.**

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the minutes for the April 29, 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 May 9, 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:  
*Director Roy informed the Commissioners that he hosted a virtual meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup> to review the Corrosion Probe, Inc. follow-up report regarding the additional 4-inch pipes sent for analysis. Attendees included Randy Nixon of Corrosion Probe; Blake Martin, Andy Reid, and Sara Francis of Weston & Sampson; as well as Director Roy, Commissioner Sheldon, and Ted McAuliffe. During the meeting, Mr. Nixon reported that both pipe sections exhibited extremely high chloride concentrations in the corrosion material, measuring 13,000 mg/L and 19,000 mg/L, respectively. The discussion focused on identifying potential sources of chloride and evaluating its impact on the reduction of granular activated carbon (GAC) adsorption capacity for PFAS. Mr. Roy noted that Mr. Nixon concluded the meeting with a recommendation to replace the stainless-steel piping with a suitable non-metallic alternative. Commissioner Sheldon added that the discussions also included piping alternatives for the new PFAS filtration system under construction at the East Street WTP.*
- Interconnection Study/Evaluation of Long-Term for Secondary Water Supply:  
*Moderator Blake asked the Commissioners whether the study was focused on a connection with the City of Framingham or the MWRA. Director Roy explained that the study was investigating a possible emergency interconnection(s) with surrounding communities as well as a long-term secondary water supply source from the MWRA. The investigation involved comparing hydraulic models from Wayland, Framingham, and Marlborough. The draft report provides detailed findings, projected costs for each*

option, and recommendations. Mr. Roy further noted that the final draft report would be presented at the June 10<sup>th</sup> Commissioners' meeting.

- Well 5 Investigation/Study:

Chairman Sheldon requested Director Roy to provide a brief update on the Well 5 study. Director Roy informed the Commissioners that he will be attending a scheduled public hearing with the Conservation Commission on May 19<sup>th</sup> for the Notice of Intent (NOI) filing to replace Well 5 within the 100-foot Buffer Zone and 200-foot Riverfront Area, in accordance with the Wetlands Protection Act and the Sudbury Wetlands Administration Bylaw.

He explained that the study included drilling test wells within the Zone One area for a potential well replacement. A water quality analysis was conducted, revealing that PFAS and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) were non-detectable in the samples taken. Additionally, iron and manganese levels were found to be below the MassDEP Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) standards of 0.05 and 0.5, respectively, but noted that greensand filtration would probably be needed because of the current well 5 history with high concentrations of dissolved iron.

Director Roy noted that attending the public hearing represents one of the final steps in the study, aiming to secure approval from both MassDEP and the Conservation Commission for the future project. He also reminded the Commissioners that funding for this investigation was provided through the State's Housing Choice Grant Program.

- Asset Management Project:

Chairman Sheldon requested a brief update on the Asset Management project from Director Roy. Director Roy informed the Commissioners that there had been no developments since the last progress meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, and that he would follow up with Apex Companies, formerly Environmental Partners, later this week. He noted that the delay was due to the slow response on the part of Schneider Geospatial, formerly PeopleGIS, in making the necessary changes to the newly created program. Once completed, the program will integrate with the District's work-order system to schedule both preventative and corrective maintenance for all equipment across the District's facilities, including treatment plants, wells, tanks, and altitude valves.

- Hearing on Bruce Freeman Rail Trail:

Chairman Sheldon asked Director Roy whether he would be attending the scheduled public hearing on the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail project this Thursday evening. Director Roy responded that the meeting would be held both virtually and in person at the Goodnow Library and that he would likely attend remotely.

- Abatement Request:

Director Roy informed the Commissioners that he has scheduled a hearing request for a denied abatement at the June 10<sup>th</sup> Commissioners Meeting. Commissioner Fox requested that Mr. Roy schedule a review of the abatement policy on an earlier date, to which Mr. Roy agreed.

- Wells 4 & 6 Study/Preliminary Design:

Director Roy informed the Commissioners that a hybrid meeting was held on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, with Weston & Sampson to review their evaluation summary for PFAS treatment at Wells 4 and 6. Attendees included V. Roy, M. Abbondanzio, B. Willett, members of Weston & Sampson, and Commissioner Sheldon. The discussion primarily focused on treatment options and associated costs. Mr. Roy stated that the summary report will be presented by Weston & Sampson at the June 10<sup>th</sup> Commissioners' Meeting.

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

### **3. Discussion on 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

The Commissioners reviewed and made final edits to the PowerPoint presentations for the 89<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting. No further discussion on this matter.

### **Conclusion of Open Meeting**

Chairperson Sheldon moved to conclude the open public meeting session and not move into an executive meeting session due to Commissioner Fox not being able to attend. The motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Boyd and was approved by a unanimous roll call:

Robert E. Boyd, Jr., Commissioner - Aye

Robert H. Sheldon, Commissioner and Chairperson - Aye

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:05p.m.