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Water Superintendent

Board of Water Commissioners
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May 19, 2026
Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairperson, Bernie Cullen, Commissioner, John Manning, Commisioner, Mark Emery, Superintendent, Rob Swiniarski, Resident, Steve Comely

Chairman Cullen opened the meeting at 5:30.

1. **Discuss and vote on billing issue with 50 Mansion Dr.**
   Superintendent Swiniarski explained that in sorting through all of the emails regarding the billing issue, and the related bills and work orders, he found that when a final read was done, it was poorly written on the work order and mis-read by Pennichuck. Mr. Comely will be reimbursed. Rob apologized for the error Mr. Comely accepted.

2. **Discuss Town Meeting topics**
   Superintendent Swiniarski said that all of the items in our budget, and the articles passed.

3. **Release of lien**
   Chair Cullen said this will need to go through Town Hall.

4. **Budget update**
   The Superintendent said the department is doing fine but he'd like to see revenues increase. He said the commitment rates will be met. With the cost of chemicals and utilities rising, he would like to see the revenue over 2.4 million/yr. Commissioner Manning said we will raise the rates if need be.

5. **Approve draft letter for Rowley Farms project**
   The Board reviewed the letter addressed to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Commissioner Manning made a motion to send the letter as written. Commissioner Emery seconded. **All in favor at 6:15.**

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6. **Update on Well 2 Pilot Study; Request for determination of Applicability**

   The Superintendent said he met with the Conservation Commission who said no further action is needed to set up the study.

7. **Reorganization of the Board**

   Commissioner Emery motioned for Bernie Cullen to continue as Chairman. Commissioner Manning seconded. **All in favor at 6:20.** Chairman Cullen motioned for John Manning as Vice Chair. Commissioner Emery seconded. **All in favor at 6:21.** Chair Cullen motioned for Mark Emery as Clerk of the Board. Commissioner Manning seconded. **All in favor at 6:22.**

8. **Superintendent's Report**

   - Superintendent Swiniarski explained that he and Chair Cullen sent a lettter of interest to One Stop program, which is a group that provides assistance to communities searching for grants to help fund their infrastructure. They are looking for funds for the filters needed for Well 2.

   - Hydrant flushing was completed in April.

Next meeting: June 16, 2026

Approve minutes:
March 10, 2026: Commissioner Manning motioned to accept the minutes as amended. Commissioner Emery seconded. **All in favor at 6:25.**
March 24, 2026: Commissioner Emery motioned to accept the minutes. Commissioner Manning seconded. **All in favor at 6:25.**

Adjourn: Commissioner Emery motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Manning seconded**. All in favor at 6:30.**

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Minutes approved at the __June 16___ 2026 meeting_____

Minutes respectfully prepared by Kathy Bento

Documents provided/discussed at the meeting are available at the Water Department office:
Meeting Agenda
Budget reports
Superintendent's Report
Letter to One Stop

Open Meeting Law,' G.L. 39, S.23B, the approval of these minutes by the Board constitutes a certification of the date, time and place of the meeting, the members present and absent, and any actions taken at the meeting. Any other description of statements made by any person, or the summary of the discussion of any matter, is included for context only, and no Certification, express or implied, be made by the Board as to the completeness or accuracy of such statements.