



# The West Boylston Water District

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**Meeting Date and Time:** Monday January 12, 2026; 5:00pm

**Members Present:** Stanley Szczurko Jr., Robert Bryngelson, Jr., Michael Mard, Stephen Muscente

**Also Present:** Michael Coveney, Heather Isaacs, Michael Ohl

Mr. Szczurko called the meeting to order at 5:04 and notified the participants that the meeting would be audio recorded.

## **ITEM 1: TREASURER’S REPORT- all reports attached**

Heather Isaacs presented the Water Use Charges, Profit and Loss, Balance Sheet and Aged Receivable reports through December 2025. Mrs. Isaacs is aiming to start the free cash certification process this month. Mr. Szczurko inquired if Mass. DeP would be looking for free cash certifications- Mrs. Isaacs said that DeP would not be looking for this. No further questions.

## **ITEM 2: SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT See attached.**

- 1.) Mr. Coveney added that the Hartwell Street bridge would be replaced by CSX Railroad next year.
- 2.) No further questions or comments
- 3.) Mr. Coveney noted that Worcester had approximately 16 breaks in December.
- 4.) No further questions or comments
- 5.) No further questions or comments
- 6.) No further questions or comments

## **ITEM 3: OLD BUSINESS-**

**Pleasant Valley filtration plant and DeP Sanitary Survey Discussions-** Mr. Ohl notified the Board that the anticipated Advisory Consent Order (ACO) from the Commonwealth had been received and the District had 90 days to enter into a binding agreement with the State. Mr. Ohl felt the time allotted for the conceptual study was reasonable and the ACO would be adjusted after complete. Noted that no hard dates given for design/build of a new treatment facility. Mr. Ohl also noted that no language was included that would indicate removing a water source from the District. Mr. Coveney advised that a managerial audit that would cost more than the fee fined, which will be a one time cost, and Mass DeP is agreeable to this. Mr. Muscente asked when the District should submit the conceptual study and how soon Mass DeP was expecting; Mr. Ohl is pleased that the timeline is not set and was not rushed. Mr. Szczurko questioned whether language pertaining to an interconnection with Worcester was included; it was not and was pending the conceptual study. Mr. Ohl indicated the study will weigh the pros and cons of each option but felt purchasing water from Worcester would be exceedingly more expensive. Mr. Coveney feels an emergency inter-connection may be feasible. Mr. Ohl feels that unforeseen water quality issues would ensue should Worcester water be procured for West Boylston use. Mr. Ohl is keeping an eye on other grant applications submitted. Mr. Mard made a motion to approve signing the Consent Order; Mr. Bryngelson seconded the motion. All voted in favor, motion carried.

## **ITEM 4: NEW BUSINESS-**

**Bowen/Franklin Sts. Water Main Replacement-** Mr. Ohl presented the proposal for engineering and design services for the replacement of water mains in the Bowen St/Franklin St areas. Noted that estimated planning services increased slightly. Mr. Ohl clarified design meeting expectations and on site observation services for Mr. Szczurko and confirmed that estimates are conservative and budget conscious. Mr. Coveney noted that Lee Street used about 50% of the on site observer budget.

Mr. Muscente made a motion to approve the contract; Mr. Mard seconded the motion. All voted in favor, motion carried.

**Upcoming Board Elections:** Mr. Mard has pulled his nomination papers to be included on the 2026 ballot for service through 2029. Mr. LaMountain is considering stepping down. Discussion around providing virtual options for flexibility in order for Mr. LaMountain to remain.

**Vehicle Maintenance:** Mr. Szczurko questioned the condition of some of the District vehicles; Mr. Coveney has maintenance on some of the steel on the bodies of the older trucks scheduled for the summer.

**ITEM 5: Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Muscnete motioned to approve the December 16, 2025 meeting minutes with the date typo corrected, Mr. Bryngelson seconded the motion; all voted in favor, motion carried.

**ITEM 6: Future Agenda Items-** Further discussion of virtual meeting options to accommodate Mr. LaMountain.

Mr. Mard made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Muscente seconded the motion; all voted in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Szczurko adjourned the meeting at 6:13pm. Next meeting scheduled for February 23 2026 at 5:00pm.

## Meeting Minutes of the West Boylston Water District

January 12, 2026

**Members Present:** Stanley Szczurko, Jr., Robert Bryngelson, Jr., James LaMountain, Michael Mard, Stephen Muscente

Date of Approval: March 2, 2026
