



The West Boylston Water District

Meeting Date and Time: Monday September 12, 2022; 5:00pm

Members Present: James LaMountain, Robert Bryngelson, Jr., Gary Flynn, Michael Mard

Also Present: Michael Coveney, Heather Isaacs, Lori Renzoni, Michael Ohl, Robert Lopez

Mr. LaMountain called the meeting to order at 5:09pm.

ITEM 1: TREASURER'S REPORT- (see attachments)

Treasurer Heather Isaacs reviewed the Water District Balance Sheet, and Profit and Loss Report through ending 8/31/22. Mrs. Isaacs noted that adjustments were pending. Mrs. Isaacs clarified the Profit & Loss account Water Quality Control was over budget due to PFAS testing; there is hope that this testing will be reduced from 4 times to 1 time a year for all locations but Lee Street. Noted that the Worcester Regional Retirement System audit should be coming out shortly and recommended financial audit for Fiscal Year 2022 be completed in June of 2023. Further recommended audit happen in coordination with OPEB study. No further questions on these schedules.

ITEM 2: SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (see attachments)

- 1.) Mr. Coveney presented the Board with (2) change orders for the new treatment plant for discussion under old business.
- 2.) No further questions or comments.
- 3.) No further questions or comments.
- 4.) Mr. Coveney has submitted the claim to Geico and has received a letter from the claimant's attorney. See old business.
- 5.) No further questions or comments.
- 6.) No further questions or comments.
- 7.) See new business

ITEM 3: OLD BUSINESS

OAKDALE WATER TREATMENT PLANT: Michael Ohl of Comprehensive Environmental (CEI) updated the Board on construction progress of the Oakdale Water Treatment Plant with current pictures. Project is still on target date for completion and approximately 80% of work has been invoiced. Presented the change orders: Stone and fencing. Mr Flynn asked about plastic coated fencing and barbed wire requirements (yes to both) and Mr. Mard inquired about height, which will remain the same. Mr. Bryngelson made a motion to accept the change order from loam/seed to crushed stone; Mr. LaMountain seconded the motion, all voted in favor. Mr. Bryngelson made a motion the change order from adding fencing to installing new fencing to entire location; Mr. LaMountain seconded the motion; all voted in favor. Both motions passed.

Woodland Street Hydrant Claim: Board discussion regarding hiring a lawyer to try to recoup losses on destruction of property done by Woodland Street accident that GEICO insurance does not cover; Board in unanimous agreement to not sign the GEICO waiver and contact the District lawyer regarding going after the additional \$11,000 in damages not covered by insurance.

ITEM 4: NEW BUSINESS (attachments)

State Auditor's Survey of Special Districts: The Board discussed completing an optional survey from the State; Mr. LaMountain made a motion to allow Mr. Coveney and Mrs. Isaacs to complete the survey; Mr. Bryngelson seconded the motion; all voted in favor, motion carried.

Plaque for Oakdale Water Treatment Plant: The Board tabled discussion to an upcoming meeting.

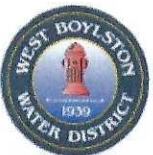
ITEM 5: APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Flynn made a motion to accept the August 15, 2022 meeting minutes as presented; Mr. Mard seconded the motion, all voted in favor; motion carried.

ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

No other business presented.

Mr. Bryngelson made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Flynn seconded the motion; all voted in favor. Mr. LaMountain adjourned the meeting at 6:04 PM. Next meeting scheduled for October 17, 2022 at 5pm.



Meeting Minutes of the West Boylston Water District

September 12, 2022

Members Present: James LaMountain, Robert Bryngelson, Gary Flynn, Michael Mard

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Michael Mancini

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**MEETING POSTING
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF MGL 30A §§ 18-25**

Board of Water Commissioners

September 8, 2022

Board/Committee Name

Date of Notice

183 Worcester St, West Boylston

WBWD OFFICE

Meeting Place

Conference Rm. No.

September 12, 2022
Monday 5:00 p.m.

Robert Bryngelson

Date/Time of Meeting

Clerk of Board or Bd. Member Signature

Meeting canceled/Postponed to: _____

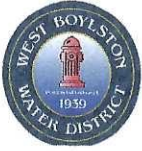
Date of cancelation/Postponement _____



Agenda

- 5:00 PM CONVENE MEETING
- 5:05 PM TREASURER'S REPORT – Heather Isaacs
- 5:20 PM SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Mike Coveney
- 5:30 P.M. OLD BUSINESS – Update on Oakdale WTF/Lee St Water Main (Mike Ohl - CEI)
 Insurance claim for Woodland/Pierce hydrant - GEICO
- 5:45 P.M. NEW BUSINESS –State Auditor's survey of Special Districts
- 5:50 P.M. READING/APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- 5:55 P.M. ANY OTHER BUSINESS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED
- 6:00 P.M. CLOSE MEETING

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West Boylston Water District

To: Board of Water Commissioners

From: Michael Coveney

Date: 9/12/2022

Re: Superintendents Report

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- 1.) Oakdale Treatment Facility: The contractor is currently working on the interior piping, electrical, HVAC and site work. Mike Ohi from CEI will be able to attend the meeting today for an update. Pay requisition #14 is included on the warrant to be signed today. We need to discuss the dedication plaque wording. I have provided a copy of some examples of these for review.
 - 2.) Personnel Handbook and Compensation Review: We are still working on the Personnel Policy revisions as listed in the Collins Center review and will have an update on this at a future meeting.
 - 3.) Lee Street Water Main project: CEI is working on the survey for Lee St this month and have also submitted the application form to SRF for 2023.
 - 4.) Hydrant Claim: The hydrant at the intersection of Woodland St and Pierce St has been replaced and the driver of the vehicle has been billed. Their insurance will only cover about half of the expense up to \$10K. We received a letter from the driver's attorney (attached) to direct all correspondence to their office. We can discuss how to proceed with this under old business.
 - 5.) Rte. 12 Pump Station Flooding: I have contacted the owner of the development and Walmart about this issue. Walmart has agreed to repair the collapsed 48" drain under the entrance to the Scarlett Brook Marketplace. Their contractor is delayed with other work, and they are looking into other local contractors to proceed with this project.
 - 6.) Pleasant Valley Well #2: Manganese update, the detection levels are below the health advisory of 0.30 mg/L but above the secondary MCL of 0.05 mg/L. The average monthly sample result is 0.12 mg/L. We will continue to sample and monitor this each month for any changes.
 - 7.) Special Districts Survey: The State Auditor is requesting information from Special Districts to better understand our concerns and needs. I can complete the survey with the Board's permission and submit it as needed.
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W.B. Water District
Monthly Water Charges
FY22

	FY23			FY22			FY21			FY20			AR
	Actual	Budget	variance	Actual	Budget	variance	Actual	Budget	variance	Actual	Budget	variance	
Jul-22	184,531.29	180,000.00	4,531.29	April, May, June	122,000.00	180,187.29	165,000.00	15,187.29	99,000.00	163,671.00	125,000.00	38,671.00	95,000.00
Aug-22	166,820.86	148,000.00	18,820.86	May, June, July	108,000.00	144,220.84	135,000.00	9,220.84	104,000.00	134,710.20	120,000.00	14,710.20	90,000.00
Sep-22		160,000.00		June, July, Aug		147,595.80	155,000.00	(7,404.20)	99,000.00	152,535.92	119,000.00	33,535.92	95,500.00
Oct-22		200,000.00		July, Aug, Sept		175,242.80	205,000.00	(29,757.20)	106,000.00	198,470.06	170,000.00	28,470.06	96,000.00
Nov-22		130,000.00		Aug, Sept, Oct		129,151.13	140,000.00	(10,848.87)	84,000.00	141,907.42	122,000.00	19,907.42	94,000.00
Dec-22		125,000.00		Sept, Oct, Nov		123,290.46	125,000.00	(1,709.54)	93,000.00	125,192.99	107,000.00	18,192.99	93,000.00
Jan-23		150,000.00		Oct, Nov, Dec		138,734.92	140,000.00	(1,265.08)	100,000.00	139,747.55	124,000.00	15,747.55	87,000.00
Feb-23		120,000.00		Nov, Dec, Jan		107,751.56	115,000.00	(7,248.44)	91,000.00	106,386.73	100,000.00	6,386.73	87,000.00
Mar-23		120,000.00		Dec, Jan, Feb		113,045.28	115,000.00	(1,954.72)	90,000.00	102,084.83	100,000.00	2,084.83	66,000.00
Apr-23		140,000.00		Jan, Feb, Mar		137,337.67	130,000.00	7,337.67	110,000.00	136,147.59	121,000.00	15,147.59	63,000.00
May-23		125,000.00		Feb, Mar, April		106,333.47	125,000.00	(18,666.53)	86,000.00	104,755.71	120,000.00	(15,244.29)	65,000.00
Jun-23		140,000.00		Mar, April, May		118,529.15	130,000.00	(11,470.85)	94,000.00	115,312.87	100,000.00	15,312.87	
Totals	351,352.15	1,738,000.00	23,352.15			1,621,420.37	1,680,000.00	(58,579.63)		1,505,610.00	1,428,000.00	175,621.87	

West Boylston Water District

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

July through August 2022

		Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4175 · Interest Charges	1,273.26	750.00	523.26	169.77%
4250 · Water Charges & Services				
4251 · Worcester Corporate Water Charg	-1,490.00	0.00	-1,490.00	100.0%
4250 · Water Charges & Services - Other	384,560.89	328,000.00	56,560.89	117.24%
Total 4250 · Water Charges & Services	383,070.89	328,000.00	55,070.89	116.79%
4260 · User Fee	2,000.00	24,000.00	-22,000.00	8.33%
4261 · Back Flow	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
4262 · Fire Line	5,678.40	5,678.00	0.40	100.01%
4270 · Merchandise & Jobbing	555.62			
4275 · Meters				
4276 · 2nd meter	400.00			
4275 · Meters - Other	1,200.00	1,600.00	-400.00	75.0%
Total 4275 · Meters	1,600.00	1,600.00	0.00	100.0%
4320 · Rental Income	23,119.96	22,500.00	619.96	102.76%
4820 · Investment Income				
4821 · Net investment income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
4820 · Investment Income - Other	539.10	0.00	539.10	100.0%
Total 4820 · Investment Income	539.10	0.00	539.10	100.0%
4840 · Miscellaneous Revenue	1,380.00	1,300.00	80.00	106.15%
Total Income	419,217.23	383,828.00	35,389.23	109.22%
Cost of Goods Sold				
50000 · Cost of Goods Sold	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total COGS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Gross Profit	419,217.23	383,828.00	35,389.23	109.22%
Expense				
5000 · Operation & Maintenance				
5130A · Salaries & Employee Benefits				
5130 · Admin & Salaries				
5143 · Overtime Wages	1,956.70	3,267.68	-1,310.98	59.88%
5130 · Admin & Salaries - Other	57,784.53	55,488.92	2,295.61	104.14%
Total 5130 · Admin & Salaries	59,741.23	58,756.60	984.63	101.68%
5131 · Superintendent's Salary	15,952.00	16,151.08	-199.08	98.77%
5132 · Commissioners Salaries	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
5133 · Moderator Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
5134 · Payroll Processing Expense	249.84	281.68	-31.84	88.7%
5135 · Worcester Retirement System	85,383.00	85,383.00	0.00	100.0%
5135A · Rension Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
5136A · Health Insurance				
5136 · Employee's	16,464.10	17,798.00	-1,333.90	92.51%
5137 · Retiree's	2,176.00	2,219.50	-43.50	98.04%
5136A · Health Insurance - Other	106.26			
Total 5136A · Health Insurance	18,746.36	20,017.50	-1,271.14	93.65%
5136B · OPEB Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
5138 · Life Insurance	86.40	118.83	-32.43	72.71%
5139 · Uniforms	562.11	2,512.18	-1,950.07	22.38%
5140 · Workers' Comp Insurance	8,586.00	9,002.00	-416.00	95.38%
5141 · Employee Training	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%

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Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

July through August 2022

	Actual - Aug 22	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
5142 · Payroll Taxes	1,097.55	1,250.00	-152.45	87.8%
Total 5130A · Salaries & Employee Benefits	190,404.49	194,472.87	-4,068.38	97.91%
5200 · Bank Service Charge	0.00	60.00	-60.00	0.0%
5210 · Heating	98.09	100.00	-1.91	98.09%
5215 · Telephone	1,676.25	1,800.32	-124.07	93.11%
5220 · Electricity				
5221 · Beaman Street	8.81	30.00	-21.19	29.37%
5222 · Lawrence Street	14.21	60.00	-45.79	23.68%
5223 · Lee Street	2,959.52	4,000.00	-1,040.48	73.99%
5224 · Prospect Street	6.03	25.00	-18.97	24.12%
5225 · Temple Street	6,839.00	8,000.00	-1,161.00	85.49%
5226 · Thomas Street	733.19	1,100.00	-366.81	66.65%
5227 · West Boylston Street	3,122.53	2,700.00	422.53	115.65%
5228 · Western Avenue	275.01	700.00	-424.99	39.29%
5229 · Worcester Street	418.14	600.00	-181.86	69.69%
5229A · Laurel Street	101.35	400.00	-298.65	25.34%
5220 · Electricity - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total 5220 · Electricity	14,477.79	17,615.00	-3,137.21	82.19%
5230 · Legal & Accounting				
5231 · Audit Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
5232 · Accounting Expense	788.00	1,000.00	-212.00	78.8%
5233 · Legal Expense	0.00	4,000.00	-4,000.00	0.0%
5234 · Consulting Expense	3,300.00	17,500.00	-14,200.00	18.86%
Total 5230 · Legal & Accounting	4,088.00	22,500.00	-18,412.00	18.17%
5240 · Auto & Truck Expense				
5241 · Gasoline & Oil	3,080.90	2,900.00	180.90	106.24%
5242 · Repairs & Maintenance	111.22	1,700.00	-1,588.78	6.54%
5240 · Auto & Truck Expense - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total 5240 · Auto & Truck Expense	3,192.12	4,600.00	-1,407.88	69.39%
5300 · Property and Liability Insurance	15,888.00	18,565.00	-2,677.00	85.58%
5420 · Office Expense				
5421 · Office Supplies	287.94	550.00	-262.06	52.35%
5422 · Postage	1,175.00	1,000.00	175.00	117.5%
Total 5420 · Office Expense	1,462.94	1,550.00	-87.06	94.38%
5423 · Computer/Tech	2,330.00	2,000.00	330.00	116.5%
5430 · Pump Station Supplies	823.72	1,000.00	-176.28	82.37%
5435 · Water Quality Control Expense	4,670.00	2,750.00	1,920.00	169.82%
5440 · Water Treatment Chemicals	16,996.31	12,000.00	4,996.31	141.64%
5500 · Tools	459.45	675.00	-215.55	68.07%
5600 · Repairs & Maintenance				
5601 · Equipment Repairs	1,999.38	2,250.00	-250.62	88.86%
5602 · Facility Repairs	10.36	2,250.00	-2,239.64	0.46%
Total 5600 · Repairs & Maintenance	2,009.74	4,500.00	-2,490.26	44.66%
5625 · Property Maintenance	1,587.70	2,250.00	-662.30	70.56%
5790 · State & District Expense	4,532.22	4,550.00	-17.78	99.61%
5791 · GIS Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
5795 · DEP Permit Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
5840 · Serv & Distr. Improve.				
5840E- Emergency Repair Costs	1,856.00	0.00	1,856.00	100.0%

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Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

July through August 2022

	Jul - Aug 22	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
5840 · Serv & Distr. Improve. - Other	36,095.82	37,500.00	-1,404.18	96.26%
Total 5840 · Serv & Distr. Improve.	37,951.82	37,500.00	451.82	101.21%
5950 · District Improvements				
5950C · Well Exploration (\$35K)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
5950D · Tank Cleaning	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
5950H · Hydrants	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
5951 · District Improvements (Capital)				
5951H · Oakdale WTP 2021-22	0.00			
5951G · N.Main St. Main Replace	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
5951B · Radio Read Meters	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
5951F · Well Exploration - PV2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
5951 · District Improvements (Capital) - Other	0.00			
Total 5951 · District Improvements (Capital)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
5950 · District Improvements - Other	0.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00	0.0%
Total 5950 · District Improvements	0.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00	0.0%
Total 5000 · Operation & Maintenance	302,648.64	338,488.19	-35,839.55	89.41%
Total Expense	302,648.64	338,488.19	-35,839.55	89.41%
Net Ordinary Income	116,568.59	45,339.81	71,228.78	257.1%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
8400 · Insurance Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
8500 · Bond premium amortization	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Other Expense				
8000 · Interest Expense				
8050 · DSRF Earnings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
8060 · Contract Assistance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
8000 · Interest Expense - Other	16,753.71	16,671.50	82.21	100.49%
Total 8000 · Interest Expense	16,753.71	16,671.50	82.21	100.49%
Total Other Expense	16,753.71	16,671.50	82.21	100.49%
Net Other Income	-16,753.71	-16,671.50	-82.21	100.49%
Net Income	99,814.88	28,668.31	71,146.57	348.17%

Balance Sheet

As of August 31, 2022

	<u>Aug 31, 22</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000 · Cash-Checking & Savings	925,944.16
1020 · Petty Cash	125.00
1025 · Cash on Hand	125.00
Total Checking/Savings	<u>926,194.16</u>
Accounts Receivable	
1201 · User Charges	318,674.36
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>318,674.36</u>
Other Current Assets	
1159 · Investments	1,367,527.96
1499 · Undeposited Funds	5,209.92
Total Other Current Assets	<u>1,372,737.88</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>2,617,606.40</u>
Fixed Assets	
1998 · Capital Assets - Depreciable	5,127,077.97
1999 · Capital Assets - Nondepreciable	5,680,618.53
Total Fixed Assets	<u>10,807,696.50</u>
Other Assets	
2860 · Deferred Outflows of Resources	96,920.00
Total Other Assets	<u>96,920.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>13,522,222.90</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
2000 · Accounts Payable	707,650.40
Total Accounts Payable	<u>707,650.40</u>
Other Current Liabilities	
2100 · Payroll Withholdings	-22.90
2430 · Accrued Vacation Pay	18,738.45
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>18,715.55</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>726,365.95</u>
Long Term Liabilities	
1750 · Deferred Inflows of Resources	69,040.00
2600 · N/P - DEP (SRF Funding)	7,353,737.96
2800 · Other Post Employment Benefits	1,080,197.00
2850 · Net Pension Liability	829,002.00
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>9,331,976.96</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>10,058,342.91</u>



■ GEICO General Insurance Company

Buffalo/NJ Claims, PO BOX 9515
Fredericksburg, VA 22403-9515



August 25, 2022

Loss Reported to GEICO: June 14, 2022

West Boylston Water District
183 Worcester St
West Boylston, MA 01583-1717

CLAIM: 8709549610000001
INSURED: Benjamin Asher Strauss
POLICY: 6048779588
DATE OF LOSS: 06/13/2022



Dear West Boylston Water District,

Enclosed please find the Property Damage Release in the amount of \$10,000.00. This is for full and final settlement of any property damage claim including but not limited to vehicle damages, personal property damages, loss of use, any rental expenses and your out of pocket expenses. In order to resolve the claim and forward a check, the Release must contain a signature of an authorized representative of your company as well as that of the owner of the vehicle and any others having interest in the property damage.

This is also to confirm that as a condition of this settlement, no other property damage, loss of use, or rental expense payments will be or have been expected, requested, solicited or compromised with our insured, our insured driver or any other person considered GEICO General Insurance Company insured under the above claim. If this is not the case, please return the Release and call me to discuss how we will proceed with resolution of this matter.

If you have any further questions, please call me at the number listed below.

Please sign on one of the lines that states (SIGNATURE), and please have either two witnesses also sign or have a notary sign. You may return via uploading to geico.com, fax to 716-898-0542, or mail to PO BOX 9515 Fredericksburg, VA 22403.

CL24 (OCT2021)

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RELEASE
IN FULL OF ALL CLAIMS

Claim: 8709549610000001

I/we, West Boylston Water District, Releasor(s), of 183 Worcester St, City of West Boylston, State MA, Being over the age of majority, for and in consideration of payment in the amount of ten thousand dollars and zero cents (\$10,000.00), lawful money of the United States of America to me/us in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, do for myself/ourselves, my/our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, hereby remise, release, and forever discharge Benjamin Asher Strauss and GEICO General Insurance Company and its affiliates, Releasee(s), successors and assigns, and/or his, her or their associates, heirs, executors and administrators, and all other persons, firms or corporations of and from any and every claim, including demands made under Chapter 93A, Section 9 and Chapter 176D, demand, right or cause of action, of whatever kind or nature, on account of or in any way growing out of any and all property damage resulting or to result from an accident that occurred on or about the 13th day of June, 2022 at or near West Boylston, Massachusetts including, but not limited to, all liability for contribution and/or indemnity.

AS A FURTHER CONSIDERATION FOR THE MAKING OF SAID SETTLEMENT AND PAYMENT, IT IS EXPRESSLY WARRANTED AND AGREED:

- (1) That I/we understand fully that this is a final settlement and disposition of the disputes both as to the legal liability for said accident, casualty, or event and as to the nature and extent of the property damage which I/we have sustained and I/we understand that liability is denied by Benjamin Asher Strauss and GEICO General Insurance Company and its affiliates, Releasee(s), and it is covenanted and agreed between the Releasor(s) and Releasee(s) herein that this release and settlement is not to be construed as consent or an admission of liability on the part of said Releasee(s); that this release and settlement agreement shall not be used by said Releasor(s) or any one on his behalf as a defense or estoppel in any action which is now pending or may be brought hereafter by said Releasee(s) against said Releasor(s) or his agents and servants, and any claim of whatever kind or nature the Releasee(s) might have or hereafter have other than property damage arising from said accident is expressly reserved to them.
- (2) That I/we do hereby for myself/ourselves, my/our heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns and next of kin covenant to indemnify and save harmless the Releasee(s) from any and every claim or demand of every kind or character for property damage arising from said accident which may ever be asserted.
- (3) That no promise, agreement, statement or representation not herein expressed has been made to or relied upon by me/us and this release contains the entire agreement between the parties.

IN WITNESS WHERE OF, I/we have hereunto set my/our hand and seal this _____ day of _____ 20 _____.

This is a
RELEASE
OF PROPERTY DAMAGE ONLY

(SIGNATURE) _____
(SIGNATURE) _____
(SIGNATURE) _____

September 9, 2022

Michael D. Coveney, Superintendent
West Boylston Water District
183 Worcester Street
West Boylston, MA 01583

RE: Benjamin Strauss – Property Damage to Fire Hydrant
Incident Date: June 13, 2022

Dear Mr. Coveney:

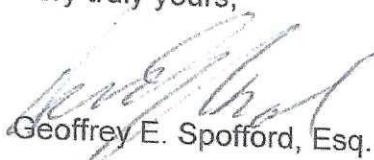
I have been retained by Benjamin Strauss relative to your claim for damages relating to an accident that occurred on June 13, 2022. I ask that you direct all further correspondence to me.

I understand you are submitting your bills to Mr. Strauss' insurance company, GEICO. Please confirm this submission has been made, and whether payment was issued by GEICO.

Please let me know if GIECO's payment satisfies the balance.

I look forward to hearing from you or Town Counsel.

Very truly yours,


Geoffrey E. Spofford, Esq.

GES/ljb

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Benjamin Strauss
Ms. Barbara Alexander, GEICO

Mike Coveney

From: OSA DLM Surveys (SAO) (SAO) <osa.dlm.surveys.sao@state.ma.us>
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2022 11:06 AM
To: 'commissioners@westboystonwater.org'
Subject: State Auditor Suzanne Bump Seeks Your Participation in Survey about Special Districts
Attachments: Special Districts Survey Questions for District Officials.pdf



— OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR —
SUZANNE M. BUMP
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Dear district officials:

The Division of Local Mandates (DLM) at the Office of the State Auditor is seeking your help on a project that will bring attention to special water, fire, and sewer districts – autonomous government bodies that are often overlooked in discussions of essential utilities and services. Although DLM is best known for its unfunded mandate determinations under the Local Mandate Law (M.G.L. c. 29, § 27C), DLM is authorized to examine laws and regulations that have significant local impacts via municipal impact reports (M.G.L. c. 11, § 6B). Please note that DLM does not have auditing powers and that municipal impact reports are not audits.

As the agency continues to further its mission to ensure that state policies are sensitive to local fiscal realities, DLM is planning to publish a report that investigates the specific financial challenges special districts face and the extent of their cooperation and collaboration with municipalities and state agencies.

Because literature on special districts in the Commonwealth is almost non-existent, an integral part to this study is to ask district officials to give their input on specific financial strains and infrastructure needs. The survey will also gauge

officials' thoughts on district consolidation, regulation, and oversight. DLM will also be sending a separate survey to municipal officials about their perspectives on special district operations.

We are seeking your assistance to respond to this survey. [Please click here to access our survey page and create a submission.](#)

This survey will take approximately 20 minutes to complete and your cooperation is greatly appreciated. We attached a PDF copy that details the questions that will appear in this survey.

Our goal is to generate enough responses from both districts and municipalities to draft an informed analysis that reflects district concerns and needs. We hope that the report can bring much-needed policy discussions as well as recommendations to improve efficiency in district operations and service delivery. Our intent is to make sure that districts can continue to efficiently provide and price municipal services to residents across the Commonwealth.

We appreciate any additional comments outside of our survey. Please feel free to contact Carina DeBarcelos (at 857-242-5411 or Carina.DeBarcelos@sao.state.ma.us) or George Chichirau (at 857-242-5362 or George.Chichirau@sao.state.ma.us) if you have any questions, concerns, or additional feedback. You can also reach out to Ben Tafoya, the Director of DLM, at 857-242-5428 or Ben.Tafoya@sao.state.ma.us.

We will be accepting submissions until **September 30, 2022**. Thank you in advance for your invaluable assistance.

Dr. Ben Tafoya

Director of Division of Local Mandates

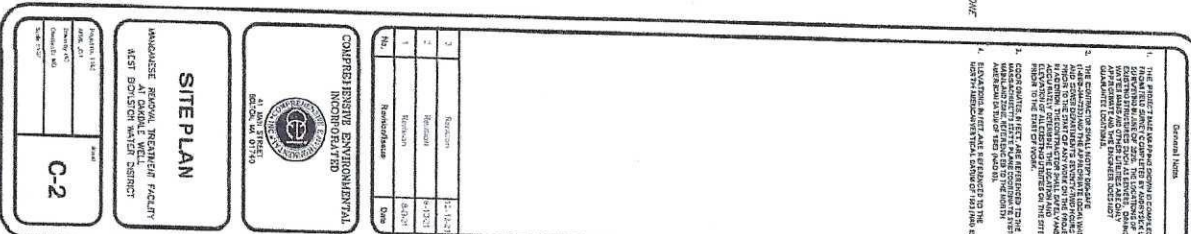
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