



**MEETING POSTING  
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**Board of Water Commissioners**

**January 18, 2023**

Board/Committee Name

Date of Notice

**183 Worcester St, West Boylston**

**WBWD OFFICE**

Meeting Place

Conference Rm. No.

**January 23, 2023**  
**Monday 5:00 p.m.**

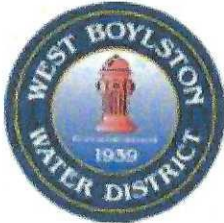
*Robert Bryngelson*

Date/Time of Meeting

Clerk of Board or Bd. Member Signature

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**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 Projects (Mike - CEI)
- 5:45 P.M. NEW BUSINESS
- 5:50 P.M. READING/APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- 5:55 P.M. ANY OTHER BUSINESS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED
- 6:00 P.M. CLOSE MEETING



# The West Boylston Water District

**Meeting Date and Time:** Monday January 23, 2023; 5:00pm

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

**Also Present:** Michael Coveney, Lori Renzoni, Michael Ohl, Robert Lopez

Mr. Szczurko called the meeting to order at 5:03pm.

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

Tabled until next meeting.

## **ITEM 2: SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (see attachments)**

- 1.) Had been waiting for the approval letter since 12/20/22. Small items are being repaired. Mr. Szczurko had Mr. Coveney clarify Treatment Plant classification at T2 level and whether regulations changed. Mr. Coveney clarified that Primary Operator required T2 licensing; staff could work under Primary Operator; if Primary Operator was away, staff could work under T1 licensing.
- 2.) CEI suggested possibly putting job out to bid to see what costs look like. Treasurer will explore loan options.
- 3.) No news from the lawyers.
- 4.) No further questions or comments.
- 5.) Mr. Szczurko questioned whether having Well #1 should be designated as Emergency Use only. ACO (Advisory Consent Order) requires Well #1 being abandoned (physical pipe disconnect and pump motor removed); Board feels this would put District at a disadvantage; Mr. Coveney noted he was reviewing the most current DEP Sanitary Survey report. The Board will be recommending that abandonment is put on hold.
- 6.) 18x24 cast bronze plaque presented. All in favor of ordering plaque.

## **ITEM 4: NEW BUSINESS –**

Mr. Coveney noted the truck that was ordered is at J.C. Madigan getting the body installed. Discussion regarding trade-in of old truck. Mr. Coveney will try to get more of a trade-in value as does not feel auctioning will get optimal price. Ms. Renzoni noted that the truck would not pass inspection.

Mr. Mard questioned whether Town plans for Prescott Street would affect water mains; Mr. Coveney noted that no water mains are where the work will be done.

Mr. Coveney noted that Resilient Engineering is working on a new Capital Project plan.

Mr. Coveney is reviewing the Sanitary Survey Report done in the summer of 2022 by Mass. DEP.



## **ITEM 4: OLD BUSINESS**

**OAKDALE WATER TREATMENT PLANT:** Michael Ohl of Comprehensive Environmental (CEI) updated the Board on construction progress of the Oakdale Water Treatment Plant. Noted that the well pump issues have been rectified. Start up of plant pending as Scada programmer delayed. Noted some DEP conditions:

- 1.) Classification of the pump station as a separate facility, which would mean more sampling and reporting.
- 2.) Move the KoH (Potassium Hydroxide chemical) feed system from the pump station to the treatment plant.
- 3.) Lead & Copper sampling required for a period of time at treatment plant.

Mr. Coveney noted that sampling would happen daily initially; chemical/PH monitoring would then be remote. Physical monitoring will also be key to proper operation. Most operator training is complete, some training on SCADA system coming as well as some chemical transfer training; will need practice for familiarization.

Mr. Ohl advised that manganese complaints would still occur for at least another year as build up on the mains are decades old. Mr. Coveney thinks that the main replacement on North Main removed much in the Oakdale area, but some would remain on side streets until replaced. Biggest solution is no new manganese being added.

**LEE STREET MAIN REPLACEMENT:** CEI sent draft contract documents to Board for review. Funding through the State Revolving Funds program was denied a second time; most loans are being given to towns for PFAS and lead & copper mitigation. Mr. Ohl explained how State scored projects; the Lee Street project scored at 315; projects that received approval had scores around 500. From 115 submittals, 38 projects funded. Mr. Ohl does not feel this project should be re-submitted for SRF funding. Mr. Szczurko questioned what other state/federal funding may be available; Economic Recovery Funds were available for infrastructure; Town received and expended without input from water infrastructure needs. Mr. Ohl offered USDA Rural Development loan as an option but a difficult, drawn out process with grants and higher rates. Ms. Renzoni questioned how USDA requirements compare to State loan requirements; indicated same as State. Mr. Ohl will reach out to USDA to start discussion. Mr. Szczurko questioned whether current capital could be expended. Mr. Flynn requested that Mr. Coveney contact the new Town Administrator to indicate interest in Federal funding when it becomes available. Mr. Coveney will be working with Treasurer Heather Isaacs to come up with options. He will also check with the DPW to see when paving on Lee Street was planned. Discussion surrounding how to seek reasonably accurate pricing to anticipate project costs without putting project out to bid. Mr. Ohl will give an updated cost estimate for next meeting.

## **ITEM 5: APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Flynn made a motion to accept the December 12, 2022 meeting minutes as presented; Mr. Mard seconded the motion, all voted in favor; motion carried.

## **ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS-** No other business.

Mr. Bryngelson made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Mard seconded the motion; all voted in favor. Mr. Szczurko adjourned the meeting at 6:18 PM. Next meeting scheduled for February 13, 2023 at 5pm.



# Meeting Minutes of the West Boylston Water District

January 23, 2022

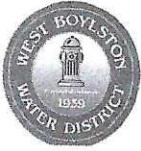
**Members Present:** Stanley Szczurko, Jr., Robert Bryngelson, Jr., James LaMountain, Gary Flynn, Michael Mard

Date of Approval: February 13, 2023

<i>Michael Mard</i>
<i>RB</i>
<i>James LaMountain</i>
<i>Gary</i>

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## West Boylston Water District

To: Board of Water Commissioners

From: Michael Coveney

Date: 1/23/2023

Re: Superintendents Report

- 1.) Oakdale Treatment Facility: We received the approval from MassDEP for this facility last week. The plan is to go online this week and start pumping filtered water into the distribution system. The contractor is currently working on finishing all the minor punch list items. The Training for the WBWD crew is ongoing with the contractor and SCADA engineer. Mike Ohl from CEI will be able to attend the meeting today for an update. Pay requisition #18 is included on the warrant to be signed today.
- 2.) Lee Street Water Main project: CEI is 90% complete with the plans and specifications for the Lee St. project. Unfortunately, we did not receive the funding from the SRF program for 2023. I recommend that we ask CEI for a realistic project cost estimate and consult with our Treasurer to determine if this project can be funded with any District capital funds.
- 3.) 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. We have been working with our attorney on this to recover our expenses from Geico Insurance and the driver. They are working out an agreement to proceed.
- 4.) Rte. 12 Pump Station Flooding: Walmart has agreed to repair the collapsed 48" drain under the entrance to the Scarlett Brook Marketplace. Their contractor *Commonwealth Construction and Utilities* has requested a digsafes and is planning to complete this work within the next two weeks.
- 5.) 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.
- 6.) Oakdale WTF dedication plaque: The final proof of the dedication plaque is ready to be approved. I have attached a mock-up of the plaque and request the board to look at it. If there are no changes, I will approve the order.

Here is the customized proof for your quote and order.  
Please reply to this email with your approval or any  
changes needed. Production can begin once your proof  
is approved and your order is placed.

**Order Information****RFP Number:** 26897518\_20**Order Quantity:** 1.000**Material:** CAST BRONZE**Thickness:** STANDARD**Height\*:** 18.0000 in**Width\*:** 24.0000 in**Sign Reflectivity\*:** Non - Reflective**Corners\*:** Square**Shape\*:** Rectangle**Mounting\*:** (4) Corner Holes**Sign Design\*:** Single Sided**Background Colors:** <SEE ENCL & TEXT>**Copy Color:** <SEE ENCL & TEXT>**Copy\*:** <SEE ENCL & TEXT>**Designer:** CM**Date:** 01/16/2023**Special Instruction****Signature of Approval**

Thank you for paying special attention to your proof as  
we are unable to accept returns on customized products  
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**Layout****WEST BOYLSTON WATER DISTRICT  
WATER TREATMENT FACILITY  
FOR OAKDALE WELL****2022****Board of Water Commissioners**

Stanley Szczurko, Robert Bryngelson  
James LaMountain, Gary Flynn, Michael Mard  
WBWD Superintendent - Michael Coveney

**Engineer**

Comprehensive Environmental Inc

**Contractor**

Waterline Industries Corp

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## SUMMARY OF FUNDING ATTEMPT THROUGH MASSACHUSETTS DWSRF PROGRAM

Estimated Project Costs (not including Design and Permitting)

DWSRF Summary (per draft IUP)	2022	2023
Total Number of Project Applications	89	115
Total Cost of All Project Application	\$713 million	\$1.25 billion
Number of Projects Funded	41	38
Total Cost of Projects Funded (over multiple FY)	\$319 million	\$300 million
Score/Rating of Lee St WM Project	315	315
Ranking of Lee St WM Project	#45	#66
Score/Rating of Funded Projects (cutoff)	413	507
Cutoff Rank for Funded Projects	#41	#38