



The West Boylston Water District

Meeting Date and Time: Monday October 20, 2025; 5:00pm

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

Also Present: Michael Coveney, Michael Ohl

Mr. Szczurko called the meeting to order at 5:10 and notified the participants that the meeting would be audio recorded.

ITEM 1: TREASURER'S REPORT

James LaMountain presented the Water Use Charges and Aged Receivable reports through September 2025. No further questions.

ITEM 2: SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- 1.) Meeting with Hartwell St contractor 10/21. Mr. Muscente asked about insurance; the contractor and the railroad provides.
- 2.) No further questions or comments.
- 3.) No further questions or comments.
- 4.) See old business.
- 5.) See old business.
- 6.) See old business.

ITEM 3: OLD BUSINESS-

Enforcement conference with Mass DeP- Occurred October 8, 2025 with Mr. Szczurko, Mr. Coveney and Mr. Ohl. Mass DeP advised that an Advised Consent Order would be issued with penalty unless evaluation provided, should be given a year to provide. Michael Ohl of Corporate Environmental Inc. outlined Mass Dep concerns over manganese in Pleasant Valley Well. Mr. Ohl advised evaluation could be done through Mass Rural Water Association, but recommends not spending more than the proposed fine to do so. Suggested push back on deadlines so as not to incur additional penalties. Interconnection to Worcester water is pending legal action between the town and the city being resolved. Mr. Ohl also noted land acquisition and watershed protection issues.

First action step recommended is to evaluate options. Mr. Mard questioned whether financial help would be available; Mr. Ohl expects the State Revolving Funds (low interest loan) might be available. Mr. Ohl recommended applying for a grant (emerging contaminant program) that the District would be eligible for with up to \$75,000 available for a study for green sand filtration or general study of land/building needs for a plant. Mr. Ohl outlined a less detailed pilot study that has been used with good results and less costly based on the Oakdale pilot study results. Mr. Szczurko questioned withdrawal on the existing decommissioned well to see if the additional supply could be used in the future for greater yield. Mr. Ohl advised that the permitting would be more stringent and plant would need to be engineered for volume. Discussion regarding the specifics of doing this ensued including piping and permitting requirements. Mr. Ohl did not recommend trying to use both wells at this time. Mr. Ohl advised per Mr. LaMountain's question regarding PFAs that a new filtration plant could be built with space to retrofit for PFAs filters. Mr. Szczurko wondered how quickly the process could start; Mr. Ohl and Mr. Coveney would be starting to work on the application almost immediately. Mr. Ohl expressed concern over interconnection with Worcester; Mr. Szczurko clarified that Worcester did not have any interest in selling water, but was a good insurance policy for the future, so Mr. Ohl would get an estimate on the cost for interconnection. Mr. Ohl will work on a cost estimate for the grant application. Mr. Szczurko intends on notifying Mass DeP on progress so they would be aware of the work being done so timelines might be adjusted.

Mr. Ohl reviewed some minor repairs requested after the sanitary survey was issued to the District. Mass DeP requested an updated maintenance plan, which is being worked on; that the backflow device record retention be updated, which it already has been; and manganese treatment, which is also being worked on. Mr. Ohl will be recommending some pushback on chemical pumping recommendations and some of the tank inspection reporting that needs clarification. Mr. Ohl noted that Mass DeP has many inexperienced new engineers that may need some help with being educated on processes and would be working with them and with Mr. Coveney to clarify the items. Mr. Szczurko also encouraged working with the current DeP director who was familiar with District operations and very helpful as he would be retiring soon. Mr. Szczurko will need to sign the response form for DeP.

Mr. Ohl is working on the scope of the water main replacement project on Franklin/Bowen Street; feels estimate will be about \$45,000 for engineering and will get solid estimate to the Board. Mr. Coveney is waiting on the paving list from DPW that outlines roads to be resurfaced as it may be pertinent to the project.

ITEM 4: NEW BUSINESS- none presented

ITEM 5: Approval of Meeting Minutes

Mr. Muscente motioned to approve the September 15, 2025 meeting minutes as presented, Mr. Bryngelson seconded the motion; all voted in favor, motion carried.

ITEM 6: Future Agenda Items- None presented

Mr. LaMountain made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Mard seconded the motion; all voted in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Szczurko adjourned the meeting at 6:21pm. Next meeting scheduled for November 17, 2025 at 5:00pm.

Meeting Minutes of the West Boylston Water District
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Date of Approval: _____November 17, 2025_____

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