

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 an 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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Board of Water Commissioners

October 15, 2025

Board/Committee Name

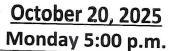
Date of Notice

183 Worcester St, West Boylston

WBWD OFFICE

Meeting Place

Conference Rm. No.



Robert Bryngelson

Date/Time of Meeting

Clerk of Board or Bd. Member Signature

Meeting canceled/Postponed to:

Date of cancelation/Postponement

<u>Agenda</u>

5:00 PM **CONVENE MEETING** TREASURER'S REPORT – Review of Profit & Loss, Balance Sheet and Water Income 5:05 PM SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Mike Coveney; Updates on repairs, maintenance 5:20 PM and issues of wells, properties and equipment; updates on system repairs/maintenance/issues. OLD BUSINESS – Pleasant Valley Well Manganese – Mike Ohl - CEI 5:30 PM NEW BUSINESS – Engineering of Franklin/Bowen St area water main replacement 5:45 P.M. READING/APPROVAL OF MINUTES – meeting minutes reading and approval 5:50 P.M. 5:55 P.M. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** 6:00 P.M. **CLOSE MEETING**

Totals	Jul-25 Aug-25 Sep-25 Oct-25 Nov-25 Dec-25 Jan-26 Feb-26 Mar-26 Apr-26
625,341.02	FY26 Actual 207,955.43 205,609.55 211,776.04
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West Boylston Water District

Aged Receivables

As of 09/30/2025

Service	0-30 days	31-60 days	61-90 days	91-120 days	> 120 days	Balance
Grand Total						Datance
WATER USAGE	49140.90	23530.47	-271,49	17274.28	46700.10	10 5000
WAŢER USAGE Interest	1330.43	1365.80			46708.13	136382,2
WATER USAGE Penalty			836.97	935.23	8221.74	12690.1
WATER USAGE Misc	400.00	322.91	0.00	190.00	1347.08	2259.9
FIRELINES	0.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	-250.00	-249.6
	0.00	0.00	0.00	107.10	0.00	107.1
FIRELINES Interest	1.63	6.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.2
NO INT ACCTS	62.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	62.9
BKFLOW	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
SPCL READ	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	40.00	150.0
TURN OFF FEE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		240.0
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umber of Accounts in Each Column:	406	279	101	178	113	

Total Number of Outstanding Accounts:

500

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West Boylston Water District



To:

Board of Water Commissioners

From: Michael Coveney

Date: 10/20/2025

Re:

Superintendents Report

1.) 2025 Project Update:

- Gates Brook Place 80 Units West Boylston St & Pierce St Still under review with Town Boards
- 2. CSX Railroad Beaman St & Hartwell St RR Bridges to be raised Plans have been submitted to MassDOT for review and approval.
- 3. Shrewsbury St/Hartwell St commercial buildings development -the largest of the three buildings is planned to connect to the 16" main this week as long as the water connection fees are paid in full.
- 2.) Ripple Fiber Optic: The fiber optic cable was installed directly above the water mains on both Pheasant Hill Run and Glenwood Ave, we required the contractor to move this installation and both of these areas have been done.
- 3.) Service & Distribution: The annual leak detection survey has been completed, and we have repaired all but one of the leaks. The fall hydrant flushing program has been completed. We have also replaced/repaired a few water services along with a few water main valve operating nuts that were rounded.
- 4.) Lee St Project: Haluch Water Contracting has completed the water main on Lee St . The replacement booster pump system has been ordered, and Haluch will be back to install the replacement pump system after it is delivered to us. The estimated shipping date is November 12.
- 5.) Enforcement Conference with MassDEP: Stan and I attended this meeting along with Mike Ohl from CEI to be discussed under Old Business.
- 6.) Sanitary Survey Report: The MassDEP sanitary survey that was conducted in March of this year has been completed and the report is available for the board to review. We will need to submit a response by October 24. Mike Ohl to help with this response. To be discussed under old business.
- 7.) Water Main Replacement Program: Mike Ohl from CEI is attending to discuss the next project for Bowen St and Franklin St high pressure mains.