



The West Boylston Water District

Meeting Date and Time: Monday April 27, 2026; 5:00pm

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

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

Mr. Szczurko called the meeting to order at 5:04 and notified the participants that the meeting would be audio recorded and Commission James LaMountain is in attendance remotely.

ITEM 1: TREASURER’S REPORT- see attachments.

Heather Isaacs presented the Water Use Charges, Profit and Loss, Balance Sheet and Aged Receivable reports through March 31, 2026. Mrs. Isaacs indicated free cash certification is still pending from the State. Mrs. Isaacs also answered questions about Other Post Employment Benefits study as being due but not required as pension liabilities were not required to be pre-funded yet. No further questions or comments.

ITEM 2: SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT- see attached.

- 1.) Gates Brook Place/CSX Railroad project update. Hartwell St. bridge open; Beaman remains closed. No further questions or comments.
- 2.) Ripple Fiber Installation Update. No further questions or comments.
- 3.) Service & Distribution System Update: Beaman St. main installed in 1940s; gaskets keep failing.
- 4.) Tank Inspection Update: No biofilm present in two inspected tanks; all issues can be completed while tanks remain in service as they are minor. Third tank inspection to be completed shortly.
- 5.) Bowen/Franklin Sts. Main replacement: CEI continues to work on plans and specs.
- 6.) Oakdale Well Cleaning Update: Sampling at end of day of raw (untreated) water still showed high manganese levels.
- 7.) PT Admin. Position Update: Second candidate would be offered position after first declined offer.
- 8.) Well Exploration Update: Maureen Callahan of Callahan Consultants will be contacted for input.

ITEM 3: OLD BUSINESS-

Feasibility Study: Michael Ohl of CEI outlined the scope of the alternative water supply or treatment analysis to deal with manganese at Pleasant Valley Well. Noted reporting to Mass. DeP is due at end of 2026. Mr. Szczurko questioned whether well exploration would be worth investing in as most viable intown locations have been explored. Mr. Coveney noted that exploration outside of the district is possible. Mr. Ohl clarified that the feasibility study would break down the possibilities and a second hydrogeologist would be utilized in Task #3 of the study. Mr. Szczurko recommended Joel Frisch of NGI for evaluation of past data.

Oakdale Filter Plant: Mr. Ohl indicated that sediment in the filters is now being managed and the media expansion may be due to the infiltration and sediment building up. They are still investigating the issue. Mr. Szczurko questioned whether any other green-sand filter plants in the area have been contacted for input- this is still being worked on.

ITEM 4: NEW BUSINESS-

Request for Abatement- Mr. Coveney and Mr. Lopez outlined the interaction between the customer and the office/field staff and take the position that the meter is correct and the owner is responsible for the water usage and associated costs. Board will not take action until the owner representative is present and has a chance to state their case.

ITEM 5: Approval of Meeting Minutes

Mr. Bryngelson motioned to approve the March 30, 2026 meeting minutes as presented, Muscente seconded the motion; roll call vote: all voted in favor, motion carried.

ITEM 6: Future Agenda Items- None presented

Mr. Mard made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Muscente seconded the motion; roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Szczurko adjourned the meeting at 6:37pm. Next meeting scheduled for May 18, 2026 at 4:30pm with the Annual Meeting set for June 1 at 6pm.

Meeting Minutes of the West Boylston Water District

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Date of Approval: May 18, 2026
