

A meeting of the Town of Barnstable's Barnstable Municipal Water Supply Board was held on November 19, 2024, at 5:00 PM remotely via ZOOM (as posted per instructions on the agenda) - "The November 19, 2024, meeting of the Barnstable Municipal Water Supply Board shall be conducted remotely and shall be physically closed to the public. Alternative public access shall be provided as set forth below.

#### ALTERNATIVE PUBLIC ACCESS

Remote access and participation; please utilize the Zoom video link or telephone number and access meeting code:

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Meeting ID: 823 1945 7787, US Toll-free 1-888-475-4499

In attendance (On Zoom) were: Sam Wilson, Louise O'Neil and Timothy Stump.

Staff present (On Zoom): Hans Keijser, Supervisor, Water Supply Division, Mark Milne, Finance Director, Matt Wrobel, P.E., Senior Project Manager-Water & Sewer, and Tyler Gilman, P.E., Project Manager.

Also present (On Zoom): Kevin Sampson from Veolia, Eric Callocchia & Aidan Oates, NewGen Strategies & Solutions, LLC. and Nate Ludtke, youth member.

A quorum being present (On Zoom), Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM.

Chair Wilson states, "This meeting is being recorded and broadcast on the Town of Barnstable's Government Access Channel. In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 20, the Chair must inquire whether anyone else is recording this meeting and, if so, to please make their presence known." None being heard; none is noted.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda.

**VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The Agenda is approved.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 10/15/24 meeting minutes.

**VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The 10/15/24 meeting minutes are approved.**

#### Operations Report –

Sampson informs the board about the following distribution tasks, contract obligations for preventative maintenance, distribution issues and water main breaks that were addressed and repaired in the month of October:

- A hydrant replacement (#71) at #577 Main Street was completed.
- A water leak from an irrigation box valve was repaired at #130 North Street.
- A water leak was investigated at #488 South Street which services the Roadhouse Café; the leak is on the customer side and the property management company was notified to make repair.
- A contractor was on-site to perform two separate cut and caps of old services in preparation of new service installs at #19 & #29 Bearses Road.
- Satisfactory inspection of a new service and meter pit installation at #597 Main Street was performed.
- Annual inspection and sampling were completed on the greensand filters, cleaning of the (3) inner and outer water storage tanks, then troubleshooting and corrections were also made relative to the UV filtration system; these were all completed at the Maher Treatment Plant facility location.
- A shut-off was performed at the #142 Pitchers Way location due to non-payment. Staff was advised to place a manual lock on the curb stop box due to speculation that the water was being manually

placed in operation by owner on his own accord; as a result of the shut-off, the customer paid the bill in full the following day.

- A water main leak was repaired at the #1040 Iyannough Road location.
- Cleaning and inspection were completed on the Mary Dunn #2 tank; no major issues were identified upon inspection.
- Staff dedicated time for preparation of the public tours and open house offered at the Maher Treatment Plant on October 26, 2024.
- A hydrant replacement (#59) at #88 Lincoln Avenue was completed.

Wilson thanks Sampson and his staff for their efforts with the site preparation for the public tours.

All required monthly reports and sampling were completed and submitted on time.

Capital project update by Matthew Wrobel, Senior Project Manager (handout dated November 19, 2024, given) – Wrobel and Gilman review the following projects and progress as follows:

1. New well exploration program, update – No change since last meeting.
2. Pilot testing project Mary Dunn & Airport wells – No change since last meeting.
3. New Straightway Water Treatment Facility (WTF) and Replacement of the Hyannis Port & Simmons Pond wells – Wrobel reports that Kleinfelder continues on the application packages for submission to Site Plan Review and the Conservation Commission for presentation at their December meetings. He is hopeful that Kleinfelder will also have the cost estimate reviewed and finalized by next meeting for presentation.
4. Lead Service Line Replacement – Wrobel reports that both front office staff at the water department and DPW Administration have been supplied with informational documents to enable them to answer customers questions as they are received; he also states they are working to get this information posted on the town's website as well. He states that the galvanized piping that has been identified will be scheduled for replacement and reports that the only (2) lead service lines that have been found on Cedar Street were replaced immediately upon discovery that same day. Wilson asks how many galvanized pipes are projected to exist; Keijser responds that that information will not be available until further information received upon discovery.
5. Route 28 / Yarmouth Road project – Wrobel reports that relocations are scheduled for night work after the Thanksgiving holiday; he also adds that the as-builts have been received by the state and turned over to the town's GIS department for appropriate updating of town's records.
6. Route 28 East sewer expansion project, water main extension – No change since last meeting.
7. Ocean Street Water Main – Wrobel expresses his enthusiasm in response to this project finally moving and states that work has commence on Gosnold Street and water work is planned for winter.
8. Mary Dunn 4 well building – Gilman reports that this is moving along and states that the building delivery is projected for March with an anticipated startup in May.
9. Mary Dunn 16" Transmission Main – No change since last meeting.
10. Mary Dunn Tank #1 Rehabilitation – No change since last meeting.

Discuss budget, capital and rates for FY 2026, model consultant present – Callocchia and Oates present figures resulting from a few different scenarios discussed earlier taking into consideration a 10% demand decrease which would result in an approximate \$600,000 revenue loss, adding approximately 11M(estimate) more needed funding for the Straightway Treatment Plant facility, and the potential receipt of proceeds (6M) from the PFAS lawsuit settlement. It is stated that the impact of not receiving the 6M from the lawsuit settlement would drive a 7% increase in rates and fees. It is also discussed of potentially using the lawsuit settlement proceeds to pay a portion of the additional funding needed for the Straightway Treatment Plant. Wilson also inquires and asks Milne how by utilizing the lawsuit monies, it could potentially buy down the

loans. Milne states that the rate is currently 3.5% on borrowing. He requests an opportunity to review and investigate the updated model in more detail and report back to consultant and Keijser. Wilson shares his desire to potentially aim for a 5.5% rate increase for FY 2026, 6.5% increase in FY 2027, and 6% rate increases for years after. Keijser suggests holding off on a vote until next meeting to allow more time to review and evaluate the different modeling scenarios and allow Milne to compute different number scenarios. Wilson also suggests waiting a month to enable getting a better idea of additional costs needed before making a decision; board is in agreement. Wilson and O'Neil thank consultants. Callocchia states that the board is doing a great job with their projections.

Fall, open house for the general public, water plant tour, follow-up – Wilson thanks O'Neil for her participation of the event. O'Neil shares that the attendees expressed their appreciativeness for all of the work that is being done at the water department. Wilson and O'Neil both express their immense sense of satisfaction for educating the public and agrees to the offering of another tour in the Spring. Keijser thanks the Veolia staff for their preparation efforts of the grounds. Ludtke shares that he was very impressed with the facility.

Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair – none.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:04 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Marcia Sellitto*

*DPW, Water Supply Division –Administrative Assistant*

Materials presented at meeting:

- Meeting Agenda November 19, 2024 (*presented by:* T.O.B.-DPW, Water Supply Div.)
- Meeting Minutes for approval 10/15/2024 (*presented by:* T.O.B.-DPW, Water Supply Div.)
- B.M.W.S.B. Monthly Report, October 2024 (*presented by:* Veolia)
- FY '25 Pumping Projection spreadsheets, dated 11/8/2024 (*presented by:* Hans Keijser)
- Billed and Received Revenue Projection-FY'25, dated 11/15/2024 (*presented by:* Hans Keijser)
- Copy of Capital Project spreadsheet, dated 11/19/2024, from DPW (*presented by:* Matt Wrobel & Tyler Gilman)
- Copy of Water Rate Model Update for Fiscal Year 2026 Rates, dated November 15, 2024 (*presented by:* Eric Callocchia & Aidan Oates, NewGen Strategies & Solutions)
- Copy of Lead Service Inventory Identification letter to customers from DPW Administration, dated 11/13/2024 (*presented by:* Hans Keijser)
- Copy of informational pamphlets to customers, RE: potential lead piping (*presented by:* Hans Keijser)
- Copy of Hydrogeologic Technical Memo 1#, RE: DEP TAG Grant – Cape Cod Gateway Airport Hyannis, from: Tom Cambareri, Sole Source Consulting LLC. To: Betsy Young, President-Greater Hyannis Civic Association, dated 8/22/2024 (*presented by:* Hans Keijser)
- Newspaper Clippings (*presented by:* Hans Keijser)