

An in-person meeting of the Town of Barnstable's Barnstable Municipal Water Supply Board was held on May 19, 2026, at 5:30 PM in the Town Hall, Selectman's Conference Room, 367 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Hyannis, MA.

In attendance were: Sam Wilson, Louise O'Neil, Patrick Ehart and Carlos Barbosa.

Staff present: Hans Keijser, Supervisor, DPW-Water Supply Division and Matt Wrobel, P.E., Senior Project Manager-Water & Sewer.

Also present: Chris Marchese from Veolia and Dave Gilliland-upcoming board member.

A quorum being present, Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 5:31 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 4/21/25 meeting minutes.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The 4/21/25 meeting minutes are approved.

Operations Report –

Marchese 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 April:

- Sampling, meter readings, dig safes, and door hanger placement were completed. Staff members were also available in assisting the on-site contractor for the Mary Dunn Road Water Main Replacement project.
- Maher carbon vessel put back on-line after the carbon exchange.
- Replacement of a broken valve at the #500 Main Street location was completed.
- Operations Supervisor, Horigan, received his Distribution 2 license and a congratulatory card from Wilson.
- Inspection of a new 2" domestic & fire service was performed at the #83 Main Street location. Installation requirements needed to be enforced with contractor by Veolia staff due to non-compliance of their original permit agreement. The contractor was informed of possible approved contractor revocation if additional non-conformance practices repeat.
- Bottom valves were replaced on the carbon vessels at the Straightway, Mary Dunn and Airport locations due to the harsh winter conditions. New top gaskets of the vessels were also replaced due to winter damage. Marchese adds that this was a 20 hour day and thanks all involved for their great effort. O'Neil asks how overtime is handled for this; Keijser states that overtime is reimbursed by the town for the hours incurred by Veolia.

Wilson asks Marchese to explain how leak detection is conducted; Marchese explains how vibration listening is done; Keijser adds that this is conducted at night when the sounds can be heard better. Keijser adds how page #9 of the Monthly Report is new, adding that it details and summarizes how water restriction monitoring and fine assessment are being conducted, expressing that this is done via meter-reading.

Gilliland asks how someone can report if they see sprinklers running for a long period of time; Keijser states that anyone can report anonymously; he also states how properties with irrigation wells are noted in the customer billing system upon receipt and verification of a complaint call. Marchese expresses how the deliverable numbers are lower than stated in the monthly report and that they will be 100% complete in the next 5-6 weeks.

All required monthly reports and sampling were completed and submitted.

Capital project update by Matthew Wrobel, Senior Project Manager (handout dated May 19, 2026, given) – Wrobel reviews 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 – Wrobel reports that there has been little movement on this since last meeting; stating that an updated version of the report is being done for presentation to the board.
3. New Straightway Water Treatment Facility (WTF) and Replacement of the Hyannis Port & Simmons Pond wells – Wrobel reports that Phase 1 is complete, stating that the installation of new yard piping and modifications to existing piping are complete. Wilson asks if they are still on schedule; Wrobel reports, Yes.
4. Lead Service Line Replacement – Wrobel reports that a procurement waiver has been received for the Phase 3 of this project and Kleinfelder is incorporating the approved Phase 2 information into the final report. Wilson adds that he will offer help to residents in his area to participate.
5. Mary Dunn 4 well building – Wrobel reports that minor landscaping punch list items remain, and a Change Order #4 is being submitted to replace a hydrant.
6. Mary Dunn 16" Transmission Main – Wrobel reports that the final punch list is being prepared by DPW Engineering; Wilson asks if a 90-day wait period can be posted; Wrobel will have Collopy draft something on this.
7. Mary Dunn Tank #1 Rehabilitation – Wrobel states that Apex is making a formal recommendation to evaluate Dynamic's response to the weeping issue; he reports a 3rd party tank inspector will perform a comprehensive inspection on the reported seepage/staining issues and findings will show if all work performed by the contractor has been done correctly. An amendment to Apex's on-call contract will be requested and Dynamic is expected to finish the punch list before their 1-year final inspection date.
8. Crocker Street Water Main Replacement – Wrobel reports that an amendment to revive the contract with JW Dubis is being prepared to extend the expiration date to 12/1/2026 to enable the final paving.
9. Hawes Avenue Culvert Replacement – Wrobel reports that final paving is scheduled after Labor Day.

State of Water Supply Conservation declaration, discussion & vote – Wilson explains how this will be reviewed on a monthly basis and states how the level finally went to a Level 1 so they have the option to ease the water conservation restrictions that have been put in place. He reiterates how Mass DEP regulates the requirements relative to the amount of water the water systems can withdraw. O'Neil asks if all residents need to be notified if amended; Keijser states, yes. Gilliland asks if it's the state who determines drought levels; Keijser explains how drought status has 2 sources: precipitation and groundwater levels. Board discusses water supply conservation measures.

A motion was made and seconded to implement a State of Water Supply Conservation as presented today per handout dated 5/19/2026.

VOTE: VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The State of Water Supply Conservation as presented today per handout dated 5/19/2026, will be implemented.

2025 Water Quality Report approval, discussion & vote – Wilson reviews the report with the board and states how much of the information detailed in the report is hard data required by Mass DEP. Keijser explains the levels and how detection is determined. Ehart expresses how the carbon filtration systems in place are working well in remediating the issues. Barbosa asks if the water system can get reimbursed for all the remediation monies used; Keijser explains how some measures are in place; Wilson also expresses how even sewer level testing is showing their remediation efforts. O’Neil asks if this will go out with bills; Keijser says: yes, adding that they will be available in Spanish and Portuguese as well.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2025 Water Quality Report as presented.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The 2025 Water Quality Report is approved as presented.

FY 2027 rate hearing update – Keijser states that the town manager has approved the proposed water rates and fees and they will be implemented as of 7/1/2026. He adds that a part of these monies will be received as revenue from residential large water users, expressing that water conserving customers will save the most money.

Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair – Wilson takes a moment to bring up the fact of the proposed homeless shelter relocation to West Main Street which is in the location of the Straightway wells which he expresses his concern of more homeless camp possibilities and the potential risk of Zone 1 water sources. He suggests reaching out to the town manager via letter expressing the board’s concerns with this move/relocation. Barbosa asks if this area can be fenced in, noting the sensitivity of this issue; Keijser states that the area is too vast. Wilson acknowledges the sensitivity of the issue, therefore wanted to bring it to the board for discussion. O’Neil expresses that the DPW has experienced encampment clean-up costs in the past. Ehart thinks it’s reasonable to bring/raise the issue as an abutter relative to concerns for the water quality, also requesting additional security if this goes through. Marchese expresses his concerns for staff, sharing their past experiences having to approach homeless members/encampments on water system lands requesting that they move on. Barbosa suggests inviting HAC (Housing Assistance Corporation) to the next meeting; Wilson likes this idea and will invite them.

A motion is made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The Meeting was adjourned at 6:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Sellitto

DPW, Water Supply Division –Administrative Assistant

Materials presented at meeting:

- Meeting Agenda May 19, 2026 (*presented by:* T.O.B.-DPW, Water Supply Div.)
- Meeting Minutes for approval 4/21/2026 (*presented by:* T.O.B.-DPW, Water Supply Div.)
- B.M.W.S.B. Monthly Report, April 2026 (*presented by:* Veolia)
- FY26 Pumping Projection, dated 5/13/2026 (*presented by:* Hans Keijser)
- Billed and Received Revenue Projection-FY’26, dated 5/13/2026 (*presented by:* Hans Keijser)
- Copy of Capital Project spreadsheet, dated 5/19/2026, from DPW (*presented by:* Matt Wrobel)
- Copy of Massachusetts Drought Status from Massachusetts Energy & Environmental Affairs, dated 5/8/2026 (*presented by:* Hans Keijser)
- Copy of State of Water Supply Conservation, dated 5/19/2025 (*presented by:* Hans Keijser)
- Copy of Annual Water Quality Report, for calendar year 2025 (*presented by:* Hans Keijser)
- Copy of Approved Water Usage Rates for July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, dated 5/13/2026 (*presented by:* Hans Keijser)
- Copy of Approved Service Fees for Fiscal Year 2027 for July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, dated 5/13/2026 (*presented by:* Hans Keijser)
- Copy of Town of Barnstable, Notice of Approved Fees, from office of Town Manager-Town of Barnstable, run in Cape Cod Times, 4/28/2026 (*presented by:* Hans Keijser)
- Newspaper Clippings (*presented by:* Hans Keijser)