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Town of Barnstable's Barnstable Municipal Water Supply Board
June 16, 2026

Members in attendance: Sam Wilson, Patrick Ehart, Carlos Barbosa. and David Gilliland

Staff present: Hans Keijser, Supervisor, DPW-Water Supply Division, Matthew Wrobel-DPW Senior Project Manager, Water & Sewer; Tyler Gilman, P.E., Senior Project Manager, CWMP.

Also present: Christopher Marchese, Project Manager Veolia

A quorum being present, Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

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Chair Wilson requests approval to edit the agenda items as follows:

- Would like to introduce new Board Member David Gilliland before the Operations Report
- Edit to the State Water Supply Conservation for a vote on return to Level II status

Motion duly made by Wilson, seconded by Barbosa to approve the agenda as amended

Roll Call Vote: Gilliland-yes, Ehart-yes, Barbosa-yes, and Wilson-yes

Agenda is approved as amended

Approval of the May meeting minutes will be placed on the July agenda

Chair Wilson formally introduces and welcomes new member David Gilliland

Gilliland shares that he has been a Town of Barnstable resident since 1988; a retired airline pilot both public and military; is anxious to learn, contribute, and serve on the Board.

Operations Report – Marchese, Project Manager for Veolia.

Executive summary reviewed

- 5/5: On site and inspection of service repair at the Melody Tent; repairs completed by Bortolotti
- 5/5: Part of the requirements for the new apartments and future expansion on Barnstable Rd. required valve replacement from Barnstable Rd to end of Grove St. by Bortolotti and new main connection by GFM creating a loop.
- 5/7: Homeowner at 128 Camp St. reported a leak, hired Bortolotti to install a new line from the curb to the house, Veolia followed up with inspection
- 5/7: Maher services pulled and tested the well motor at the Simmons Pond well; it failed and was replaced with a new 50hp motor.
- 5/13: Veolia arranged for a contractor to test and inspect the air stripper at the Maher treatment plant, identified possible vibration in motor but later confirmed there were no concerns
- 5/14: New homeowner at 51 Chase St. called in Bortolotti to move the existing service under the bulkhead stairs to a more appropriate location; Veolia followed up with inspection
- 5/18: Relco provided annual predictive maintenance work, reviewing and testing all pumps and motors for voltage and amperage ensuring everything is running efficiently and at peak performance. Comparisons from previous years are done to identify if, and when future repairs may be needed. Vibrations and checks for motor temperatures were done in June.
- 5/18: EJP was hired to tap the lines at 268 Sevens St. for new domestic and fire service for the new housing complex; Veolia inspected, and water work is now finished

- 5/21: Bortolotti installed the 9th of 10 hydrants at 973 Iyannough Rd., flaggers were hired as police detail was not available
- 5/21: A contractor hit the 6" fire service line at Town Hall, and repairs were completed

Discussion / Comments:

- The scope of services as required by the Town is focused on ensuring that Veolia stays ahead of potential issues, not just repairs after equipment fails. The Town's management approach has many requirements put on Veolia, predictive maintenance, performing mechanical testing on equipment to predict potential issues, facilitate repairs, and potential replacement needs. Types of predictive maintenance reviewed.
- There are two (2) weeks left of the contract year; Marchese shares the following updates on the monthly deliverable report:
 - * Valve exercise is 77% complete, it will take five (5) days, and three (3) staff members are dedicated to completing by the end of next week
 - * Hydrant AWA inspection is 91% complete and will take three (3) days to finish
 - * @40 System surveys have been completed to date, the survey coordinator will complete the remainder over the next few day
 - * Over the next week, the remaining 2" meters will be completed
 - * System flushing's have been completed
 - * Some hydrants need inspections
 - * Leak detection has been completed
 - * All deliverables will be met, and Chair Wilson shares how those deliverables are met for the benefit of the new committee member and viewer understanding
- Receivables review provided by Keijser.

Capital project update

Review provided by Wrobel and Gillman

1: New well exploration program phase 4: Phase 3 requires additional investigation at sites C & B; all work is on hold until further notice.

2: Pilot testing project Mary Dunn and Airport wells: Revised study under review; request made for the preparation of a project proposal to extend the project completion date allowing for incorporation of information and design process from Straightway Water Treatment Facility (WTF)

3: New Straightway WTF and replacement of the Hyannis Port and Simmons Pond wells: Easement plans and agreements with Eversource in process as part of required upgrades. New foundation has begun as well as excavation of the foundation footprint for the new building. Additional progress should be seen over the next few weeks

4: Lead service line replacement: Scope is being finalized by Kleinfelder who will incorporate an Executive Summary into the final report. Contract proposal for Phase III has been prepared and will include requested changes to the scope from DPW and Hyannis Water System (HWS); once completed will be routed for review and signature approvals

5: Mary Dunn 4 Well Building: This is likely the last update as it is substantially completed and is being handed over to operations. Working with Conservation to close out and get the Certificate of Compliance. The town's IT department is working on getting cameras operational. Pumping is not operational yet, flushing needs to be finished, it is anticipated to be running within the next few weeks.

6: Mary Dunn water main replacement – 16 water main: Currently working through change order pricing and quantity issues. Once outstanding items have been negotiated and completed with the contractor and signed off. The project management team is waiting on pricing, then will work on final paving restoration

7: Mary Dunn Tank #1 rehabilitation: Working with Apex on standing issues, and will provide a formal response to contractors' assessment of what is happening with the tank (visual cues around rivets and plates, may need to reassess coating system). A formal recommendation and how to document and address these issues with the contractor is in process. Staff are currently working with the legal department as it is important that this be completed and an extension be implemented prior to the contract running out, the contract date will be adjusted as needed.

8: Crocker Street water main replacement: Working with the assigned contractor, J W Dubis on a contract extension, and contract related items. Once finalized and signatures are obtained contractor will be back on site.

9: Hawes Avenue culvert replacement (water main upgrade): The section of the water main that was replaced is functional, tested and is in service. Once final paving has been completed (after Labor Day) work will continue with the design consultant to get contract documents and review final closeout. Contract was awarded to Aqualine.

10: Phinney's Lane sewer expansion project (Longview Drive water main pipe replacement): Contractor has been chosen, R. B. Our. Scope and fee proposals from Weston and Sampson have been requested by DPW, and construction is anticipated to begin in the fall. HWS works with other areas to facilitate cost savings.

Housing Assistance Corporation, drinking water supply and shelter relocation –

At the last meeting, the Board decided to invite Housing Assistance Corporation (HAC) to come and speak to the committee; Chair Wilson spoke with Alisa Magnotta, CEO of HAC who could not attend; he shared the following highlights on the shelter and how it could impact the Hyannis Water System:

- * The new site's bed use will be made by reservation, not by lining up outside the building
- * The site will be offering increased services during the daytime hours including dining, but it appears to be that those services will be specifically for those already staying at the shelter
- * Chair Wilson expressed the committee's concerns about the population that will be using the shelter, as well as those who chose not to use shelter services and the increased potential for them camping in the woods, particularly in and around wells and treatment plants. Ms. Magnotta's response was that she did not anticipate those who choose to not use the new shelter to migrate over to that location from its current location, and she does not expect the new shelter to have further impacts. He requested that HAC work with the board on their concerns, and to find ways to not just rely on the Police to help those who choose to not use the shelter to get the services they need.
- * The ZBA hearing was rescheduled to July 22nd, due to the number of people attending exceeding room capacity

Comments:

- Members agree that HAC cannot say for certain that the shelter users and those not admitted will or will not camp in the woods in or near well fields.
- Additional concerns may arise during and after the July ZBA meeting
- Request made for Chair Wilson to ask Veolia to share if there are any homeless concerns anywhere else in the country
- Additional avenues are to encourage and use the public in a positive way; those who bike, walk, run in the areas to report issues and concerns that they encounter.
- DEP compliance guidelines briefly reviewed
- Zoning laws implement what can and cannot be; enforcement is up to the Building Commissioner; and Keijser is present at all Staff Site Plan Review meetings to stay informed and ensure wellhead and water supply protections are in place.
- Public health threats exist when people choose to camp close to wellheads. Those concerns include fuel spills, using the land as a bathroom; this can cause wellheads to be shut down, then they need to be shocked, and could result in a boil water order by DEP
- Safety concerns also exist for the safety and security of staff having to go to the site.
- The greater concern is the camping in the woods.
- At the last board meeting, members suggested writing a letter to the Town Manager expressing concerns; the consensus now is to wait for the July ZBA meeting.

State of water supply conservation, downgraded to level 1 drought, follow-up

- DEP has moved the Cape Cod Region back into Level II drought and as this is required by our DEP permit to pump our water, we must update our status accordingly
- Drought status has nothing to do with development in the Town
- Lack of rain drives the drought, it has nothing to do with pumping capacity

Motion duly made by Barbosa, seconded by Ehart to change the State of Water Supply Conservation to Level II

Roll call vote: Barbosa-yes, Gilliland-yes, Ehart-yes, and Wilson-yes

Motion passes

- Status will be updated again at the July meeting, mailed to all customers, and updated on all social media and the town's website as well.

2025 Water Quality Report, follow-up

- As required by DEP, and approved at the last board meeting, and with the assistance of Veolia staff, water quality reports have been produced in multiple languages. This will be updated again next Spring. It is believed that Cape Cod has @30% of the state's Brazilian population, of which 60% lives in Barnstable
- Clarification provided by Keijser on how much water is used for flushing; flushing ends when the water runs clear; the length of time for flushing gets shorter each year. FAQ's as to why flushing must be done can be found on the Town's website.
- Suggestion made to create a video with DPW Communications staff, Collopy

Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair

- Request for moment of silence to honor Felicia Penn

Motion duly made by Barbosa, seconded by Wilson to adjourn the meeting

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ehart-yes, Gilliland-yes, Barbosa-yes, and Wilson-yes

Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa M. Santos

Asset Management



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