



LYNNFIELD CENTER WATER DISTRICT WARRANT
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Regular Board Meeting
7:00 pm February 13, 2023

Date, time, place: The regular meeting of the Board was held on Monday, February 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

Present: Commissioners Anders Youngren, Joseph Maney, Steven Walsh, Superintendent John Scenna, Treasurer Kevin Sullivan and Clerk of the Board Christine Smallenberger

Absent: none

Others attending: Blake Martin from Weston & Sampson (W&S)

Additional attachments: Agenda, incorporated into the minutes hereto.

Next Regular Meeting: February 27, 2023

Adjourn: 8:25 PM

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm. The board agreed to take agenda item out of order and begin with Item 4a, Superintendent's Update. There were challenges with the filtration system at station 2. The water is treated for bacteria and ph. We found there was never bacteria but in the carbon filter there was coliform, which can grow bacteria. The operators backflushed and rechlorinated. We cleaned the vessel and everything was clean. The operators wanted to wait a week and a week later it tested positive for coliform. Coliform can present itself when the station is not operating consistently. We have several options to consider. Blake Martin from W&S is here to speak about the options. Our primary treatment operators are uncomfortable moving forward and fear this will lead to issues in the future. W&S will meet with our operators later this week and perhaps with the DEP. One option is do nothing; we have a letter from the DEP that states we can operate the system as is. The DEP is concerned with bacteria, not coliform. At the end of the day, it is the finished water that counts and there is no coliform or bacteria in the finished water. Other options are to flush with chlorine, replace the material, or the last option is a caustic rinse, which is a more sophisticated flush of the material that

introduces another chemical into the process which raises the pH in order to clean it and then drop it back to normal. This option comes at an additional cost but is effective.

The quarterly PFAS PEPN is on the website. Every time we go through the process it stirs people up. The bottled water rebates are up to date.

4b: The superintendent had hoped to have a union cba agreement to present this evening for ratification and next steps. The superintendent will talk more about this in executive session this evening.

4c: FOIA request updates are complete: Boston Clearwater's lengthy FOIA request is resolved and have not received any response. Wing Road FOIA request is also resolved. In trying to promote good faith with the neighbors, we returned their check back to their attorney and have not heard back from them either. The salary FOI request from Fran Richard of Keniston Rd has been resolved. We have one more FOI request, from Mr. Swimm on Main Street. Mr. Swimm does not want to be part of the district anymore. We will provide him with minutes and video because of his recollection. From last year's Special District Meeting (SDM), it appears that only 1 property was assessed the tax when all 5 voted in at the SDM should have been. The district charter outlays a way into the district but not a way out of the district. We are concerned with the precedent it will set.

New business: The budget structure is similar as always. The treasurer and superintendent will work on budget details in the next couple of weeks. The next meeting in February will be to set the volumetric rate that assumes the bottom line of the budget. We may propose a change with the fixed fee. The fixed fee covers expenditures of the district whether you consume water or not. The new rates will be effective as of March 1st, 2023.

We met with the bank and had a great meeting. We need to establish some policies and parameters. We have 2 operating checking accounts and 3 savings accounts. The 2 checking accounts don't accrue interest. The 3 savings accounts accrue interest. We created an operating savings account to accrue interest. Traditionally we have about \$1.5 million in our checking account. The question is, how much do we want to keep in the operating account.

AT&T will sign and paint all cables green. They will only do this when they do their project. It is their intent to do their housekeeping when they do their project. The equipment they are putting in is smaller; they are waiting for the building inspector to give them a permit. Not sure if it has to go to zoning. We will give Carolyn Seeley the go-ahead.

Capital projects presentation: we received a grant for \$147,000 for the Wakefield interconnection; we need to spend it by June 30th. We hope to expedite the process by getting CDM to put extra labor on the project and get it before the state.

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm for executive session and adjourned executive session at 8:15 pm to continue with the regular meeting.

We hope to have the Wakefield intermunicipal agreement ready at the next meeting for signature. We will need to start paying them for the interconnection project.

The Annual District Meeting will be on May 8th. The warrant will be opened on March 20th. We will close the warrant on April 10th and vote on the budget, look at expenditures and close the candidates for election. At the April 24th board meeting, we will talk about funding the Glen Drive treatment plant.

A motion was made to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,