



# Chelmsford Water District

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## CHELMSFORD WATER DISTRICT REGULAR COMMISSIONERS' MEETING SEPTEMBER 25, 2019

**PRESENT:** Commissioners: John G. Harrington, Bill Martin, Ronald Wetmore  
Superintendent: Robert Delaney  
Business Director/Treasurer: Lisa Valcich  
Environmental Compliance: Todd Melanson  
Recording Secretary: Ruth Anne Blair  
Pat Wojtas  
Robert Doak  
Iva Mooney

Meeting opened at 5:00PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.  
It was noted that Mr. Dennis McKennedy had recently passed away.

### **Environmental Compliance Report – Todd Melanson**

A document titled "Environmental Compliance Manager's Report" dated September 25, 2019 was distributed to the Board.

Mr. Melanson summarized the contents of his report which covered – ENERGY UPDATE – the array continues to be on track with production of 448 credits with the possibility of achieving 600 by end of 2019. DISTRICT ISSUES – eSAR re-submittal (re: CEMU number and supporting data) was unable to be recreated; a certified letter and a Constable delivered letter to Meadowbrook resident regarding encroachment on CWD property have been delivered. No response to date. TOWN ISSUES – Todd will place another call to LSP regarding Katrina Site sampling results. WATER CONSERVATION & WITHDRAWAL – Precipitation numbers continue to be above regional numbers and withdrawals have been less than last year. OUTREACH – plans being made for presentations at the Chelmsford Senior High School and Middle Schools.

Mr. Melanson also mentioned that several communities in Massachusetts have detected high levels of common water contaminants, including PFAS and PFOA. Some sources of these chemicals are firefighting foams, firefighters' equipment, Teflon coating, water and stain resistant products, personal care products and even dental floss. Some of these communities have levels requiring treatment while others are tracking the levels of detection. The state level standards vary per state. Massachusetts is in the process of developing new regulations regarding the acceptable level standards. The report was reviewed, questions asked and answered, item by item.

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### **Superintendent's Report – Robert Delaney**

A document titled "Superintendent's Report" dated September 25, 2019 was distributed to the Board.

Mr. Delaney summarized the contents of his report which covered – SMITH STREET WTP GENERATOR – generator repaired and back on-line, full load test (+200KW) was run. CROOKED SPRING WTP – rear lagoons ready to receive mixed residuals from CSWTP and SSWTP. End result of processing residuals is loam, which we in turn use. TURNPIKE TANK AIR EXCHANGER THM REMOVAL SYSTEM - having Medora supply motor control panels and be responsible for the connection of the motor control panels to their equipment., CWD electrical contract will be responsible for providing electrical supply to Medora's equipment. Medora's supplying of the optional control panels will result in an additional increase to the budget of \$7,100. SERVICE AND WATER MAIN BREAKS, 3 main breaks, 3 service breaks. HYDRANTS & GATES – 6 gates installed, 3 hydrant repairs. WESTLANDS' WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT UPGRADE – bid opening October 3, award contract meeting October 9. DN TANK STORAGE TANK PAINTING – Amble Rd completed, Robin Hill/Reservoir Rd week of 9/25. The report was reviewed, questions asked and answered, item by item.

### **Business Director/Treasurer's Report – Lisa Valcich**

Ms. Valcich reported that the 2019 Audit went very smoothly (except for some computer related technical issues). Her August 2019 activity report contained FY2020 August Snapshot of Expenses and Revenues, August 2019 expense line item detail, Capital funds balances (which will be decreasing over next two months), August Gain/Loss figures for Enterprise OPEB and Investment Accounts and Gallons Pumped vs Billed comparisons.

### **OPEN SESSION**

Ronald Wetmore	No new information to report
Bill Martin	No new information to report
John Harrington	No new information to report

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## **OLD BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS**

### **Barnes Terrace/Cranberry Bog**

Ms. Iva Mooney was present at this meeting as a Proctor Road resident/water taker and concerned citizen regarding the future of the Carlisle/Chelmsford cranberry bog property. Her concerns/questions were:

*(IM = Iva Mooney)*

**IM** What are the funds being requested at upcoming special meeting to be used for?

**CWD** Asking for approval to use funds to do additional testing on our Barnes Terrace property to make sure it is still a viable site for additional/future wells.

**IM** Why do this now? Why not wait until Carlisle has made up its mind about what they plan to do with their portion? Is there anything coming up that makes this urgent? What difference would another year or two make?

**CWD** There is no urgency at this time other than the fact that CWD must always be looking towards the future in the event we have a catastrophic event that results in the shutting down of a well/wells.

**CWD's first priority is to ensure Chelmsford will continue to have enough safe, clean, available drinking water.** This property is an ideal location. A project of this type would take at least 2-3 years before it would be operational so waiting another year or so puts the end result out that much further into the future. So far, Carlisle has been unresponsive about what they plan to do (Nothing or Agriculture or Cranberries). Carlisle's stated goal is to make a decision by July 2020.

**IM** Carlisle seems to feel additional wells in that location would create a water deficiency on their side. What are acceptable gallons per minute ranges/numbers to look for to alleviate this concern?

**CWD** Acceptable range is 100-500 gal/pm. The testing so far has shown that there is sufficient volume to satisfy the needs of both locations. These numbers are readily available upon request.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated August 21, 2019 was made by Mr. Harrington, seconded by Mr. Wetmore. Hearing no further discussion, the **MOTION PASSED WITH MR. WETMORE VOTING AYE, MR. MARTIN VOTING AYE, AND MR. HARRINGTON VOTING AYE.**

Next meeting was scheduled for October 9, 2019 at 1:00PM.

The November meeting was tentatively scheduled for November 13, with an 11:00AM work session to discuss Bond Debt and PFOA/PFAS, and the regular meeting to follow at 1:00PM.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Harrington, seconded by Mr. Wetmore and so voted. Meeting adjourned at 6:45PM.

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