

An in-person meeting of the Town of Barnstable's Barnstable Municipal Water Supply Board was held on October 21, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall, Selectman's Conference Room, 367 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Hyannis, MA.

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

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

Also present: Kevin Sampson from Veolia and Eric Callocchia from NewGen Strategies and Solutions, LLC.

A quorum being present, Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:00 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.

Chair Wilson states that this meeting can be replayed via Xfinity channel 8 or high-definition channel 1072. It can also be accessed via the government access channel live video on demand archives on the Town of Barnstable Website.

Chair Wilson takes a moment to thank everyone for attending what he states is one of the most important meetings of the year.

Chair Wilson asks if there are any additions or edits to the agenda. None being heard, none are noted.

A motion was made by Carlos Barbosa and seconded by Louise O'Neil to approve the agenda.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The Agenda is approved.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The 9/16/25 meeting minutes are approved.

Operations Report by Kevin Sampson, Veolia. (Monthly Report dated September 2025 handed out). 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 September:

- Tuesday, September 2nd, an inspection of a service repair at 84 Winter St was completed.
- Tuesday, September 2nd, an entire service was replaced at 222 5th Ave by Bortolotti Construction and approved.
- Saturday, September 6th, service was shut off at 116 Ridgewood Ave due to a leak between the curb box and building to be repaired the following Monday.
- Leak reported Sunday September 7th at 155 Chase St to be repaired the following Monday.
- A cut and cap inspection was completed at 94 Stevens St.
- An inspection for a new water service at #225 5th Ave was completed
- Maher Well Services began rehabilitation of Maher Well #2. Maher Well #2 is the first of four wells to be rehabbed as part of deliverables.

- Maher Treatment Plant was shut down on September 16th for planned maintenance and sampling to ensure adequate operation of removal of iron and manganese from raw water. The plant will be up and running again once notification of clean sample results is received.
 - Service was replaced at #59 Airport Road.
 - Mary Dunn tank pictures referenced.
- Sampson informs board that deliverables are going well and hydrant painting has been completed for the year. Meters and radio installations are going according to plan. Collections are also going well and revenues are where they should be

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

Capital project update by Matthew Wrobel, P.E., Senior Project Manager and, Tyler Gilman, P.E., Project Manager-CWMP Construction. (handout dated October 21, 2025, given)

Wrobel reviews the following projects and progresses as follows:

1. New well exploration program, update – No change since last meeting. Wrobel reports that department members were strategizing but nothing new to bring to the 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 there has been quite a bit of movement over the past month, most notably preparing for the groundbreaking ceremony on Tuesday, October 28, 2025. Wrobel expresses excitement around presenting the layout to the board after months of discussion and approving at the groundbreaking. This month, the construction team is starting to mobilize with surveyors currently on site. Wrobel reports approximately 70 people will be in attendance at the groundbreaking ceremony if all RSVPs get turned in and there will be some refreshments provided by Kleinfelder & DOC teams.
4. Lead Service Line Replacement – Phase 2 report is currently under review with DPW management. They have settled on which direction they are headed with the project and working how information is being presented.
5. Route 28 / Yarmouth Road project – Project Manager for contractor Northern working for Mass DOT has changed. Working to get the As Builts and tie cards generated and turned in. Water work has been complete so it's only a matter of record keeping.
6. Route 28 East sewer expansion project, water main extension – Water work is complete and a substantial amount of site work that the contractor completed has been accepted. Balancing change order is being generated from contractor to be passed to DPW office. No change since last meeting.
7. Ocean Street Water Main – Waiting on submittals for the splash pad so there is currently no change.

Gilman reviews the following project and progress as follows:

8. Mary Dunn Well 4 Building-Gilman reports being “in the home stretch”. This is met with a positive response (thumbs up) from chair Wilson. Gilman notes that a punch list has been started with the engineer and this signifies nearing the end of project completion, hopefully by the end of the year. Gilman asks if there are any questions, and none were noted. Chair Wilson again expresses appreciation that it's getting done.

Wrobel reviews the following project and progress as follows:

9. Mary Dunn Water Main Replacement – Project awarded to C. Naughton Corporation. Preconstruction meeting was held on 10/9/2025. Looking to begin work on laying the new transmission main between early and mid-November. Communication will get out to the public about work getting started on a busy corridor in town.

Wrobel pauses for questions, none noted.

10. Mary Dunn Tank #1 Rehabilitation – Wrobel expresses with satisfaction that they are rapidly approaching the end of this project ahead of the mid November projected completion date.

Wrobel reports that they were also able to get some additional foundation repairs done and as well as waterproof grouting at the base that wasn't within the original inspection report, and all within budget. Wrobel notes the project as being very successful.

11. Crocker Street Water Main Replacement – Construction has begun and they will start figuring out tap locations. May be potentially looking at night work.

Wrobel asks for any questions, none noted. Chair Wilson comments positively on how a lot of big projects are wrapping up.

Wrobel and Gilman complete their presentation.

First run of FY2027 operating budget, capital, rates using our model, model consultant present. -Eric Callochia-NewGen Strategies and Solutions, LLC.

Chair Wilson announces that next up is the first part of fiscal year 2027 operating budget, capital and rates and thanks Eric Callochia for traveling in for the presentation.

- Callochia presents detailed model and reviews information collected and entered into model for FY27.
- O&M budget discussed. Callochia comments that the biggest increase between years is for “Professional Services” which is the contract for Veolia where the number increased from 4.2 million to 4.8 million. Keijser comments the cause of this increase is due to the new Straightway Water Treatment Plant and the need to staff it 24/7 for 6 months per the DEP requirements.
- Capital Improvement Plan: 50 million in new debt over the next 5-6 fiscal years. Keijser comments that he requested 2 million for the Lead Service Line Inventory and Replacement Project. This is still under review.
- Review of customer usage information. It appears that the amount of water sold between FY24 and FY25 is about the same, around 100 million units.
- Discussion around Dupont and PFAS payments. Dupont payments are complete at this time.
- Discussion around rate increases over the years. Discussed the prospect of increasing rates for 3rd tier customers, those that use the most amount of water for irrigation. Request for data around year round residents vs those with secondary homes in Barnstable and their usage of water. Callochia said it is possible to obtain this data and this could be discussed at the next meeting.

Barbosa asks why residents are billed quarterly and not monthly. Keijser comments that meter reading is costly, but it is something that will occur in the future.

Barbosa asks about emergency funding in the event of a cyber-attack. Keijser responds that there is emergency funding and insurance coverage.

Callochia closes presentation stating that everything looks to be in good shape.

Review Capital for FY 2027: (Document Provided)-Hans Keijser, Supervisor DPW Water Supply Division.

1. Pipe Replacement and Upgrade Program \$1,500,000: Keijser states that this is a continuous program and the budget is 1.5 million per year. Keijser states that this will be the last year funding will go to the Longview Drive area, and they'll replace as many AC pipe as possible. They are looking to work with the DPW CWMP team to replace water pipe while digging for the new sewer project.
2. Water Supply Wells, Pump Station and Treatment Plant repair and upgrade program: Keijser reports there is still a way to go, and work continues on exterior building components.
3. Water Service Line Inventory Project \$2,000,000: Phase 3 of this project needs to be conducted. As of now, there has been no lead service found but still need to inspect 2,000 services. Chair Wilson states that this will raise questions about who pays for any private pipe replacement as a certain amount of pipe is owned by the town and from the property line to the house is owned by the property owner and government funding cannot be used to pay for private material. Keijser reports that all of this is currently in flux.

4. Hyannis Water System Master Plan Update, \$250,000: Keijser reports existing plan from 2007 needs to be updated and they are looking at the census to see how much water we will need in the next 20-30 years.

Review of Uncollectable Accounts: Keijser reports that three properties were sold so that is three less liens.

Lifting of the State of Water Supply Conservation, discussion and vote: (Document Provided) Chair Wilson reports that water restrictions were put in place based on water withdrawal permit from the DEP and that the permit states the restriction only needs to be kept in place until September 30th, 2025. Chair Wilson refers to a termination letter that was drafted in anticipation.

A motion was made and seconded to lift the State of Water Supply Conservation and seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. State of Water Supply is lifted effective 10/21/2025.

Keijser discusses document provided regarding Water Restrictions Violations Procedure & Process that he composed to answer questions raised by the public.

Groundbreaking ceremony Straightway Treatment Plant Project, Tuesday October 28, 2025 at 11am. (Document provided -invitation): Keijser reports that this will be a nice event with lunch and cake provided. He reports that Kelly Collopy in the communications department of the DPW is working to advertise.

Board member O'Neil inquires about land management in that area. Keijser answers that the town is working with Barnstable Land Trust and focusing on wildfire prevention, especially in the Mary Dunn area.

Water Quality Report 2024 printed and available in Portuguese and Spanish, follow up (Document Provided): Chair Wilson takes the opportunity to thank Board Member Barbosa and two Veolia staff, Juan and Fernanda for organizing and helping with this project. Barbosa reports he has taken the reports to the Brazilian Resource Center.

Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair – Chair Wilson reports that late last week, town council requested a short presentation from each committee to learn more about actions taken to address concerns around water quantity. He is working with Keijser and Collopy of the DPW around this. Presentations will take place in two weeks.

Board Member O'Neil asks about the document provided concerning lead found in Barnstable Public Schools. Keijser reports that there was a very low-level hit at Hyannis West Elementary School when doing water sampling which will require changing the faucets.

O'Neil also inquires about a letter that Town Manager Mark Ells composed to the Department of Public Health back in July. Keijser reports he has not heard any update regarding this letter.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: Unanimous

Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Bernard

DPW, Highway Division –Administrative Assistant

Materials presented at meeting:

- Meeting Agenda October 21, 2025 (presented by: T.O.B.-DPW, Water Supply Div.)
- Meeting Minutes for approval September 16, 2025 (presented by: T.O.B.-DPW, Water Supply Div.)
- B.M.W.S.B. Monthly Report, September 2025 (presented by: Veolia)

- Letter regarding Lead and Copper Rule Improvements, October 1, 2025 (presented by Veolia)
- FY '26 Pumping Projection spreadsheets, dated 10/8/2025 (*presented by:* Hans Keijser)
- FY '26 Billed and Received Revenue Projection dated 10/8/2025 (*presented by:* Hans Keijser)
- Copy of Capital Project spreadsheet, dated 10/21/2025 with photo, from DPW (*presented by:* Matt Wrobel & Tyler Gilman)
- Copy of CIP FY27 Rational, dated 10/7/2025 (*presented by:* Hans Keijser)
- Copy of TOB DPW Proposed Operating Budget FY27 Water Supply Division.
- Groundbreaking Celebration for the New Straightway Water Treatment Facility Invitation, from DPW (presented by: Hans Keijser)
- Draft of Termination of the State of Water Supply Conservation dated October 21, 2025 (presented by Chair Wilson)
- Water Restrictions Violations Procedure and Process dated September 24, 2025 (presented by Hans Keijser)
- Newspaper Clippings (*presented by:* Hans Keijser)
- Letter from Barnstable Public Schools to the families of Hyannis West Elementary School.
- Water Quality Report in Portuguese & Spanish