



BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Cotuit Fire District

Water Department

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The Board of Water Commissioners held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at 5:45 p.m. via Zoom. Present at the meeting were Chairman Mark Robinson, Commissioner Scott Horsley, Commissioner David Churbuck, Superintendent Chris Wiseman and Office Manager, Jen Nash.

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. and opened to public comment. There was no public comment at this time.

Superintendent Wiseman reviewed the water quality results for the prior month. There were no total coliform detections. Sodium results are the lowest they have been since 2010. Today there was a total coliform hit at one of the residential sample sites, new samples have been taken at the location, as well as upstream and downstream. (Results for the resamples were negative for Total Coliform).

The superintendent gave his report:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>+/-</u>
September	22,182,000	21,487,000	-695,000

New Service= 0; Replacement Service= 2; Leaks= 0

Association Updates - The associations continue to offer classes for Training Credit Hours (TCH's) as this is a membership renewal year, and credits are required for renewal. BCWUA is having their annual fund raiser at Pocasset Golf Club, NEWWA/American Water Works is having a 2-day conference at Encore in Boston.

Antenna Lease - We have reached out to the district counsel for guidance on the term of the requested lease.

PFOS/PFOA Settlement - The first check from the Dupont settlement has been received. The check for \$29,541.84 for a total of \$193,267.02.

Voluntary Water Restriction - The restriction is still in effect. The wells are 1 foot below last year's level and 1.5 feet below the prior year.

Hydrant Repair - A claim has been filed with Progressive for the cost to repair a hydrant on Old Post Road at Forsyth Circle. The repair will be made shortly.

This concludes the Superintendent's report.

Tom Cambareri of Sole Source Consulting presented a quote to complete the ground water modeling for Well #5. The study will also include the stream flow of Santuit River, Santuit Pond and abutting parcels in Mashpee and Sandwich. Commissioner Horsley wanted to make sure the Zone II areas were correctly

represented on the maps. Mr. Cambareri thinks he can complete the project by April 1st. A motion to move forward with the proposal passed unanimously.

The board briefly discussed the "Old Business" topics:

Source Water Protection - Commissioner Horsley noted that they will be presenting the findings of the ad hoc committee to the Town Council in early December. He discussed a few of the recommendations, specifically regarding Little River Estates and properties close to the shoreline. There will be more information to come.

Cotuit Elementary Conservation Restriction - No new updates. Commissioner Robinson is having trouble getting a response from the Town's Attorney, Tom LaRosa.

Enabling Legislation - Commissioner Churbuck noted that there is no change in status. It is in the Senate Rules Committee. Commissioner Churbuck sent a letter to Senator Cyr but did not get a response. They believe the session ends in November.

PruComm member John Havel has scheduled a Policy advisory meeting for Tuesday, November 4th. Commissioner Horsley will attend.

Chairman Robinson will send a list of questions to the Superintendent regarding the pipe inventory. Mr. Wiseman will prepare responses for the next BOWC meeting.

Commissioner Churbuck has drafted a memo to the Prudential Committee, but he is waiting for a response from the attorney that reviewed the employee handbook. He said that he should be able to review our questions in November.

The minutes for the September 24th regular meeting were reviewed and approved.

There was no additional public comment.

The date for the next meeting was set for Wednesday, November 19th, 5:45pm at Freedom Hall. The meeting was then adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mark Robinson", is written over the typed name.

Mark Robinson, Chairman
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