

## **BOURNE WATER DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S MEETING, DECEMBER 9, 2025**

The meeting was duly posted.

Commissioner Brian Handy called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. Present: Commissioners Brian Handy and Michael Lyons. Also present: Superintendent Robert (Bob) Prophett, Treasurer/Clerk Kristen Noel and Randy Collette. The meeting was held at the District office at 211 Barlow's Landing Road, Pocasset.

Michael Lyons made motion to accept 10/22/2025 and 11/25/2025 meeting minutes. Brian Handy seconded and all in favor.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **VERIZON UPDATE**

Superintendent Bob Prophett informed the Board that the lease agreement between the Commonwealth and Bourne Water District (South Sagamore Water District) does not allow the District to lease "leased" land to another company. Randy Collette stated according to easement from 1946, there needs to be permission from the Commonwealth and Department of Public Health before any additional work happens on site. Randy also mentioned that document from 1946 is too old to record at the Registry of Deeds. He believes it could be reaffirmed then recorded. Randy suggested the best course of action would be to go back to DCR and ask if they would agree to allow Verizon to construct tower. He continued that he was meeting with Verizon later that afternoon. Bob asked Randy about the Commonwealth gifting the land as mentioned by Commissioner Handy in a previous meeting. Randy stated that there would be a conversation to have with David Vierra's office at the state level. Michael Lyons asked if there was a time frame on the original lease. Randy says it is an easement that goes with the land and there is no expiration. Mike stated he is looking for written permission to use the land and would like to get something recorded to refer back to. Randy answered that the permission and renewal of lease may be two separate things, get permission then follow up on getting this on record. Mike also mentioned if the Commonwealth did turn property over to the district, the District would need access rights.

#### **HYDRANT MAINTENANCE BYLAW REVIEW**

Bob Prophett distributed to the Board page 3 from the installation pamphlet regarding hydrants. It states that there will be a clear level of unobstructed area six feet around hydrants. No bushes or shrubs will obstruct the hydrant as viewed from the road. The Town does not have a bylaw for hydrants. They have left it to the District's discretion. The Town did confirm that the hydrant is located on the 2 Bennet Neck Road property. Bob did not hear back from the Fire Department. Bob asked the Board if they wanted to send another registered letter in regard to cutting down the bushes at 2 Bennets Neck. Mike Lyons asked what would be involved in moving the hydrant closer to the road. Bob stated he could move it and that the District would just need to find out which water main

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is tapped off. Brian suggested we simply cut the bushes ourselves rather than go through the motion of moving hydrant. Bob suggested going to the property and speaking with the homeowner directly, but Mike stated he wanted to send a registered letter alerting the homeowner in writing that the District intends to remove the shrubs.

Mike Lyons asked if a homeowner does not comply with the request to clear the area surrounding the hydrant, what is the repercussion? Are there fines associated? These guidelines are included in the installation manual, but Bob is not sure it is an actual bylaw. Mike asked Bob to provide this information and include the bylaw review on the next agenda to discuss and produce a fine structure.

### **JOB DESCRIPTION REVIEW**

Bob stated that he would like to postpone this discussion until the January 2026 meeting so Peter Way can be part of the discussion. Motion made by Mike Lyons to postpone discussion and seconded by Brian Handy. All in favor.

### **TRUCK DECAL DISCUSSION**

Bob stated that he spoke with the gentleman that does our truck door decals. Bob presented the door decal for the new truck with new lettering, with the gold a bit brighter than in the past. Bob also presented mockups with the seal as is, adding Bourne Water District lettering around the seal using block letters. Mike Lyons asked that the decal be bigger and was interested in a new mockup or at least measurements. Bob stated he would provide that at the next meeting in January.

### **ABATEMENT REQUEST – 694 MACARTHUR BLVD**

Bob presented the abatement application from Jenish Patel at 694 Macarthur Blvd. Bob stated this is the building next to Nauset Marine which has an old meter pit out front. An unexpected leak occurred which went undetected as the building is vacant. The District read the meter, and 1,432,000 gallons of water went through it. Bob continued that the customer received a high use letter and had a contractor inspect the building to fix the leak. The District did shut off the water from the street in November. The water was turned off prior to this but turned back on at some point. Brian stated that the District should do an inspection prior to the water being turned back on. Bob then suggested he could pull the meter to avoid the water being turned back on before inspection. Mike made a motion to abate half of the bill (consumption) in the amount of \$1969.00 based upon pulling meter and inspection. Brian Handy seconded and all in favor.

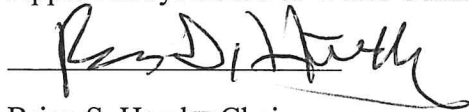
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MOTION was made to adjourn at 8:33 am. Motion seconded and all in favor.

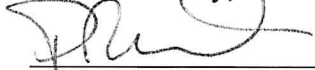
Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Noel, Clerk

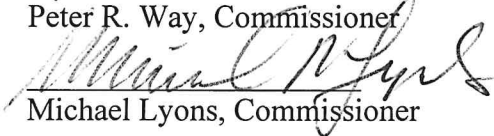
Approved by: Board of Water Commissioners



Brian S. Handy, Chairman



Peter R. Way, Commissioner



Michael Lyons, Commissioner