CAMBRIDGE WATER BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

May 13th, 2025

This meeting is available virtually on Zoom and in person. This meeting is being recorded.
This meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. Those in attendance were:

Cambridge Water Board (CWB): Ann Roosevelt, James Burruss

Cambridge Water Department (CWD): Mark Gallagher, Fred Centanni, Rich Lagerholm, Katherine Orciuch, and Rich Holly.

A. MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 2025, MEETING

Ms. Roosevelt requested that the attendees be updated, and a time added for the end of the treatment plant tour.

Ms. Roosevelt moved, and Mr. Burruss seconded the motion to approve April 15, 2025, minutes as amended. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PFAS Update: Q2 April PFAS6 sampling results were discussed. The results for the sum of the PFAS6 compounds were ND (Non-Detect) The individual test results for each compound tested are included in the table below for reference:

UPDATED 4/28/25

Cambridge Water Department Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Montoring - Analytes detec
Entry Point to the Distribution System (EPDS) aka Finish Water

C.A.S.#	Compound Name	MasDEP MCL	Quarter I (January-March) 1/8/2025 ng/L (ppt)	Quarter II (April-June) 4/14/2025 ng/L (ppt)
1763-23-1	Perfluorooctane Sulfonic Acid (PFOS)	x	*TRACE	ND
335-67-1	Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA)	x	6.35	*TRACE
355-46-4	Perfluorohexane Sulfonic Acid (PFHxS)	x	*TRACE	ND
375-95-1	Perfluorononanoic Acid (PFNA)	x	ND	ND
375-85-9	Perfluorohepatanoic Acid (PFHpA)	x	*TRACE	ND
335-76-2	Perfluorodecanoic acid (PFDA)	x	ND	ND
	Sum of **PFAS6** detected		**6.35**	**ND**
	Quarterly Compliance Average			

ND= Not detected

The sampling for Quarter I was done on 1-8-2025, which was before the completion of the annual GAC filter media replacement in all six filters. The sampling for Quarter II was done on 4-14-2025, which was the after the completion of the annual GAC filter media replacement in all six filters.

Questions/Comments: Do the filters remove the additional PFAS compounds? Although not regulatory, CWD does test for a few additional PFAS compounds, and we have seen very similar results to the required compounds.

Drought Status Update: Mr. Gallagher gave an update of the Declared Drought status. Cambridge's status is currently Level 1 - Mild Drought. Reservoir recharge is close to ~ 75% of full capacity.

Presentation - Distribution Capital Improvements, Rich Holly

Questions/Comments: Mass Ave Partial Construction Phase 1A Contract, CWD will be installing new water main between the floating bus stops. Additionally, CWD will be exploring funding options to replace additional water main along Mass Ave.

Questions/Comments: Could the water main be replaced at night in order to minimize congestion on Mass Ave? No for several reasons, in particular the noise and the fact that there will be several utilities such as Verizon and Eversource that will have to do work as well.

Questions/Comments: Does CWD have a long-term plan to replace water main on busy streets like Broadway? CWD does have a 5-, 10- and 20-year plan. CWD also works closely with DPW on Chapter 90 and Sewer Separation street reconstruction projects.

C. OPERATIONS

Transmission and Distribution:

Questions/Comments: None

Watershed:
Questions/Comments: Please describe Huron Pine Grove Pilot Project? The goal of this project is to test different explanatory variables for the lack of healthy understory development.

Questions/Comments: Please describe the Little Fresh Pond Study? The goal of this project is address issues with aquatic weeds and algae, and the potential need for dredging.

Questions/Comments: Could you please provide an update on 104 Boston Post Road (Weston)? The Western Zoning Board of Appeals denied the comprehensive permit. The legal process is ongoing and there has been no development at the site.

Water Operations:
Questions/Comments: None

Engineering:
Questions/Comments: None

Business:
Questions/Comments: None

D. ACTION ITEMS
None

E. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE AND ITEMS OF INTEREST
None

F. NEW BUSINESS
None

G. NEXT MEETING DATES/AGENDA – Meetings via Zoom

- September 11, 2025: Approved/TBD

Ms. Roosevelt moved, and Mr. Burruss seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 pm. All were in favor of the motion.