

CAMBRIDGE WATER BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

June 10th, 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, Tahir Kapoor, Kathleen Kelly.

Cambridge Water Department (CWD): Fred Centanni, Julie Greenwood-Torelli, Rich Lagerholm, Katherine Orciuch, Dave Kaplan, Jamie O'Connell, and Rich Holly.

A. MINUTES OF MAY 13, 2025, MEETING

Ms. Roosevelt requested clarification on the status of the annual GAC filter media replacement for during sampling for Quarter I and II be added to the Minutes.

Ms. Roosevelt moved, and Kathleen Kelly seconded the motion to approve May 13, 2025, minutes as amended. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PFAS Update: The Quarter III samples will be collected in the first week in July.

Questions/Comments: Based on an article in the Boston Globe, can we expect a change in the PFAS regulations on the Federal level. Massachusetts DEP has not indicated that there will be any changes in regulations. CWD currently meets all PFAS regulations.

If the Federal Government requires the removal of fluoride from drinking water, what would the effect be on CWD? CWD will stop adding fluoride to the water and delete that step from the treatment process. This will not have any effect on the quality of the drinking water as fluoride is added per the state Health Departments recommendations to promote dental health.

Drought Status Update: The drought status for Cambridge and the Northeast Region remains at level 0, Normal Conditions.

FY26 Water Budget Overview: Freddy Centanni (attached)

Questions/Comments: \$30,000 was added for leasing electric vehicles. Does it make financial sense as compared to purchasing vehicles? It does when compared to standard purchase, maintenance, repair and replacement costs.

What is the timeline for the lead service line removal project? The contract will be bid early FY26.

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 to 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

Questions/Comments: Reminder to the board members about Fresh Pond Day and encourage attendance.

F. NEW BUSINESS

None

G. NEXT MEETING DATES/AGENDA – Meetings via Zoom

- September 9, 2025: Approved/TBD

Ms. Roosevelt moved, and Ms. Kelly, Seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 pm. All were in favor of the motion.