

PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD

The 430th meeting of the Pawtucket Water Supply Board met on March 11th, 2025 at 5:00 PM

William Masuck called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM.

PWSB Members Present

William Masuck, Chairperson – present

James Bradford, Vice Chairperson – present

Thomas Hodge – not present

Roberto Moreno – present

Mark Theroux – present

PWSB Staff Present

James DeCelles - Chief Engineer

Russell Houde – Assistant Chief Engineer

Chris Collins – Source Water Manager

Michael Lecours – Chief Financial Officer

Katie Peters – Executive Project Manager

Public Attendees

David Paulson – Wrentham Open Space Committee

New Business:

5A. Cook's Valley Farm, Wrentham MA

David Paulson from the Wrentham Open Space Committee came before the board to present an opportunity to purchase 65 acre parcel of land located at 2095 West Street in Wrentham, MA. 2095 West Street has been a part of Cooks Farm for over 350 years. Cook's Farm is the oldest continuously operating farm in Wrentham, dating back to 1664; a land grant from the King of England. 2095 West Street is also within a Surface Water Supply Watershed for the Arnold Mills and Diamond Hill Reservoir. The property is also located on the divide of two Major Watershed Basins: Charles River and Blackstone. Mr. Paulson came to inform the board that his committee

has \$640,000 set aside to help purchase this land, but they are looking for other interested parties to contribute to the \$2.5 million total cost of the land. As this land is critical to the PWSB watershed, the board expressed interest in moving forward with this purchase, pursuant to additional details about cost, right of first refusal, and a conservation easement. Mr. Paulson plans to return with more details and a contract for the board to review before the May 21st deadline.

4. Consent Agenda

Discussion about the Attleboro pump station and the upcoming testing scheduled on March 17th. The test includes running a flow of 1 MGD to ensure proper function. The board was pleased to receive the new Veolia monthly report packet, complete with pictures and graphs, and it was agreed that the new report is much improved and helpful.

A motion to approve Consent Agenda was made by James Bradford and seconded by Mark Theroux.

Roll Call Taken:

William Masuck - Yes

James Bradford – Yes

Mark Theroux – Yes

Roberto Moreno – Yes

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5B. Water Storage Tanks – Inspection and Cleaning Contract Award

The three existing water storage tanks (3.0 MG, 5.0 MG and 10.0 MG) in the distribution system require periodic inspection and cleaning as part of standard water works practice for sound tank management. The 3.0 and 10.0 MG tanks were last inspected and cleaned in 2018 while the 5.0 MG tank was inspected and rehabilitated in 2021.

Cost proposals were solicited from qualified tank inspection firms to complete a comprehensive interior and exterior inspection of the tanks and to remove any accumulated sediment, as necessary, from the tank's interior. A comprehensive report for each tank detailing

the findings of the inspection, including but not limited to sanitary, safety, security, coatings and structural assessment will also be prepared. The report will be used by PWSB to evaluate both the short- and long-term improvements that are necessary to maintain the tank facilities in accordance with standard waterworks practice.

Quotes were solicited through RFP from professional tank inspection firms to complete the inspection and cleaning process for the tank facilities. Bid proposals were received on February 27, 2025 and are summarized below.

Hydra Tech LLC	\$ 21,600.00
Utility Service Group Water Solutions LLC	\$282,474.00
Engineer's Estimate	\$ 35,000.00

The Board was asked to authorize to enter into a contract with Hydra Tech for a total of \$21,600.00 for the inspection, cleaning and assessment report preparation for PWSB's three water storage facilities.

A motion to approve the bid was made by James Bradford and seconded by Roberto Moreno.

Roll Call Taken:

William Masuck - Yes

James Bradford – Yes

Mark Theroux – Yes

Roberto Moreno – Yes

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5C. 2025 Dam Inspections

PWSB is mandated by RIDEM for inspection of the Robin Hollow Pond Dam (RI 081) and the Happy Hollow Pond Dam (RI 082) by December 2025. The engineering firm of Pare Corporation (Pare) of Lincoln RI was previously commissioned to perform these inspections. Most recently, Pare has performed inspections for PWSB's Diamond Hill and Arnold Mills dam facilities.

The PWSB solicited a proposal from Pare for completion of an inspection of the dam structures and preparation of a report to comply with the RIDEM Dam Regulations. Pare is identified under State of RI Master Price Agreement No. 5 4B for performance of Civil Engineering Services. Due to Pare's previous inspections of these facilities, they will not have to complete background work and have provided a competitive cost proposal as outlined below.

Robin Hollow Pond Dam \$3,100

Happy Hollow Pond Dam \$3,100

Pare has completed dam inspections on these structures in the past and has extensive experience in this regard. Based on PWSB 's experience with Pare and a competitive cost proposal under the State MPA, it is recommended that the Board authorize a contract for the completion of the two dam inspections for a not to exceed price of \$6,200.

A motion to approve the bid was made by James Bradford and seconded by Mark Theroux.

Roll Call Taken:

William Masuck - Yes

James Bradford – Yes

Mark Theroux – Yes

Roberto Moreno – Yes


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Next scheduled meeting will be on April 8th, 2025.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mark Theroux and seconded by James Bradford.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Certified by PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD, recorded by kp


William Masuck, Chairperson