

A meeting of the Town of Barnstable's Barnstable Municipal Water Supply Board was held on February 17, 2026, at 5:30 PM remotely via ZOOM (as posted per instructions on the agenda) - "The February 17, 2026, meeting of the Barnstable Municipal Water Supply Board shall be conducted remotely and shall be physically closed to the public. Alternative public access shall be provided as set forth below.

**ALTERNATIVE PUBLIC ACCESS**

Remote access and participation; please utilize the Zoom video link or telephone number and access meeting code:

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Meeting ID: 840 1904 1737, US Toll-free 1-888-475-4499

In attendance: Sam Wilson, Louise O'Neil, Patrick Ehart and Carlos Barbosa.

Staff present: Hans Keijser, Supervisor, DPW-Water Supply Division, Mike Tieu, P.E., Assistant Town Engineer, Tyler Gilman, P.E., Project Manager, Juan Rios, Project Engineer.

Also present: Kevin Sampson from Veolia, Kelly Barber, Barnstable Land Trust .and Kris Clark, Town Council.

A quorum being present, Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Chair Wilson states, "This meeting is being recorded and broadcast on the Town of Barnstable's Government Access Channel. In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 20, the Chair must inquire whether anyone else is recording this meeting and, if so, to please make their presence known." None being heard; none is noted.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Wilson, O'Neil, Ehart and Barbosa. The Agenda is approved.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 1/20/26 meeting minutes.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Wilson, O'Neil, Ehart and Barbosa. The 1/20/26 meeting minutes are approved.**

Operations Report –

Sampson informs the board about the following distribution tasks, contract obligations for preventative maintenance, distribution issues and water main breaks that were addressed and repaired in the month of January:

- A water leak call was received, investigated and repaired at the #156 Harborview Drive location where an old water service was improperly abandoned causing the leak; the water service was cut and capped correctly at the water main for the repair.
- A water main leak was repaired with a wrap around for a discovered radial crack on the water main on the Old Craigville Beach Road location.
- New college graduate, Cardenas, was hired as a field staff member and was welcomed aboard.
- Well rehabilitation was started on the Maher #1 well.
- A broken pipe occurred during a meter installation at #47 Parkway Place due to the old age of the pipe; piping repairs from the meter to the main were made at no cost to the customer.
- Inspection of a cut and cap was completed at the #281 Ocean Street location.
- Round the clock rotation and scheduling was conducted during the first major snowstorm of the year to assure all treatment plants and wells were made passable and cleared.

- A water leak call was received and repaired at the #151 Pine Avenue location where the old service pipe succumbed to the frigid temperatures.
- A water leak call was received, investigated and repaired at the #557 Ocean Street location. This repair resulted in complete replacement of the water service from the main to the curb stop; the old water service was cut and capped properly.

Wilson states that the deliverables look good. Sampson agrees, saying they're a little ahead. Wilson and O'Neil thanks Sampson and staff for their hard work.

All required monthly reports and sampling were completed and submitted.

Capital project update by Matthew Wrobel, Senior Project Manager (handout dated February 5, 2026, given)

– Wrobel absent, Tieu and Gilman review the following projects and progress as follows:

1. New well exploration program, update – No change since last meeting.
2. Pilot testing project Mary Dunn & Airport wells – No change since last meeting.
3. New Straightway Water Treatment Facility (WTF) and Replacement of the Hyannis Port & Simmons Pond wells – Tieu reports that installation of yard piping continues; Phase1 has started winterizing preparation for the interim filters by reinforcing and pouring new foundations.
4. Lead Service Line Replacement – No change since last meeting.
5. Mary Dunn 4 well building – Gilman reports that Veolia and Keijser are working closely with DEP, but the winter weather has been hindering final testing.
6. Mary Dunn 16" Transmission Main – Tieu reports that approximately 5000 feet of the 16" ductile pipe has been installed and construction is ongoing. He adds that hopefully this will go into service next week, complete final tie-ins, then conduct the switch over in the next month or two. Keijser asks Tieu to explain to the board members what a "coupon" is; Tieu explains.
7. Mary Dunn Tank #1 Rehabilitation – Tieu reports they are waiting on the contractor for the new roof vent installation and punch list completion.
8. Crocker Street Water Main Replacement – No change since last meeting.
9. Hawes Avenue Culvert Replacement (Water Main Upgrade) – Tieu reports that in coordination with the culvert replacement, the 6" AC water main will be replaced with an 8" ductile iron pipe. Wilson thanks all for facilitating this replacement.

Barnstable Land Trust (BLT), Kelly Barber, update on land management and wildfire damage prevention efforts for the Hyannis Water System (handout and presentation given) – Barber presents the Wildfire Risk Reduction Plan for the Mary Dunn Ponds Complex expressing that she is happy to serve water supplies for caring for the land they hold. She expresses her AmeriCorps participation which originally brought her to the Cape and explains her deep involvement with fellowships and water systems. She reviews the plan with the board summarizing that the wildfire risk reduction is their top priority for the Mary Dunn Pond and Old Yarmouth Road complex. She explains the "Intermediate Zone" which consist of 5' – 30' of protection around these areas expressing that permitting may need to be implemented to protect area wetlands, etc. She gives explanation of the Southern Pine beetles and their impact on pine tree life; stating that none were detected on HWS lands last year; emphasizing how monitoring is important. She explains to the board the role of land stewardship that is also done by her and the BLT. All board members thank Barber for all the work she is doing; O'Neil expressing how comprehensive the information given was; Barbosa expressing how impressed he is with her work, stating that this is the first he has heard of it. Barbosa inquires if this service costs the water system anything; Keijser states a small amount, expressing the importance of it relative to how it effects rates and fees, projects in the future, and how it helps the water system partner with viable entities like AmeriCorps, etc. Keijser states he may ask for some money next year for these services. O'Neil shares that the work being done by BLT mirrors a lot of the work being done by the Hyannis Water System.

Review capital requests FY27, Town Council CIP public Hearings on March 19 and April 2, 2026 – Keijser gives an explanation of the hearing agenda and the board members to have conversation with their assigned town councilors. O’Neil asks which date the water supply will be given; Keijser states could be one or the other, that it is unknown, therefore he reiterates to have conversations to open communications with their assigned councilors before the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

FY 2027 rate hearing, Tuesday, March 17, 2026 – Keijser informs the board that this rate hearing is being conducted on Zoom and is normally scheduled in the late morning hours, expressing that the definite time has not been determined yet.

Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair – None.

A motion is made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Wilson, O’Neil, Ehart and Barbosa. The Meeting was adjourned at 6:27 PM.**

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Marcia Sellitto*

*DPW, Water Supply Division –Administrative Assistant*

Materials presented at meeting:

- Meeting Agenda February 17, 2026 (*presented by:* T.O.B.-DPW, Water Supply Div.)
- Meeting Minutes for approval 1/20/2026 (*presented by:* T.O.B.-DPW, Water Supply Div.)
- B.M.W.S.B. Monthly Report, January 2026 (*presented by:* Veolia)
- FY26 Pumping Projection, dated 2/5/2026 (*presented by:* Hans Keijser)
- Billed and Received Revenue Projection-FY’26, dated 2/5/2026 (*presented by:* Hans Keijser)
- Copy of Capital Project spreadsheet, dated 2/5/2026, from DPW (*presented by:* Mike Tieu & Tyler Gilman)
- Copy of Mary Dunn Ponds Complex, Wildfire Risk Reduction Plan, dated 2025 from Barnstable Land Trust (*presented by:* Kelly Barber, BLT)
- Copy of CIP FY27 Rational, dated 10/7/2025 (*presented by:* Hans Keijser)
- Copy of Barnstable Municipal Water Supply Board statute (*presented by:* Hans Keijser)