

PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD

The 431st meeting of the Pawtucket Water Supply Board met on April 8th, 2025 at 5:00 PM

William Masuck called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

PWSB Members Present

William Masuck, Chairperson – present

James Bradford, Vice Chairperson – present

Thomas Hodge – not present

Roberto Moreno – not present

Mark Theroux – present

Jeannine Bourski - 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

The board was asked to authorize a contribution of \$650,000 towards the purchase of 65.5 acres owned by the Cooks family, located in the Town of Wrentham (Assessors Map C03-1-3), and part of the Arnolds Mills and Diamond Hill watershed. The Town of Wrentham will take ownership of the parcel and would grant the PWSB a conservation easement and a right of first refusal. The PWSB would not incur any property tax liability. The funds would come from the Land Acquisition Fund, which has a current balance of \$1,230,000.

A motion to authorize the contribution was made by James Bradford and seconded by Mark Theroux.

Roll Call Taken:

William Masuck - Yes

James Bradford – Yes

Mark Theroux – Yes

Jeannine Bourski – Yes

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4. Consent Agenda

Discussion about the equipment operator position in the T&D department, confirming that longtime PWSB employee James Rennick was recently awarded the position. There has not been much communication regarding the Lincoln interconnection project. The Attleboro interconnection testing seemed to have gone well, no issues were reported to the PWSB. Mike Lecours briefly outlined the steps of notification for the upcoming tax sale, including multiple rounds of notices sent out, including by certified mail. The tax sale is expected to be held at the new City Council chambers at the Pawtucket Municipal Annex at 100 Freight Street.

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

Jeannine Bourski – Yes

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5B. Tax Sale

The board was asked to decide whether to remove any senior citizens from the upcoming May 2025 Tax Sale. The board was asked to vote on whether the PWSB would mirror City policy and remove senior citizens from the upcoming PWSN Tax Sale. Currently there are approximately six senior citizens on the PWSB Tax Sale list as well as three estates. Since the three estates did not have any probates filed with the city, it was decided that they should remain on the tax sale.

A motion to approve removing the senior citizens from the Tax Sale list, but keep the three estates, was made by James Bradford and seconded by Mark Theroux.

Roll Call Taken:

William Masuck - Yes

James Bradford – Yes

Mark Theroux – Yes

Jeannine Bourski – Yes

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Next scheduled meeting will be on May 13th, 2025.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:24 pm.

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William Masuck, Chairperson