



TOWN OF KINGSTON
BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
OPEN SESSION
WATER DEPT OFFICE - 22 ELM ST, MICHAEL J.
MACPHERSON MEETING ROOM & VIA ZOOM
OCTOBER 28, 2025

4:00 PM – CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robert Erlandsen called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

In attendance were Vice Chairman Robert Kostka, Commissioner Richard W. Loring Jr, Kristen Berger of Resilient CE, Superintendent Chris Veracka, Sewer Commissioner Elaine Fiore, Chris Correa and Christine DeLorenzo of CC Construction and Clerk Stacey Smith.

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT BILL SCHEDULES:

MEETING MINUTES:

VOTE TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 14, 2025

Vice Chairman Robert Kostka moved to approve the minutes of October 14, 2025. Commissioner Loring seconded the motion and it was voted unanimously (3-0-0).

APPOINTMENTS:

CHRISTINE DELORENZO AND CHRIS CORREA, CC CONSTRUCTION RE: WATER NEEDED FOR HYDROSEEDING AND POTENTIAL IRRIGATION FOR RECENT WORK WITH SEWER DEPARTMENT

Chris Correa and Christine DeLorenzo of CC Construction presented before the Board and requested use of a hydrant meter. Mr. Correa explained CC Construction was working on the sewer department leaching field project and needed a water meter to utilize hydroseeding on the completed project. He estimated they would need approximately 26K gallons of water. Commissioner Loring asked if there was any reason that they couldn't use the water effluent being pumped into the system from the treatment plant. Ms. Fiore stated the effluent discharge isn't set up to be used for this project as the leaching fields are not live yet and could not be used to enable the hydroseeding.

Chairman Erlandsen wanted to know why CC Construction was given the meter for the initial hydroseeding. Why can it not just be given out again? Superintendent Veracka stated the meter was given to CC Construction for initial construction purposes, not hydroseeding. He continued, his concerns were regarding unaccounted for water being scrutinized by Mass DEP and any potential disruption to the system. Discussion continued regarding the location of the hydrant that would be used, the amount of water needed and who would be responsible for the cost of the water usage.

Commissioner Loring asked why the initial attempt to hydroseed didn't take. Mr. Correa stated it was a combination of factors, including drought conditions, that contributed to the hydroseeding not being effective the first time. Commissioner Loring stated, as the effluent is not currently in place to be used for this purpose, at what point will it be in the future? Ms. Fiore stated the effluent has never been used for these purposes. Additional costs and infrastructure would be needed to do so, and she cannot answer that question today. Discussion continued regarding the need for the hydrant meter and the reasons it was being presented before the board.

Vice Chairman Kostka moved to provide the use of the hydrant meter. Commissioner Loring seconded the motion, and it was voted unanimously (3-0-0).

Ms. Fiore asked if CC Construction could take a meter with them this evening. Superintendent Veracka broke away from the meeting to collect one.

At 4:14pm, Chris Correa and Christine DeLorenzo of CC Construction and Elaine Fiore left the meeting, with a hydrant

meter in their possession.

KRISTEN BERGER, RESILIENT CE RE: ENGINEERING UPDATES

MAIN STREET WATER MAIN PROJECT - CC CONSTRUCTION PUNCHLIST ITEMS: DIP ON SUMMER ST AND ESTABLISH SEEDING

Ms. Berger stated CC Construction was out at the site today to investigate further into the transition spot on Summer Street causing a little dip where the mill and pave was done. She stated the performance bond will cover the issue for up to three years. The Mass DOT representative, who was also onsite, said they would keep an eye on it and that there was no immediate need to repair the issue. Discussion continued regarding possible causes of the dip/depression. Vice Chairman Kostka asked if a patch was discussed. Ms. Berger said they talked it out, and it would have to expand past the milling if a repair was necessary. She said a letter would be sent to CC Construction to place them on notice and any work that may need to be done will be covered by a performance bond. Ms. Berger stated remaining funds for this project total just over 29K and the remaining balance/retainage owed to CC Construction is 14K. Additionally, the remaining engineering is estimated to be approximately 4K leaving a total remaining balance of 10-11K.

NEW WELL PROJECT UPDATE - KLEINFELDER

Ms. Berger stated it's a requirement that the test well needs to be 400 feet from the property line. It was recently discovered the original test well site obtained from GIS mapping may not be within that required distance. Kleinfelder had a surveyor out to the property last week to provide updated mapping and additional information.

Ms. Berger stated that Superintendent Veracka located old monitoring wells and was able to get the old well caps opened. These can be used for observation wells and the project will not require drilling new observation wells.

REVIEW OF THIRD QUARTER 2025 - QUARTERLY GROUNDWATER MONITORING, MASTRIA AUTOMOTIVE GROUP (FORMERLY ROUNTREE HYUNDAI)

Ms. Berger stated the groundwater monitoring report received for the former Rountree Hyundai car dealership, now Mastria Auto Group, showed nothing of concern for the third quarter of 2025.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

LEAD AND COPPER RESULTS ARE ALL BACK. RESULTS WERE GOOD AND LETTERS TO RESIDENTS AT SAMPLE SITES HAVE BEEN MAILED.

KWD CREW HAS BEEN BUSY REPAIRING A FEW LEAKS AND PERFORMING SEASONAL TURN OFFS.

STACEY HAS BEEN BUSY PULLING TOGETHER REPORTS FOR FY27 BUDGET DISCUSSION.

METER READING FOR DECEMBER BILLS BEGINS ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30TH

GENERAL WINTER PREPARATION AT ALL KWD SITES, INCLUDING HYDRANT MARKERS, HAS BEGUN.

Superintendent Veracka stated on Friday, October 24th, KWD employee Mike Souza quit. He reported for work, returned his keys and uniforms and left the building.

Commissioner Loring recommended an executive session at the next meeting to discuss personnel matters.

Discussion continued regarding when to meet next to include the budget process. Board agreed to meet off schedule on Monday, November 3, 2025.

Commissioner Loring asked if we had received an official response from Mass DEP regarding the Consent Agreement. Superintendent Veracka stated he spoke with town counsel today. They will be reviewing it and providing comments and a response back by the end of the week. Commissioner Loring suggested perhaps a letter be sent to James McLaughlin at Mass DEP to make him aware the delay is with town counsel so that he knows it is being worked on.

NEW BUSINESS:

FY27 BUDGET DISCUSSION

FY27 budget presentation tabled until the next meeting on Monday, November 3, 2025.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NONE

WATER CORRESPONDENCE FROM LAST MEETING:

NONE

BUSINESS OF WATER QUALITY REVIEW COMMITTEE:

NONE

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

TO BE DISCUSSED AND DETERMINED AS THE SECOND TUESDAY IN NOVEMBER IS VETERAN'S DAY.

The Board agreed to meet on November 3, 2025, for a detailed budget discussion and executive session only. There will be no meeting on November 11, 2025 due to the Veteran's Day holiday.

ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN SESSION:

Vice Chairman Kostka moved to adjourn. Commissioner Loring seconded the motion, and it was voted unanimously (3-0-0).

The meeting adjourned at 4:34 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,



Stacey L. Smith
Clerk