



## BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

# Cotuit Fire District

## Water Department

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The Board of Water Commissioners held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom only. Present at the meeting were Chairman, Scott Horsley, Commissioner Mark Robinson, Commissioner David Churbuck, Superintendent Chris Wiseman and Office Manager, Jen Nash.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. and was opened to public comment. Hearing none, the commissioners moved on to the abbreviated agenda for this meeting.

Commissioner Churbuck gave an overview of the Prudential Committee and Treasurer's concerns with ADM Article 2025-24 and the commission discussed a proposed amendment to the language of the article to clarify the intent and address their concerns. The amended language, voted unanimously by the board is as follows (changes noted in yellow):

"To see if the District will authorize the Cotuit Fire District to do all things necessary to petition the Massachusetts Great and General Court to change the enabling legislation of the Cotuit Fire District that established the Cotuit Water Department and Board of Water Commissioners under Chapter 244 of the Special Acts of Massachusetts (1935) substantially as follows: The Board of Water Commissioners of the Cotuit Fire District shall have the authority to recommend improvements on private property, with prior written approval of the property owners and seek funds by vote of the District, to protect and enhance the quality of the water supply for the benefit of the residents of Cotuit."

Mrs. Nash will obtain the official amendment form from the Moderator and transcribe the amended language to be submitted and moved on the floor at the upcoming ADM.

Commissioner Robinson reviewed a draft reply to the steering committee for Save Greater Dowses Beach in response to the memo that they delivered and discussed at the Board's April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. A few small changes were recommended, and the letter will be signed and submitted by Chairman Horsley.

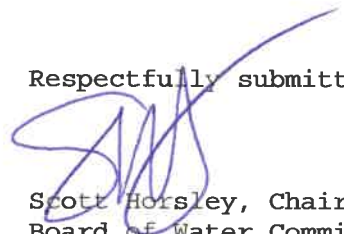
A brief discussion was had regarding the Budget & Candidate's night presentation. All Commissioners, Superintendent Wiseman and the Office Manager will be in attendance. Superintended Wiseman noted that he will not be present at ADM this year as he will be away.

Commissioner Robinson left the meeting, and the remaining commissioners discussed ADM Article 2025-13 regarding the purchase of a Conservation Restriction for the property at 4609 Falmouth Road. Commissioner Churbuck summarized the Prudential Committees concerns with this article as discussed at their April 29<sup>th</sup> and May 13<sup>th</sup> meetings. He will contact Janet Milkman of BLT to answer a few questions, specifically about how the title of the land will be held once the purchase is complete. They will also clarify that, by holding a CR on this property, that it could support the water withdrawal permit levels

with as assessed by MassDEP. The commissioners are prepared to support this article at the upcoming district meetings.

Hearing no further public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'SH', is written over the typed name and title.

Scott Horsley, Chairman  
Board of Water Commissioners