

TOWN OF LINCOLN
Water Commission Meeting
February 12, 2025

Members Present:

Kenneth Booth, Chair	Peter Dilorenzo, Superintendent
Julie LaBreche, Secretary	Town Solicitor (Absent)
Ed Fox	Anna Nascimento, Administrative Assistant
Louis Long	
Edward Sliney (Absent)	

Call to order: Chairman Kenneth Booth called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Motion to accept the Consent Agenda:

- 1) Minutes of previous meeting:
 - A) December 11, 2024–Regular Meeting*
 - B) November 13, 2024-Executive Session Minutes (Tabled until March 2025 meeting)

A motion was made by Commissioner **Julie LaBreche** and was seconded by Commissioner **Louis Long** to approve the consent agenda. All in favor.

Superintendent Report of Daily Activity January 2025:

1. **Administrative – Project Management:**

1. **Projects:**

a. **School Street**

- i. LWC has paid \$375K to RIDOT. The final payment will be due once the water main is completed.
- ii. The preconstruction meeting was held on 1/29/2025. The Contractor will begin installing sewer at the bottom of School Street working their way to the top of the road.

- iii. Inspection Services is part of Pare's Contract.

b. Lead Service Inventory

- i. A program has been implemented to inspect and update records of private-side services.
- ii. A resident Lead sampling program has been implemented; residents can pick up sample bottles and drop them off at our office at no cost to the Resident. State Law mandates this.
- iii. RIIB is offering a 20-year, 0% interest loan for private side lead service replacement, this fund will be managed by LWC. We are requesting additional information from RIIB on this program and its implementation.
- iv. There are currently 76 known public and private lead services in the system.

c. Saylesville Project

- i. Bids have been received; the lowest qualified bidder is RP Iannuccillo and Sons. The bid came in at the Engineer's estimate and funds are being borrowed through RIIB.
- ii. Requesting approval from the Board to award the Contract to RP Iannuccillo and Sons and to bond an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.00 through RIIB.
- iii. Construction Administration and Inspection Services are part of Pare's Contract.

d. Water Tank Inspection and Cleaning RFP

- i. Three bids have been received. Pricing varies from \$22,600 to \$101,000. Requesting approval to award the contract to the lowest qualified bidder, Hydra Dive Tech. Work is anticipated to take place late spring/early summer depending on the schedule of HydraDiveTech.

e. System Wide Leak Detection RFP

- i. RFP has been issued, bids are due on February 28, 2025

f. Albion Road Pumping Station Replacement Project

- i. Meeting held between Pare and LWC on 1/30/2025 to discuss the project. Pare is proceeding with the design and anticipates having contract documents for bidding by Summer 2025.

g. SCADA System Upgrades

- i. LWC is currently investigating the procurement of services for the installation of a new server room at the main office.
- ii. A quote has been received for Vertikal6 to perform hardening of the SCADA system to prevent cyber-attacks and allow for remote (view only)

access of the SCADA system by the Superintendent. Requesting approval by the board to proceed with the quote.

h. RI Ready Program

- i. Preparing an application for the RI Ready Program. This Grant will be used to pay for the source water assessment project that is being advertised. There is a \$1500 fee associated with this grant application.

i. Old River Road Tank Replacement

- i. The Town and LWC have held preliminary discussions on the layout of the proposed Tank. Future talks are planned to address layout issues at the current proposed site.
- ii. An RFP for Engineering Services will be developed to study and develop recommendations for the Tank. This RFP is anticipated to be sent out in FY 2026.

j. Lincoln Water Commission Office Expansion Project

- i. The Town and LWC have discussed an additional buildout of the main office to meet fire code requirements and increase space for a conference room, file storage, and public access away from operations.

k. New River Road 12" DI Culvert Crossing

- i. A culvert has collapsed on New River Road, and RIDOT plans to replace it. LWC is working with RIDOT on the replacement work, affecting the existing 12" DI water main. Rocchio is performing the work, at this time they believe they can replace the culvert without impacting our main.
- ii. Leak detection was performed in advance of the work to determine if our water main was impacted, no leaks were identified. Leak detection will be performed after the culvert work is completed as well.

l. Great Road Bridge Crossings

- i. A Proposal was solicited from PARE Corporation to investigate the need for two bridge crossings on Great Road. RIDOT has plans to rehabilitate these bridges starting in 2025 and LWC may or may not need these crossings. Options will be developed for consideration by the LWC. Due to PARE's familiarity without system they are the most qualified to perform this work as it relates to modeling the need for these crossings.

2. Administration and Personnel:

a. Driving Training

- i. Driver's training has been scheduled for March 6th, 2025. The Trust is hosting this training, and it is free to members. I would like to invite commissions to check out the simulator training that day, late morning.

3. Finance and Investments:

a. Citizens and Washington Trust

- i. Requesting approval from the commission to switch investment accounts from Citizens Investment Bank to Washington Trust.

b. Town of Lincoln – Accounting System

- i. Town of Lincoln and LWC are working to combine our accounting systems, coordination between the Town Finance Department and LWC is ongoing.

4. Meter Readings:

a. Neptune

- i. We are testing out an upgraded meter reading system, Neptune 360. We are looking to implement this system as part of the next monthly meter reading. The upgrade is occurring due to the old meter reading system being no longer supported by Neptune.
- ii. LWC is investigating moving towards an AMI (fixed network) or cellular network system for meters to replace the current radio read system.

5. Water Quality

a. Lincoln Meadows Drive

- i. Additional sampling has been performed in the system to determine the cause of the corrosion being seen in Lincoln Meadows Drive area. Pare Corporation is assisting with the sampling and analysis to determine the source of the corrosion.

b. Whipple Cullen Farm

- i. Water Quality complaints have been received from Whipple Cullen Farm development. The LWC is working with the development to develop a hydrant flushing program for their private water system to remedy the water quality issues they are experiencing.

c. Providence Connection and Albion Pumping Stations – Online Water Quality Analyzers

- (a) The installation of online chlorine and pH analyzers is currently under consideration. This initiative will provide LWC with real-time water

quality data at its two pumping stations. Having access to real-time data will allow LWC to enhance state reporting and take a proactive approach to managing water quality within the system.

6. Vehicles/Garage

- a. The delivery date for the new utility truck is in the works and is anticipated to be several months away.
- b. LWC has added high visibility strobes to the stake body truck.
- c. A bid has been received for a new F150 to replace the current Foreman's vehicle, approximately \$50,000. The existing Forman's vehicle will be kept as a spare vehicle. I would like to include this purchase in FY 2026's budget.

7. Operations and Maintenance: Pumping Stations

a. Providence Connection

- i. Industrial Pump and Valve have been given the go ahead to begin repair work on Pump #3. We are currently waiting for a schedule on when they will begin the work.
- ii. Painting of internal piping at the pumping station has been scheduled.

b. Albion Road Pumping Station

- i. No Operational Issues to Report.
- ii. Painting of internal piping at the pumping station has been scheduled.

c. Old Pike Pumping Station

- i. Offline, the final use will be determined as part of the Albion Road Pumping Station Project.

d. Woonsocket Connection

- ii. LWC has investigated the status of the Woonsocket Connection and found it to be in working order. Further Testing will be performed in the coming months and minor repairs will be performed to ensure the Pumping Station and connection continue to be operational as an emergency interconnection.

e. Pawtucket Connection

- iii. LWC has begun to investigate the status of the Pawtucket Connection, it is currently not in working order. Work is planned to ensure the operability of the connection so it may be used as an emergency interconnection.

8. Operations and Maintenance: Water Storage Tanks

a. Old River Road Tank

- i. VHB is developing a response to comments based on RIDEM's response to the submitted remedial action work plan.
- ii. Tank is scheduled to be inspected and cleaned this year.
- iii. An RFP is being developed to study the tank's replacement. The RFP is anticipated to be sent out in FY 2026.

b. Manville Tank

- i. VHB is developing a response to comments based on RIDEM's response to the submitted remedial action work plan.
- ii. Tank is scheduled to be inspected and cleaned this year. Pricing is being obtained on rehab versus replacement of the tank to determine the next steps.

c. Albion Road Tank

- i. Tank is scheduled to be inspected and cleaned this year. Pricing is being obtained on rehab versus replacement of the tank to determine the next steps.

d. Westwood Tank

- i. Tank Cleaning and Inspection scheduled for 2025.

e. High Service Tank

- ii. Tank Cleaning and Inspection scheduled for 2025.

9. RIPUC – Providence Water rate filing

- a. LWC has submitted its intervenor status and is working on developing testimony to submit to RIPUC.

Superintendent Report of Daily Activity – January 2025:

Motion to accept by Commissioner **Louis Long**, seconded by Commissioner **Ed Fox**. All in favor.

Balance Sheet - Expenditure and Revenue Report – January 2025

Motion to accept by Commissioner **Louis Long**, seconded by Commissioner **Julie LaBreche**. All in favor.

a. Financial Report to Town Acting Finance Director – January 2025:

Motion to accept by Commissioner **Julie LaBreche**, seconded by Commissioner **Louis Long**. All in favor.

Account Balance Report –January 2025:

Motion to accept by Commissioner **Julie LaBreche**, seconded by Commissioner **Louis Long**. All in favor.

Capitol Accounts –January 2025*

Direct Payment and Payables – January 2025:

Motion to accept by Commissioner **Julie LaBreche**, seconded by Commissioner **Louis Long**. All in favor.

Abatements:

a. Regular Monthly Abatements

Motion to accept by Commissioner **Julie LaBreche**, seconded by Commissioner **Louis Long**. All in favor.

Account Transaction Report –January 2025*

Correspondence: * None

10. Unfinished Business:

a. Commission for Water Rates

The rate consultant is reviewing Providence Waters proposed rate increase and how it affects the LWC's rates. *Superintendent Dilorenzo met with David Bebyn should have something in the next couple of weeks. Ongoing discussions taking place on how new rates will affect residents.*

b. Lincoln Meadows Drive

Report from the Corrosion Consultant has been completed. Further investigating the cause of the water quality issue.

11. New Business:

- a. Washington Trust Bank – Request to vote to authorize the Superintendent to move the funds from Citizens Investment Bank to Washington Trust Bank.

Motion to authorize by Commissioner **Louis Long**, seconded by Commissioner **Julie LaBreche**. All in favor.

- b. Saylesville Water System Improvements project – Request Authorization from the Board to sell revenue backed bonds in an amount up to \$5M for the project.
Motion to authorize by Commissioner **Louis Long**, seconded by Commissioner **Ed Fox**. All in favor.
- c. Saylesville Water System Improvements project – Request Authorization from the Board to award the contract to the lowest qualified bidder, RP Iannuccillo and Sons per the conditions of the contract and per RIDOH's pending Certificate of Approval.
Motion to authorize by Commissioner **Ed Fox**, seconded by Commissioner **Louis Long**. All in favor.
- d. Tank Cleaning and Inspection Services – Request Authorization from the Board to award to the lowest qualified bidder – HydraDiveTech.
Motion to authorize by Commissioner **Louis Long**, seconded by Commissioner **Ed Fox**. All in favor.
- e. Server System Hardening and Remote Access – Proposal received from our IT Consultant Vertikal6 to harden our servers against Cyberattacks and allow for remote viewing of the SCADA system by the Superintendent when away from the Office. Request Authorization to proceed with the proposal.
Motion to authorize by Commissioner **Julie LaBreche**, seconded by Commissioner **Ed Fox**. All in favor.
- f. RFP for a Source Water Assessment – RFP has been developed for Engineering Services to evaluate all potential sources of supply for the LWC and develop recommendations for the LWC. Request Authorization from the Board to proceed with advertisement of the RFP to our On-Call Engineers.
Motion to authorize by Commissioner **Louis Long**, seconded by Commissioner **Ed Fox**. All in favor.
- g. Great Road Bridge Crossing – Request Authorization from the Board to proceed with the Proposal received from PARE to evaluate the need for and replacement/rehabilitation options for two water main bridge

crossings on Great Road. RIDOT has plans for rehabilitation of these bridges starting in 2025.

Motion to authorize by Commissioner **Ed Fox**, seconded by Commissioner **Louis Long**. All in favor.

12. Claims:

- a. RI Trust – Dump Truck Reimbursement of 01/28/2025

13. News Articles - *

- a. None

Public Comment: None

14. **Motion to adjourn: Commissioner Ed Fox,**

Commissioner Louis Long second's the motion.

All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.