

TOWN OF LINCOLN
Water Commission Special Meeting
April 3, 2025

Members Present:

Kenneth Booth, Chair	Peter DiLorenzo, Superintendent
Julie LaBreche, Secretary	Stephen Antonucci, Town Solicitor
Ed Fox	Anna Nascimento, Administrative Assistant
Louis Long	
Edward Sliney	

Call to order: Chairman Kenneth Booth called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Presentation by David Bebyn of B&E Consulting, LLC

Topic: Proposed Water Rates

Mr. Bebyn provided a schedule and materials to assist the Lincoln Water Commission (LWC) in evaluating the proposed FY 2026 through FY 2028 rate plan which was based on the March 2025 Lincoln Water Study. Mr. Bebyn also addressed multiunit usage, the 5-year financial projection at proposed rates and a comparison of rates among surrounding communities.

The document referenced in the above summation of Mr. Bebyn presentation addressed to the Commission Members and Management, has been attached.

2. Presentation by Superintendent Peter DiLorenzo

Topic: Proposed Charges and Fees

Mr. DiLorenzo addressed LWC new charges and fees pertaining to residential, commercial or industrial, which addresses breakdown/total cost including misc. fees, of setting up new services, reference spreadsheet titled "LWC Charge and Fees", which has been attached.

3. Presentation by Superintendent Peter DiLorenzo

Topic: Proposed 5-Year Capital Plan

Mr. Dilorenzo addressed the three LWC Capital Plans, minimal, moderate and aggressive proposals. Spreadsheets titled “LWC Proposed Capital Plan, Minimal, Moderate and Aggressive” addressing these proposals, has been attached.

A separate document titled “Proposed LWC Capital Plan – April 2025” breaking down the description of items (1.0 Distribution through 9.2.1 listed on the above referenced spreadsheets has also been attached.

A brief discussion involving the repair of current existing underground tanks vs. replacement of these tanks, moving forward.

A separate document titled “Rate Payer Impact Increase” has also been attached. This document breaks down current rates, 2026 proposed rates, difference/impact of these changes along with the higher fixed % increase. This document addresses residential and commercial.

4. Public Comment

Lincoln resident Mr. Jean Gagnon asked if a public meeting will be held to announce new rates. Chairman Booth did acknowledge that a meeting would be held, date to be determined.

Mr. Gagnon also stated that the public needed to be educated as to the increase in rates and the cost of bringing water into homes.

The meeting place is accessible to the handicapped in conformance with RIGL 42-46-2. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Commission at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting date. If requested, tapes of the meeting will be made available.

5. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Julie LaBreche, Commissioner Louis Long, second's the motion.

All in favor

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 p.m.