

TOWN OF LINCOLN
Water Commission Meeting
December 10, 2025

Members Present:

Kenneth Booth, Chair

Julie LaBreche, Secretary

Edward Fox

Louis Long

Edward Sliney

Lewis Prescott, III, Acting Superintendent

Anna Nascimento, Administrative Assistant

Steven Antonucci, Town Solicitor

Call to order: Chairman Kenneth Booth called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Public Comment:

Motion to accept the Consent Agenda:

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

1) Minutes of previous meeting:

a. November 12, 2025– Regular Meeting*

b. **July 9, 2025 – Executive Session Minutes (Tabled until next meeting)**

c. **November 12, 2025 – Executive Session Minutes**

A motion was made by Commissioner **Edward Sliney** and was seconded by Commissioner **Louis Long** to approve the November 12, 2025 Executive Session Minutes. All in favor.

2. Superintendent Report of Daily Activity November 2025:

1. Administrative – Project Management:

Capital Program

1. Distribution

Water Main Replacement Project

- a. School Street
 - i. Water main replacement is 2/3 complete. The final 1/3 is to be completed in spring 2026. *All new water services to residents.*
- b. Lead Service Line Replacement Project
 - i. A program has been implemented with Tighe & Bond to inspect and update records of private-side services.
 - ii. A resident sampling program has been implemented, allowing residents to collect sample bottles and return them to our office at no cost, as mandated by state law.
 - iii. The system currently has 76 known public and private lead services combined.
- c. Front Street Cleaning and Lining Project.
 - i. W. Walsh has provided a proposal for the work on Front Street and has received authorization to proceed with the proposal, plus additional funds for flaggers and contingency. – Work will commence in spring of 2026.
 - ii. Requesting Authorization to utilize the Town's paving contractor to perform the final paving of Front Street after W. Walsh completes cleaning and lining.

2. Transmission

- a. Source Water Interconnection
 - i. A project for additional source capacity is being developed; this project serves as a placeholder for transmission upgrade work necessary to support it – work in progress.
- b. Woonsocket Interconnection
 - i. A project to rehabilitate the Woonsocket Interconnection is being developed – work in progress.
- c. Pawtucket Interconnection

- i. This project is on hold pending recommendations from the Source Water Interconnection Project.

3. Storage

a. Old River Road Tank

- i. Waiting on Source Water Assessment, the Tank may be moved based on results of that study.
- ii. Rehab work related to the inspection findings is on hold, will be re-evaluated as part of the capital project.

b. Westwood Road Tank

- i. Rehab work related to the inspection findings is on hold, will be re-evaluated as part of the capital project. *Planned meeting with electrician for installation.*

c. Manville Tank

- i. Rehab work related to the inspection findings is on hold, will be re-evaluated as part of the capital project.

d. High Service Tank

- i. Recommendation of an out-of-service chemical cleaning (not possible at this time) and minor spot coating of the tank.
- ii. Rehab work related to the inspection findings is on hold, will be re-evaluated as part of the capital project.

e. Albion Tank

- i. Several minor recommendations were provided, via tank inspection including an out-of-service chemical wash and pressure washing the exterior. The paint appears to be mostly intact.
- ii. Rehab work related to the inspection findings is on hold, will be re-evaluated as part of the capital project.

4. Pumping

a. Providence Connector

- i. Pump #2 removed for service October 23, 2025 by Industrial Pump Services (IPS).

b. Albion Road

- i. Pare Corporation is preparing a design package for the station upgrades. The design package will be submitted to RIDOH this Fall. – Work in progress.

c. Old Pike

- i. Station is offline; the proposed plan is to develop a chlorination facility at this location. Currently under consideration.

5. Treatment

a. Source Water Assessment

- i. Pare Corporation was awarded the project. Work is ongoing.

b. Source Water Upgrades

- i. This project will be developed after the Assessment phase of the project
- ii. A \$3M grant through Senator Reed was submitted. Senator Reed has submitted the request to the appropriations committee at the federal level and we are waiting on a status for that.

c. Wells

i. Manville Well

- 1. Pricing is being solicited from firms from the State MPA to cut and cap the Manville Well and demolish the building – Awaiting status update.

6. Facilities

a. Garage and Office Upgrades

- i. This project is currently in the planning phase, pending funding. Accordingly, an RFP for upgrades to the Office and Garage will be developed.

b. Server Room Upgrades

7. Software

a. GIS and CAD

- i. We will continue to maintain our GIS and CAD software system, potentially increasing the number of licenses for additional personnel.
- ii. Added one additional AutoCAD license for the Superintendent.
- iii. Added one mobile worker license to allow personnel to utilize the GPS equipment to survey our assets.

b. Hydraulic Model

- i. We maintain our Hydraulic Model software on an ongoing basis. This software models developments as they arise and supports capital planning.

- ii. APEX is performing calibration of the model so we can accurately reflect system conditions – Work in progress.
- c. Asset Management and Work Order Software
 - i. A project is planned to develop a new Asset Management system that tracks asset maintenance and work history, as well as creates a digital work order system.

8. Vehicles

- a. Awaiting delivery of a new F150 4x4 pick up truck from Colonial Municipal Group (CMG). – Vehicle is to be built end of November and will be a 2026 model at same quoted price as 2025 model.

9. Meters

- a. The new AMI system is included in the Capital Plan. Mitigation study has been completed. – Installation of a collector on Westwood tank to be in place by spring 2026.

Administration and Personnel:

1.1.Field Operations Clerk

- 1.1.1. A new Customer Service and Bookkeeping position has been filled.

Finance and Investments:

1. Washington Trust

- 1.1.Planning to invest in this account every year, if possible, to save money for future capital projects.

Billing/Meters:

a. Meters

- a. Ongoing Meter Replacements.
- b. We plan to conduct a test of an AMI system with Neptune next year. This is in the capital budget.

b. CUSI/UB4

- a. We have initiated the process of upgrading to UB4, which is an enhancement of the current CUSI software.
- b. Implementation of UB4 has been delayed until mid January 2026.

Water Quality

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

- a. Online chlorine and pH analyzers are currently being considered for use. 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.

Operations and Maintenance: Pumping Stations

1. Providence Connection

- 1.1. Pump #2 still out for service.

2. Albion Road Pumping Station

- 2.1. No Operational Issues to Report.

3. Old Pike Pumping Station

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

4. Woonsocket Connection

- 4.1. 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.

5. Pawtucket Connection

- 5.1. Due to the condition of the Pawtucket Connection, reactivation would be costly. We are holding off repairs to this connection until the Source Water Assessment study is complete.

Operations and Maintenance: Water Storage Tanks

No operational issues with any of the 5 water tanks.

RIPUC – Providence Water rate filing

- a. LWC, GWD, and SWSB have submitted an appeal to the RI Supreme Court of the RIPUC's decision.

Proposed Developments

- a. Lonsdale Main Place—Nine three-bedroom condominiums are being proposed on Lonsdale Main Street. The Water Availability letter has been submitted; a decision is not possible until the Source Water Study is Complete. Update: Developer decided on installing wells.
- b. Roger's Plant—Thirty-four four-bedroom houses are proposed on Cobble Hill Road adjacent to Francis Avenue. The Water Availability letter has been submitted; a decision is not possible until the Source Water Study is Complete.
- c. Carrington Street – 204 Residential Apartments of various sizes are being proposed. LWC is getting pricing from APEX to assist with the Water Availability letter; the cost for the study will be passed on to the developer.
- d. Dexter Rock Road—Ten residential Units are proposed. A preliminary meeting was held; no formal submission has been made to the Commission.
- e. 250-Unit Apartment Complex north of Residence Inn near Lincoln Mall—A preliminary meeting was held; no formal submission has been made to the Commission.

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

3. Balance Sheet - Expenditure and Revenue Report – November 2025

Motion to accept by Commissioner **Edward Sliney**, seconded by Commissioner **Louis Long**. All in favor.

4. Account Balance Report –November 2025:

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

6. Capitol Accounts –November 2025*

7. Direct Payment and Payables – November 2025:

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

7. Abatements

- a. Regular Monthly Abatements

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

8. Account Transaction Report –November 2025*

9. Correspondence:

- a. None

10. Unfinished Business:

- a. Discussion on Water Rates for FY2026, 2027, and 2028

11. New Business

- a. AMI Data Collector Installation
Remote meter

12. Claims:

- a. None

13. News Articles

- a. None

Public Comment –

Start at 6:24 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. Request motion for Executive Session According to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel, and pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46- 5(a)(4), any investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct, either civil or criminal.

Motion to go to the Executive Session According to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel, and pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46- 5(a)(4) made by Commissioner **Edward Sliney** and seconded by Commissioner **Ed Fox**. All in favor.

Roll Call: Edward Fox yes, Julie LaBreche yes, Edward Sliney yes, Louis Long yes and Ken Booth yes.

Come out of Executive Session at 7:25 p.m.

15. Request motion to seal the minutes of the executive session.

Motion to seal the minutes of the Executive Session made by Commissioner **Ed Fox** and seconded by Commissioner **Louis Long**. All in favor.

16. Discussion and action on matters in Executive Session.

Motion was made by Commissioner **Edward Sliney to act and direct the Town Solicitor Steve Antonucci according to what was discussed by the Board of Commission** and seconded by Commissioner **Ed Fox**. All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Commissioner Ed Fox, Commissioner Louis Long, seconds the motion.

All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

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