

TOWN OF LINCOLN
Water Commission Meeting
February 11, 2026

Members Present:

Kenneth Booth, Chair	Lewis Prescott, III, Acting Superintendent
Julie LaBreche, Secretary	Anna Nascimento, Administrative Assistant
Edward Fox	Steven Antonucci, Town Solicitor
Louis Long	
Edward Sliney	

Call to order: Chairman **Kenneth Booth** called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Organization of the Board

- a. **Regular Monthly Meeting Schedule for 2026 -Revised**
Move the November 11th scheduled meeting to November 18th.

A motion was made by Commissioner **Edward Sliney** and was seconded by Commissioner **Louis Long** to approve the revision to the 2026 meeting schedule. All in favor.

Public Comment: None

1. Motion to accept the Consent Agenda:

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

1) Minutes of previous meeting:

- a. January 13, 2026– Special Meeting (**Tabled until next meeting**)
- b. January 14, 2026– Regular Meeting*
- c. January 27, 2026– Special Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner **Ed Fox** and was seconded by Commissioner **Louis Long** to approve January 27, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes with one correction: note that Commissioner LaBreche was absent. All in favor

d. **July 9, 2025 – Executive Session Minutes**

A motion was made by Commissioner **Julie LaBreche** and was seconded by Commissioner **Ed Fox** to approve July 9, 2025, Executive Session Minutes. All in favor.

2. Superintendent Report of Daily Activity January 2026:

Capital Program

1. Distribution

Water Main Replacement Project

1.1. School Street

1.1.1. Water main replacement completion of the final phase is to begin spring 2026.

1.2. Lead Service Line Replacement Project

1.2.1. A program has been implemented with Tighe & Bond to inspect and update records of private-side services. - Working

1.2.2. 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.

1.3. Front Street Cleaning and Lining Project.

1.3.1. 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.

1.3.2. Requesting Authorization to utilize the Town's paving contractor to perform the final paving of Front Street after W. Walsh completes cleaning and lining. – Status unknown at this time.

2. Transmission

2.1. Source Water Interconnection

2.1.1. 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.

2.2. Woonsocket Interconnection

2.2.1. A project to rehabilitate the Woonsocket Interconnection is being developed – work in progress.

2.3. Pawtucket Interconnection

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

3. Storage

3.1. Old River Road Tank

3.1.1. Waiting on Source Water Assessment, the Tank may be moved based on results of that study.

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

3.2. Westwood Road Tank

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

Awaiting quote to upgrade system.

3.3. Manville Tank

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

3.4. High Service Tank

3.4.1. Recommendation of an out-of-service chemical cleaning (not possible at this time) and minor spot coating of the tank.

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

3.5. Albion Tank

3.5.1. 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.

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

4. Pumping

4.1. Providence Connector

4.1.1. Pump #2 removed for service October 23, 2025 by Industrial Pump Services (IPS) and expected to be re-installed by March 2026.

4.2. Albion Road

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

4.3. Old Pike

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

5. Treatment

5.1. Source Water Assessment

5.1.1. Pare Corporation was awarded the project. Work is ongoing.

5.2. Source Water Upgrades

5.2.1. This project will be developed after the Assessment phase of the project.

6. Facilities

6.1. Garage and Office Upgrades

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

7. Software

7.1. GIS and CAD

7.1.1. We will continue to maintain our GIS and CAD software system, potentially increasing the number of licenses for additional personnel.

Brief discussion on mapping, Chairman Booth looking to update GIS.

7.1.2. Added one mobile worker license to allow personnel to utilize the GPS equipment to survey our assets.

7.2. Hydraulic Model

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

7.2.2.

7.3. Asset Management and Work Order Software

- 7.3.1. 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. Work in progress.

8. Vehicles

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

9. Meters

- 9.1. 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.
Update: Old 60 amp service will be updated with a new 100 amp service prior to AMI antenna installation. Progress currently hampered by winter weather.

Administration and Personnel:

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:

1. Meters

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

2. CUSI/UB4

- 2.1. Upgrade and implementation of UB4 has been completed. Office staff familiarizing themselves with new software.
Chairman Booth would like to sit down with staff to review how the new UB4 system system breaks down and allocates items.

Water Quality

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

- 1.1. 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

1. 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, however LWC and developer are discussing options.
- 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.

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.

2. Balance Sheet - Expenditure and Revenue Report to Send Financial Report to Town Finance Director – January 2026

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

3. Account Balance Report – January 2026

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

6. Capitol Accounts –January 2026*

7. Direct Payment and Payables – January 2026:

Motion to accept by Commissioner **Ed Fox**, seconded by Commissioner **Edward Sliney**. All in favor.

7. Abatements

a. Regular Monthly Abatements

Motion to accept by Commissioner **Ed Fox**, seconded by Commissioner **Edward Sliney**. All in favor.

8. Account Transaction Report –January 26, 2026*

9. Correspondence:

a. None

10. Unfinished Business:

a. Source Water Assessment

Pare presented final report, Chairman Booth had a conversation with them regarding the hydraulic model to Providence's, ability to obtain an addition two million gallons per day. Both Woonsocket and Pawtucket could only provide an additional one million gallons a day. Chairman Booth expressed concern as to whether that additional pressure would create other issues on our system. Chairman Booth wants to meet with Pare Corp. again before the next scheduled LWC meeting scheduled for March 11, 2026..

11. New Business

a. Lead Service Loan Program

Chairman Booth discussed the status of our Lead ID program.. We have maps showing the lead services as well as the unknown services. The goal being to get the lead service homeowners to update their service. We need to provide residents with assistance options. A brief discussion followed regarding options to assist homeowners with financing. This topic will be addressed at next month's meeting..

12. Claims:

a. None

13. News Articles

a. None

Public Comment –

a. None

Start at 7:00 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: Louis Long yes, Edward Sliney yes, Julie LaBreche yes, Ed Fox yes and Ken Booth yes.

Come out of Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.

Request motion to seal the minutes of the executive session.

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

10. Discussion and action on matters in Executive Session.

Motion was made by Commissioner **Julie LaBreche for Solicitor Steve Antonucci according to follow through on what was discussed by the Board of Commission** and Commissioner **Ed Fox seconds the motion**. All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Commissioner Ed Fox, Commissioner Julie LaBreche seconds the motion.

All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 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.