

TOWN OF LINCOLN
Water Commission Meeting
April 8, 2026

Members Present:

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

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

Public Comment:

1. Motion to accept the Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Commissioner **Edward Sliney** 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 (Table to next meeting)
 - b. February 11, 2026– Regular Meeting*
 - c. February 11, 2026– Special Meeting (Table to next meeting)

A motion was made by Commissioner **Ed Fox** and was seconded by Commissioner **Edward Sliney**. All I favor.

2. Superintendent Report of Daily Activity March 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.
Project on schedule.

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.
Saylesville project started April 8, 2026.

1.3. Front Street Cleaning and Lining Project.

1.3.1. W. Walsh has begun installing & testing by-pass lines.

Project moving along, anticipated completion expected late May/early June.

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.

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. New pump bowl has been installed and pump #2 to be re-installed.
 - 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.
Update: RISE is currently assessing lighting & heating needs for the service garage.
- 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.
 - 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.
 - 7.3. 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.
Water department staff continues to work out bugs on the new software. They hope to have everything resolved by the next billing cycle.

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.
- 1.2. Sanitary survey was performed by RIDOH on March 31, 2026. No major infractions, awaiting official report on findings.
Acting Superintendent Lewis Prescott III met with 4 RIDOH representatives to provide answers to their questions and provided site visits.

Operations and Maintenance: Pumping Stations

1. Providence Connection

- 1.1. Pump #2 still out for service. To be re-installed March 2026

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.
- 3.2. 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.

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. Development will be allowed to connect to water system.
- b. Roger's Plat —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. Dexter Rock Road—Ten residential Units are proposed. A preliminary meeting was held; no formal submission has been made to the Commission to date.
- d. 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 to date.

Miscellaneous System Field Activity:

- a. Services & water mains were marked at 72 locations at the request of Dig Safe (Utilities & Contractors)
- b. Emergency Dig Safe responses: 20
- c. Confirmed type of service coming into the house: 3
- d. High consumption checks at the following location(s): 2 Chapel Ln.
Under investigation.
- e. Hot patch / cold patch at the following location(s): 110 Old River Rd., Cabot St.
- f. Repaired water main breaks at the following location(s): 110 Old River Rd., Vose St @ Bouvier & Darlington @ Old River.
- g. Replaced meter at the following location(s): 80 Higginson Ave. 4 Hillside Rd., 291 Albion Rd., 207 Old River Rd., 23 Ducarl Dr., 277 Reservoir Ave., 24 Bridle Dr., 10 Leyte Rd., 8 Mitris Blvd., 310 New River Rd., 7 Cecile St., 246 Railroad St., 4 Loring Dr., 45 Williams, 468 Angell Rd., 3 Valentine Ct., 208 Old River Rd.
- h. Replaced transmitter at the following location(s): 183 Old River Rd., 968 Lower River Rd.
- i. Terminated water services due to nonpayment at the following location(s):
- j. Hydrant #3321 at 27 Woodward Rd. – Knocked over by plow. Installed new collision repair kit. Hydrant is back in service.
- k. Cleaned inside high service tank.
- l. **Meter check at 285 Angell Rd. – Meter is moving backwards, advised the customer to in non-testable backflow preventer, being investigated. House is currently vacant.**

- m. Responded to low pressure call at 114 Old River Rd. after main break.
- n. High service tank cleaning.
- o. Picked up hydrant to the right of house #7 Dennell Dr.
- p. Marked services on Front St., Franklin St., & Lonsdale Main St. for upcoming project.
- q. Dropped off sample at RI Analytical.
- r. 186 Old River Rd Unit #11 – repaired leak at the meter.
- s. Read monthly commercial accounts.
- t. Motion to accept by Commissioner **Edward Sliney**, seconded by Commissioner **Louis Long**. All in favor.

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

Commissioner Julie LaBreche questioned the status of the 2025 audit, Anna Nascimento responded that she expects audit this week.

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

3. Account Balance Report – March 2026

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

6. Capitol Accounts –March 2026*

7. Direct Payment and Payables – March 2026:

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

7. Abatements

- a. None

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8. Account Transaction Report –March 2026*

9. Correspondence:

- a. None

10. Unfinished Business:

- a. Source Water Assessment

Chairman Kenneth Booth and Acting Superintendent Lewis Prescott III met with Pare to confirm the “no additional cost” on the proposed system. Reviewing current tanks in place and discussing the possibility of new tanks. Pare to come back to us at some point, to finalize.

b. Lead Service Loan Program

The Chairman Booth briefly addressed the ongoing funding concern for residents still using outdated materials i.e. lead, to connect to water available from the Town.

11. New Business:

- a. Vote on closing checking account at the Bank of America & vote to authorize on transferring remaining balance at the Beacon Bank.

A motion was made by Commissioner **Julie LaBreche** to have the Finance Director John Cimino close the LWC checking account at the Bank of America. and was seconded by Commissioner **Ed Fox**.

A motion was made by Commissioner **Julie LaBreche** to authorize transfer of remaining balance to the Beacon Bank and was seconded by Commissioner **Louis Long**. All in favor.

12. Claims:

- a. None

13. News Articles

- a. None

Public Comment –

- a. None

Start at 6:38 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. Request motion for Executive Session According to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel,

Motion to go to the Executive Session According to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel, made by Commissioner **Julie LaBreche** 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 7:27 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 Fox** and seconded by Commissioner **Julie LaBreche**. All in favor.

10. Discussion and action on matters in Executive Session.

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

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

All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 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.