

TOWN OF LINCOLN
Water Commission Meeting
June 10, 2026

Members Present:

Kenneth Booth, Chair

Julie LaBreche, Secretary (Absent)

Edward Fox

Edward Sliney

Louis Long

Acting Superintendent Lewis Prescott, III

Anna Nascimento, Administrative Assistant

Mark Hartmann, Town Solicitor

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

Public Comment: None

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. May 13, 2026– Regular Meeting
 - b. January 24, 2026 – Special Meeting Executive Minutes (Table to next meeting)
 - c. March 11, 2026– Executive Session Minutes (Table to next meeting)
 - d. April 8, 2026– Executive Session Minutes (Table to next meeting)
 - e. May 13, 2026– Executive Session Minutes (Table to next meeting)

2. Superintendent Report of Daily Activity May 2026:

Capital Program

1. Distribution

Water Main Replacement Project

- 1.1. **School Street**
 - 1.1.1. **Water main replacement final phase in progress.**
- 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 completed project.**

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. Pawtucket Interconnection

2.2.1. 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. Albion Road

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

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.

Have not received assessment from RISE to date.

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. New F150 4x4 pick up truck from Colonial Municipal Group (CMG). – Vehicle was delivered to LWC in May 2026.

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. Work in currently in progress.

Administration and Personnel:

Finance and Investments:

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 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. No operational issues to report.
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. Pawtucket Connection
 - 4.1. 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.
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3. **Balance Sheet - Expenditure and Revenue Report to Send Financial Report to Town Finance Director – May 2026**

Motion to accept by Commissioner **Ed Fox**, seconded by Commissioner **Louis Long**.
All in favor.
 4. **Account Balance Report – May 2026**

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

5. Capitol Accounts –May 2026*

6. Direct Payment and Payables – May 2026:

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

7. Abatements

a. Regular Monthly Abatements

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

8. Account Transaction Report –May 2026*

9. Correspondence:

a. None

10. Unfinished Business:

a. Source Water Assessment

LWC will have to meet with RIDOH for prior approvals. This is anticipated to take time. Commission will also have to schedule a Special Meeting with Pare.

b. Lead Service Loan Program

c. Discussion & Action FY 2026/2027 Budget

d. Water Rate Discussion

Another rate increase is expected in September.

e. Front Street Update

11. New Business:

a. Walker Lofts

New development project on Walker Street, brief discussion on who will be responsible for maintaining portions of the pipe.

b. Conduit Street

Brief discussion regarding water connection to Lonsdale Ave., some concerns pertaining to private property being involved. Looking for best solution to serve Lincoln residents.

12. Claims:

a. 114 Old River Rd.

Homeowner had issue with faucets, after LWC completed some site work, requiring owner to call a plumber. This item was discussed at the last meeting.

Commission will push to Special Meeting, as more information is needed to find a resolution.

13. News Articles

a. None

Public Comment – None

Start at 6:47 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. Request motion for Executive Session According to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel. No discussion currently, (Table to next meeting)

Request Motion for Executive Session According to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(2) Session pertaining to collective bargaining and litigation.

Request Motion for Executive Session According to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(4) Any investigative proceedings.

Motion to go to the Executive Session According R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(2) Session pertaining to collective bargaining and litigation and 42-46-5(a)(4) Any investigative proceedings made by Commissioner **Edward Sliney** and seconded by Commissioner **Louis Long**. All in favor.

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

Come out of Executive Session at 7:22 p.m.

Request motion to seal the minutes of the executive session.

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

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

All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 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.