

CAMBRIDGE WATER BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

*This meeting is available virtually on Teams and in person. This meeting is being recorded.*

This meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. Those in attendance were:

**Cambridge Water Board (CWB):** Ann Roosevelt, Kathleen

Kelly, Benjamas Lendorff.

**Cambridge Water Department (CWD):** Mark Gallagher, Fred Centanni, Julie Greenwood-Torelli, Rich Lagerholm, Katherine Orciuch, Dave Kaplan, Lindsey VanFossen, and Rich Holly.

**Members of the Public:** Stephen Humphrey

**A: MINUTES OF OCTOBER MEETING**

Ms. Roosevelt asked for typos to be fixed.

Ms. Roosevelt moved and Benjamas Lendorff seconded the motion to approve October 14th, 2025, minutes as amended. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**B. MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

PFAS Update: CWD took the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter samples the second week of October. CWD is currently waiting for the results from the lab.

Drought status: The drought status decreased from level 2 severe drought, and we are now in a level 1 mild drought.

Fresh Pond Shared Use Concerns: The Managing director gave a presentation on Fresh Pond Shared Use Public Engagement Process. CWD provides a multitude of recreational activities. CWD has developed a plan to create a safe space for all activities. Next steps are to create new signage detailing the norms for the Reservation and train the rangers to recognize usage changes or increases. CWD will be adding signs stating bicycles are to go at jogging speed and will be adding the rangers cell phone number to signage.

## C. OPERATIONS

### Transmission and Distribution, Questions/Comments:

Q: Can you please provide an update on the DPW sewer separation port project going?

A: They are planning on getting it out to bid by the end of this year and breaking ground by mid spring if not sooner.

### Watershed, Questions/Comments:

Q: Is the little Fresh Pond study new?

A: CWD hired Ken Wagner for the assessment. It will identify potential causes as to nutrification, the smell of the water being unpleasant and make some recommendations to be able to keep little Fresh Pond an open body of water.

Q: Is it allowed to trench through the waters of Stoneybrook that the town of Lincoln proposed?

A: They can file permits to be able to do it. The impacts to the stream would be temporary.

Q: What has caused the increased hunting activity on Cambridge watershed property?

A: Hunters are primarily hunting deer. Most hunters use bow and arrow, not guns. CWD is working with the environmental police to prevent and/or cite illegal hunting on watershed property.

### Water Operations, Questions/Comments:

Q: Can you please explain the reason for the SCADA shutdown?

A: CWD shut down the treatment plant for half a day under the SCADA upgrade contract. The work performed was terminating wires, replacing UPS backup power supplies for PLC controllers and calibrating equipment.

Q: What is Megalodon?

A: Megalodon is a software database developed in-house to store and manage CWD electronic files and data which allows every division to create and share files and pertinent records, department wide.

**B. ACTION ITEMS:**

None

**C. NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**E. NEXT MEETING DATES:** November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Ms. Kelly moved and Ms. Roosevelt Seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 pm. All were in favor of the motion.