

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Warner Village Water District Commissioners  
4:00 P.M. on  
June 11, 2025 at the Treatment Plant

Present: Shaun Murphy and Herm Blanchette, Commissioners; Ray Martin, Administrator; and Jim McLaughlin, Clerk.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the Commissioners' regular meeting held on May 28, 2025 were approved as submitted.

**Administrator's Report**

Ray advised that a candidate to serve as Chuck Come's back-up at the treatment plant has been identified, Steve Brock. Steve has experience as superintendent at the Sunapee treatment plant and has at least a Class 2 license. After some discussion, the Commissioners agreed to offer Steve the position, with a \$500 per month retainer and \$35 per hour for time spent actually working at the plant, if necessary. Ray said that the budget can accommodate this expenditure.

The Commissioners signed the State's MS535 financial form.

Ray reviewed the May financial report for District revenues and expenses and said that expenses are under budget and revenues are where they are expected to be for this point in the year.

Ray advised that NHDES' Tracey Woods will be here for a 9 A.M. meeting on Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss the new copper standard.

The Commissioners discussed a number of points that should be raised with her. Principal among these is questioning the basis of the copper rule and its application in New Hampshire where there are no native trout. Applying a rule to prevent harm to a fish population that doesn't exist here seems inappropriate.

Secondly, the Commissioners wish to know more about NHDES' decision to forbid the District from pursuing the injection of treated effluent on the land across the Warner River as a prime disposal method. This alternative would have been affordable, in comparison with the 20-million dollar project currently under design by the District's engineering firm.

Questions about how copper levels are measured were also raised.

Also, there is a question about funding a 6-month demonstration project to evaluate the copper removal process now under study. The Commissioners argued that since this study will benefit not only Warner, but all other communities that are or will be subject to the EPA-imposed copper limit, EPA or the State should fund the study (reportedly at a cost of \$500,000).

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 P.M.

The next regular meeting will be on June 25, 2025 at 3:30 P.M.

Recorded by James F. McLaughlin, Clerk