

West Groton Water Supply District

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

September 23, 2025

The meeting was called to order @ 6:02 PM. The following were in attendance:

Bob Blood, Jason Kauppi, Commissioners
Paul W. Curtin, General Manager
Dawn Priest, Treasurer

Review of the Monthly Minutes: August 2025 Monthly Minutes were approved and accepted.

Review of Monthly Invoices/Treasurer's Report: August 2025 invoices were approved and accepted.

Review of Profit & Loss Statement: The Profit & Loss Statement for 07/01/25 to 08/31/25 was approved and accepted.

Report of the General Manager

- The back stairs at the office were repaired.
- Paul and Alex signed up for classes for their license renewals.
- Paul said he tested the Town Forest for iron & manganese in March, but was supposed to test Townsend Road. He has been in contact with DEP and is waiting to hear back from them as to how to proceed.
- Kemp Street Tank: Paul will speak to some people he knows in the industry who are knowledgeable in the process of tank replacement, and will look into finding an engineering firm. He will share any information he has obtained at the next monthly meeting.
- Paul is still working on the purchase of a generator for the Townsend Road Wellfield.

Other Business

- 331 Townsend Road: The title came back. Our attorney sent an official Request for Determination on splitting the parcels to Bob Garside (Zoning Enforcement Officer). Once we receive an official determination from Bob, we can move forward with negotiations to purchase.
- 328 Townsend Road (late Brooks Lyman land): – Dawn reached out to the Planning, Building and Land Use Departments and requested that the District be kept in the loop regarding any activity on either parcel – Parcel A was purchased by a contractor (Dave Moulton) and Parcel B was purchased by the Town of Groton to be held by the Conservation Commission. The restriction that covered Parcels A & B expired after 30 years by statute, despite saying “in perpetuity”. However, it is still relevant since it references the additional restrictions on Parcel B. The Parcel B restriction cannot be undone, amended or expired without an act of State legislature. Our attorney sent copies with signatures of the State to us for our records. Mark Gerath, on behalf of the Groton Conservation Trust, emailed to ask about our monitoring wells on the property stating the GCT was considering accepting a Conservation Restriction for a portion of the property (206-32). Dawn spoke to our attorneys about it and sent Mark copies of the existing restrictions to be sure he had all the information.

- The Rail Trail project was shut down for the section of the trail from Cutler Field into Ayer. The West Groton Rail Trail Commission is being dissolved. We are uncertain if the Squannacook River Trail Committee is still intending to extend the trail from Bertozzi to Cutler, which is the section that would impact the District.
- Dawn spoke with Dave Baker, Alternate Solutions, regarding her computer. Dave suggested replacing her computer, which is 8 years old and acts as the server, and provided a quote for a new system. The Commissioners and Paul agreed to move forward with replacing the computer as provided for in the quote.
- Jason suggested looking into a fire management plan for Town Forest.

As there was no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M. Dearth
Clerk