

MINUTES
BOARD OF WATER/WASTEWATER COMMISSIONERS
Harwich Water Department
196 Chatham Rd
Tuesday, November 7, 2025
9:00 a.m.

WATER COMMISSIONER'S PRESENT: Noreen Donahue, Judith Underwood, John Gough, Allin Thompson (absent), Bob Young (absent)

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Jason Trepanier, Utility Administrator Tracey Alves

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Donahue called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

A. Revised Sewer Regulations

The Board of Water & Wastewater Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on Friday, November 7, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Harwich Water Department Conference Room, 196 Chatham Road, Harwich, MA. The purpose of this hearing is to review and consider the revised Sewer Regulations for the Town of Harwich. Copies of the proposed regulations are available for public review at the Harwich Water Department, 196 Chatham Road, Harwich, and on the Town website at <https://www.harwichwater.com/news-events/proposed-sewer-regulations.html>, the Town Clerks Office at Town Hall, the Community Center and Brooks Free Library. All interested parties are invited to attend and provide comment. Written comments may be submitted in advance to the Board of Water & Wastewater Commissioners, c/o Harwich Water Department, 196 Chatham Road, Harwich, MA 02645, or by email to water@harwich-ma.gov.

Chair Donahue asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing. Commissioner Underwood moved to open the Public Hearing with a second by Commissioner Gough. All in favor; 3-0-0.

The public hearing is open and there are no members of the public present.

Harwich has an Intermunicipal agreement with Chatham. When Harwich revises its Sewer Regulations, they have to first be sent to Chatham's Water and Sewer advisory Board and then onto Chatham's Select Board and Sewer Commissioners for approval. This process took place over the summer and Chatham did approve the revisions. In addition to the new grinder pump policy being added, language related to what could go into the sewer system also changed.

The Board received communication from one resident who had questions related to the emergency connections for the grinder pumps. These questions were addressed and resolved through correspondence involving Superintendent Trepanier and the engineers from GHD. That correspondence is included in the packet.

There were no further questions related to the revised Sewer Regulations.

Chair Donahue asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Underwood moved to close the Public Hearing with a second by Commissioner Gough. All in favor; 3-0-0.

Chair Donahue asked for a motion to approve the revised Sewer Regulations as presented in today's packet. Commissioner Underwood moved to approve the revised Sewer Regulations with a second by Commissioner Gough. All in favor; 3-0-0.

These revisions are now our current Sewer Regulations. Superintendent Trepanier will now bring these Sewer Regulations along with Chatham's letter of approval to the Town Clerk to be certified.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve FY26 Water Liens

The approval of the FY26 Water Liens will be added to the agenda.

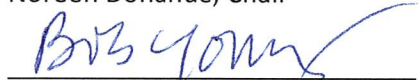
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

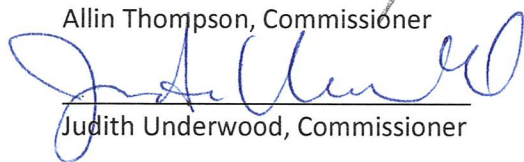
ADJOURNMENT

Chair Donahue asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Underwood motioned to adjourn at 9:15 a.m. with a second by Commissioner Gough. All in favor; 3-0-0.


Noreen Donahue, Chair

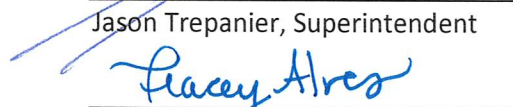

Bob Young, Vice Chair


Allin Thompson, Commissioner


Judith Underwood, Commissioner

John Gough, Commissioner


Jason Trepanier, Superintendent


Tracey Alves, Board Secretary