

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Warner Village Water District Commissioners
4:00 P.M. on
May 28, 2025 at the Treatment Plant

Present: Dan Lavoie, and Herm Blanchette, Commissioners; Ray Martin, Administrator; Chuck Come, Superintendent; and Jim McLaughlin, Clerk. Also in attendance: Mike Smith, Warner Selectmen.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the Commissioners' regular meeting held on April 23, 2025 were approved as submitted.

Administrator's Report

Ray reviewed the informal meeting held earlier today with a representative of DPC, Justin Skelly, where the final design agreement between DPC and the District was discussed. Ray said that a critical component of the next engineering stage will be a pilot study to test the feasibility of copper removal with the process to be used.

The Commissioners expressed the opinion that since Warner is the first treatment plant in New Hampshire to have its NPDES permit subject to the new copper rule, and that there are 12-15 other communities whose permits will be subject to this rule in the near future, that the State should shoulder the cost of the pilot study. The leverage position of the District should be stressed, since the pilot study is crucial to the ultimate feasibility of any copper removal strategy applicable to all of the state's treatment plant operations.

Ray informed the Commissioners that a meeting has been scheduled with a NHDES representative at 9 AM, on Friday, June 20th to discuss the next phase of the project.

The Commissioners approved a Qualified Based Consultant certification form under the Clean Water Program as required for DPC to undertake the copper removal design work.

The Commissioners then voted to approve the final design agreement with DPC to carry out the treatment plant upgrade intended to meet the new copper limits.

The Commissioners discussed a proposal received from Granite State Rural Water Association to provide the District with superintendent back-up services. Chuck advised that he is in contact with at least viable candidate who lives in the area and has expressed interest in performing in this capacity. This alternative to Granite State offers the advantages of having the back-up individual close by and at less expense. Chuck will follow up.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

The next meeting will be on June 20, 2025 at 9 A.M.

Recorded by James F. McLaughlin, Clerk