NORTH SAGAMORE WATER DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

The North Sagamore Water District Board of Water Commissioners held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at 3:00 pm at the North Sagamore Water District office at 14 Squanto Road, Sagamore Beach, MA.

Those in attendance at the start of the meeting were: Commissioner Mark Bergeron, Commissioner Stephen Mealy, Commissioner Mark Melchionda, Superintendent Drew Buckley, Treasurer Maureen Fruci. Commissioner Bergeron called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

INTERVIEW – APPLICANT #1 FOR CHIEF TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR POSITION

The Board interviewed the first candidate, John Moran, for the Treatment Plant Operator position. Mr. Moran introduced himself and provided his background and work experience. He is currently employed at the Scituate Water Department and currently has T4 (full) and D2 licenses. The Superintendent said he met with Mr. Moran last week and showed him around the District so he could see first-hand how the treatment plant operates. The Board provided an overview of the job requirements and asked multiple questions regarding water system operations.

The Board thanked Mr. Moran for his time and told him they would contact him within a few days.

INTERVIEW – APPLICANT #2 FOR CHIEF TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR POSITION

The Board welcomed back, Alex Couturier former NSWD Treatment Plant Operator. Mr. Couturier said he's been employed at the Fall River Water Division since he left NSWD in September 2022. He currently has a T4 (full) and D2 (full) license and 4M/W&I. He explained he has gained a lot of experience since leaving the District and feels even more well equipped to run the treatment plant. He said he always enjoyed working here and learned so much from former Treatment Plant Operator Geoff Ray, who he has remained in contact with. He said the only drawback is the longer commute. The Board asked several questions related to his current position and explained what the expectations would be for the Treatment Plant Operator position. The Board asked Alex what he is looking for as far as salary and benefits are concerned. He said the salary range works for him and he would like to have a District truck. He asked if it may be possible to come back as a reinstated employee as far as vacation time is concerned. The Board said all of those things were negotiable.

After the interviews were complete the Board discussed all of the qualifications of the two candidates and unanimously decided to offer the position to former NSWD Treatment Plant Operator Alex Couturier. There was a discussion regarding wages and use of the District truck. Ultimately the Board offered him the middle range for the salary with 3 weeks of vacation to start and use of the District truck. The Board said if he gets his backflow license he can do the testing rather than having Sarian do them. If he obtains the backflow license he would get a pay increase at that time. Superintendent Buckley will email an offer of employment to Alex Couturier including salary and vacation details.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES DATED 3/23/26,4/22/26,4/27/26,5/6/26,5/13/26,5/13/26-ADM,6/16/26,6/24/26,7/23/26,7/24/26,8/13/26

The Board reviewed and approved all of the above listed meeting minutes as written, with the exception of the meeting minutes dated 6/16/26. Commissioner Melchionda said the agenda items regarding the Hydrant Withdrawal Permit and the Hydrant Rules & Regulations should be combined. Commissioner Mealy made a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated 6/16/26 with the change as noted and all of the other listed meeting minutes are approved as written. Commissioner Melchionda seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Buckley told the Board the District's Attorney Brian Wall has been in communication with Mr. Gendron's attorney regarding the Canal Crossing project. The Board said they need an updated plan for the project before they will include this on a meeting agenda. Commissioner Mealy suggested the Superintendent contact the Town of Bourne to find out where they are in the planning process. Commissioner Melchionda said engineer Kristen Berger can assist with the pressure/ flow testing for this project.

The Superintendent gave the Board a letter from the owner of the property at 9 Clapp Lane who is requesting relief for their recent water bill. After receiving a very high water bill, they discovered a leak on an irrigation valve. The Board reviewed the documents and decided to reduce the bill to $1,237. Commissioner Mealy made a motion to reduce the July 2026 water bill for 9 Clapp Lane to $1,237. Commissioner Melchionda seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor.

Superintendent Buckley told the Board he is concerned with the quality of the excavation work being done at the Black Pond well site. Engineer Mike Ohl is scheduled to come out tomorrow to look at everything. The shutdown is scheduled for October.

New AC filters were installed at the solar array. Consultant Liz Argo is still working with Eversource on the cap allocation. Bill Morgan cleared all of the vegetation around the solar array.

Speakman Excavation completed paving on Washburn Street, Old Plymouth Road and State Road.

Consulting Engineering completed the leak detection. An active leak was identified on Williston Road on an old 2" water main. The line feeds 2 properties. It will require tapping and installing new service lines for both properties. Superintendent Buckley said he is concerned about unaccounted for water due to the leak.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Maureen Fruci told the Board there are 302 accounts with outstanding balances totaling $61,976.43.

Reminder letters were sent on 9/4/26 to 270 accounts with past due balances.

ADJOURN

The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 22, 2026 at 3:00 pm. Commissioner Mealy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 pm. Commissioner Melchionda seconded the motion. All board members were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Fruci, District Clerk