

**Plainfield Water/WasteWater Commission  
Meeting Minutes for October 21, 2025**

Present In Meeting: Scott Stewart, Carol Smith, Josh Pitts, Mary Lane, Tristan Macgregor-Stewart, Tim Phillips, Adam Martin (Guest)

5:17 Meeting called to order

**Delinquency collections (Adam Martin)**

Adam Martin owns Green Mountain Ice and wanted to discuss the bill for 2024. The 2023 flood pretty much destroyed the facility and its equipment. They have not been drawing water for ice since July 2023. If they had been aware that they were being charged per allocation instead of by water usage, they would have given up allocations back in 2023.

Asking for some sort of leniency since they weren't using water at all since the 2023 flood. Don't intend to make ice there going forward.

They kept a single allotment of water so the facility has water.

The water system does not as general policy keep track of are people using or not using water beyond are they drawing more than they are due per their allocations.

Tristan made the point that it is the responsibility of the property owner to understand how allocations work and to coordinate with the system if a change needs to be made.

Mr. Martin agreed with Tristan's point but felt this was a lot of money and they had adjusted things as soon as they understood the process.

The Commission was attempting to reach Green Mountain Ice for months via Carol before they got back to the system.

A motion was made to forgive \$2,275 = 7 UNITS \* \$325 in the past-due water bill for Green Mountain Ice. All other interest and penalties would remain in place.

Scott Stewart raised the concern that other allocation holders had had to pay for their allocations after their properties were damaged and abandoned.

Josh explained that the 2023 flood didn't impact any homes that hard. The 2024 flooding is what damaged homes so badly they had to be abandoned. Josh felt that the 2023 flooding had warned folks on the system that they needed to formally give up allocations...so they knew what to do in 2024.

Adam felt that Green Mountain Ice had addressed things as soon as he was aware of an issue. He felt there was a mis-communication between the system and Green Mountain Ice about what was going on.

Mary and Josh voted in the affirmative on the motion. Scott voted no. The motion passed.

This is a special one time abatement given the circumstances of the 2023 flood.

Adam Martin departed after this portion of the meeting.

**Review/approve agenda**

Agenda approved

### **Review/adopt minutes**

Approved minutes for 9/16/25  
and special meeting minutes:  
7/22/25, 7/25/25, 8/5/25, 10/9/25  
as edited

### **Clerk's financial report**

Carol had nothing new to report.

### **Boundaries**

There have been a lot of special meetings to handle Goddard's requests. Goddard has not been very forthcoming at answering requests from the system. Goddard needs to be more organized and have their business handled other than on an emergency/special meeting basis. Josh mentioned that two of the recent special meets were held at the request of the State of Vermont, not Goddard.

### **Communicating Time Off**

Mary suggested that an email to herself or the commission would be good if Tristan or Scott Franks is taking vacation time or extended time out.

Tristan pointed out that one or the other of them is available every day

Mary's problem is that Scott Franks doesn't answer emails.

Tristan will reiterate to Scott Franks that emails need a reply, even if that is only to state that he doesn't know the answer and he will bring it to Tristan's attention upon his return.

### **Chief Facility Operator's report**

Dave Lawrence stopped by. He owns 265 Bunker Hill Circle. The waterline that feeds what use to be Lucy Blue's property at 90 Bunker Hill runs through his property. He came in not wanting the water turned back on for that property. He was told by former Chief Operator Jay Jewitt that he owns any problems with that line. Tristan explained that the person who is served owns the line, not the person whose property it crosses.

Tim explained his belief that there should be an easement on Dave Lawrence's property for this line.

Tristan wants to look in this so he knows if the system is within its rights to turn the water on.

The meter for the well pump showed zero flow on Sunday. The pit where the well pump is located poured smoke when opened. During Monday, Manosh came out and looked at things. They determined it was a wiring issue. They thought something had chewed on the wires and caused an arc. They spliced the wires and the operators ran the pump for a while on Monday. They ran the wells all day on Tuesday and had no issues. Tristan feels this problem is resolved. Tristan suggested that the social media posts be adjusted to explain that the pump is now OK but that we are still in drought conditions.

Leak detection work has been done. A number of leaks have been closed. Still hunting for something between 10 and 15 thousand gallons a day. Can't find an indication of a single big leak. Tristan has indications that the line by the School Street apartments is filled with a bunch of pinhole sized leaks. Cumulatively, they would generate a large loss of water. This line is slated to be replaced as part of the School Street waterline project. Tristan is looking into what could be done now with this water line since we are only keeping ahead of things via running the wells. There is a grant that may be accessible to try repairing the line now.

Tristan would like to apply for this grant and try to replace this line.

Josh will fill out the application form on Friday with Tristan.

Tristan thinks the well pit needs to be rehabbed and wonders if that could also be part of this grant.

The well pit is difficult to access. Need to create a better road. Tristan thinks they can do a lot with the backhoe, but will need material brought to form a roadbase. Josh is thinking the highway department may be able to help with material delivery and equipment work. Josh will talk with Road Foreman Michael Bingham about this idea. Tristan's understanding is that under the grant any work done by town employees is reimbursable.

The hydrant on Brook Road that was non-functional after the last flood has been replaced. With that done, all the hydrants in town should now be working.

Rose Paul was talking with Mary and thinks the Village Expansion project wants to put a lot over in the source protection area. Tristan is aware. The lot is at the far edge of the source protection area and given that the lot is residential and served by town sewer, it shouldn't be a problem.

### **Approve warrants**

Warrants for 09/16/2025 through 10/20/2025 were approved

### **Other business**

None

The next meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2025 at 5:15PM as a hybrid in person/Zoom meeting.

The meeting adjourned 7:30PM

Submitted by Tim Phillips