

Plainfield Water/WasteWater Commission
DRAFT Meeting Minutes for May 19, 2026

Present In Meeting: Scott Stewart, Carol Smith, Alana Norway, Mary Lane, Tristan Macgregor-Stewart, Tim Phillips

5:18PM Meeting called to order

Review/approve agenda

Agenda approved as written

Review/adopt minutes

Approved minutes for April 21, 2026 as edited

Clerk's financial report

The WasteWater Department is below budget, but a pile of payments have come in that haven't been processed yet.

The Water Department needs to submit for reimbursable grant funds to balance the budget

School Street Waterline Replacement

The bond vote went through on March 3th.

The Commission submitted the application form to the Selectboard for review. The Selectboard decided the application should use town financials instead of water system financials. The Commission decided to send an email to the selectboard as a whole asking for a status of getting the application completed. Scott Stewart will draft the email.

Chief Facility Operator's report

Kathy Kaumb has resigned. She told Tristan she didn't feel the job was a good fit.

Scott Franks has chosen to use vacation time until his final separation date.

Tristan is operating both the water and wastewater system by himself.

The plant is running fine. Projects are underway.

Executive Session

Entered Executive Session at 5:52PM

Exited Executive Session at 7:10PM

Decisions after Executive Session

Tristan will reach out to the 2nd choice after Kathy Kaumb and see if they are still interested in the Assistant Operator job. If they are not, Tristan will post again on Indeed and start the hiring process fresh.

There will be a pay adjustment for Tristan that brings him to \$42.46 an hour to more meet industry standards. The \$42.46 is Tristan's current rate plus \$2/hour for the additional distribution license he obtained, plus a cost of living increase plus a \$4/hour increase to make his salary competitive with local industrial standards. Due to this increase, he will not be receiving the step increase that he'd normally receive this year. Scott Stewart recused himself from this part of the meeting.

Approve warrants

Tabled until next meeting

Other business

Mary brought up an intense situation that had occurred with Peter Youngbaer. The Commission members encouraged Mary to contact Peter and express her dislike of how he was behaving.

There is a joint meeting with the Selectboard on May 26th to open bids.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 16th, 2026 at 5:15PM as a hybrid in person/Zoom meeting.

The meeting adjourned 7:15PM

Submitted by Tim Phillips