

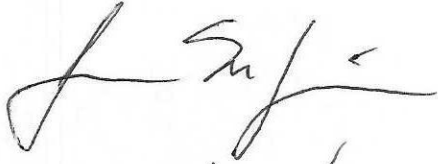


Chester Water Commission  
Town of Chester  
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Minutes from the Water Commission meeting held at the Fire Station on March 17, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 10:07am with Bob Daley and Jim Zimmerman in attendance. The minutes were read from the previous meeting, a motion was made to accept them as read, it was seconded and approved. A motion to accept the FY'27 Water Enterprise Budget of \$199,500 to be funded by a Water Rate increase of 11.2%, effective 1 April 2026 was made, seconded and accepted. Next item was Isaiah Solitario's pay. As he had an upgrade of his water license, it was decided to increase his hourly rate from \$23.18 to \$24.50, a motion was made and seconded, all approved and the increase will be effective as of January 1, 2026. Next Bob spoke about contacting Dr. Anita Millman of UMASS to see if she has found anyone who might be available to do some grant writing for a stipend for the Chester Water Department. Bob will also follow up with Moe Boisseau about continuing the work to restore the access to Horn Pond and ask about a time line and estimate of cost to complete the project. Bob then spoke about Dave Johnson of Becket Conservation and the draft letter to be sent to abutters of Horn Pond. He will also inquire on the progress in Becket's purchase of a forty acre parcel on Horn Pond to put into conservation status. We then spoke about the upcoming webinar by Senator Markey's Office for seeking Congressional funding for projects in the state. The question then came up about a new contract for generator maintenance and I will try to gather the information and seek quotes. Finally we spoke about what is needed by the Water clerk to effect the new water rates for the quarter beginning April 1st. The meeting was closed at 10:37am

James M. Zimmerman, Chairman  
Chester Water Commission

  
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