



DEDHAM-WESTWOOD WATER DISTRICT
Automation Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 16, 2022 | 6:30 PM
Via Teams Virtual Platform

Announcement of the Audio and/or Video Recording

Gary Yessaillian called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and announced the meeting would be audio- and/or video-recorded.

Attendance

Gary Yessaillian
Robert Lexander
Eric Merithew

Blake Lukis, Executive Director
Steve Locke, Operations Manager

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of May 19, 2022 were approved on a motion by Mr. Lexander and seconded by Mr. Merithew. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

General Discussion

As a follow up to the discussion in the May 19th meeting, Mr. Lukis shared the alarms that had come in during the 3rd shift (11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.) between the dates of June 2021 through May 2022. In total, 264 alarms had come in during this time. This was shared to assess how many overtime call ins would have been triggered if the plant were unstaffed. The Subcommittee requested that this list be further reviewed and narrowed to determine which alarms would trigger a new call out.

Mr. Locke shared information that he had found in discussions with other systems who have similar size and complexity, including Abington/ Rockland, Falmouth, Peabody, and Danvers. In summary, only the Falmouth plant and Abington/ Rockland systems were unstaffed for part of the day. It was also noted that there are some significant differences between Falmouth's plant and the Districts: they use Sodium Hypochlorite for disinfection, they have one pressure zone and they have one treatment plant which is brand new.

At 7:10 the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Lexander and seconded by Mr. Merithew. By roll call vote, the meeting adjournment was unanimous.