

NEW LONDON-SPRINGFIELD WATER SYSTEM PRECINCT

Commissioners Monthly Meeting

September 16, 2025

PRESENT: Richard Cross (Chairman), Kenneth Jacques (Commissioner), Peter Hoglund (Commissioner), Rob Thorp (Superintendent), and Maggi Winn (Office Administrator).

OTHERS PRESENT: John MacKenna, , Karen Epstein, Rich Epstein, John Ellis, Judy Cooper, Guy Garfalo, Margurite Francis, Colin Beasley, D Perkins, Pam Perkins, Tom Flynn, Terry Durkin, Tom Hargir, Charlie Foss, Carol Foss, Marilyn Kidder. Jane Kidder, Ashley Seybold, Bebe Casey, Jason Lyon, Russ Medbury, Steve Allenby, Bill Helm, M. Sheer, Nikki Peel, Petr Ruth, Chris Killam, Julia Lemense, Dan Snyder, John Finck, Bruce Soper, Marilyn Soper, Gail Goddard, David Crandall, Tim Paradis.

Date & Time: 2025-08-04 4pm

- Location: Whipple Hall

Chairman Richard Cross opened the meeting at 4:00PM

4:00 PM Appointments: Nikki Peel, 173 Squire Lane – Water leak Usage, Nikki Requested a reduction in her bill due to a leak in the home. Rob Thorp explained historically that if the water goes through the meter, it is considered purchased as the water precinct doesn't know what is going on inside individual houses.

Accounts payable & Payroll reviewed and signed.

MS 535- Draft version being reviewed by DRA, Commissioners will review after DRA has completed the process.

08/04/2025 Minutes reviewed, Commissioner Cross motioned to accept the minutes, Commissioner Jacques seconded the motion. Motion Passed 3-0.

The income and expenditure report year to date was reviewed.

Strawberry Blossom Montessori School Sprinkler Service application. Reviewed & Signed

American Leak Detection report, reviewed. Report explained by Commissioner Jacques, advising only one leak found in the Precinct system which was a leaking Hydrant. The second leak was a leaking toilet in a home; the homeowner had already called a plumber to have the toilet repaired.

Review Building Permit 84 Everett Park. This is NOT a request for Additional water.

Superintendents report was reviewed and discussed.

Review/ GZA- Colby Point report,

Commissioner Cross explained that the report will be posted on the precinct website in draft form, we will get the final report, and it will be accepted at the October meeting.

Commissioner Cross advised there are still a lot of unknowns, such as cost, impact of upgrades to the existing well field and timeframe of such a project.

Commissioner Cross explained that the process is lengthy and will need to be brought to the voters for approval.

Commissioner Cross explained we have asked for some initial cost for the suggested upgrades

Commissioner Jacques asked for people to “look for what the report doesn’t say,” advising there are a lot of unknowns, and this would be a very expensive project, also an increase volume on Colby point will also be an additional cost to the yearly operating budget to provide all of the maintenance and testing required.

Questions were taken from Julia LeMense in reference to Fire protection permit that was approved earlier in the meeting, Julia asked how much water was allotted for this hook up, it was explained by Fire Chief Jay Lyons, that a fire protection system uses NO water unless there is actually an activation of the Sprinkler system.

Julia also asked about the timeframe of the potential upgrade projects and was there a way o fast-track this. Commissioner Cross and Jacques explained that the process starts with the GZA report, then we would need to get Engineering costs, construction cost, electrical cost, equipment upgrade costs, and all of these things would need to be approved by the voters, They advised this is a lengthy process and they would expect it would be more that a 3 year process.

Commissioner Cross motioned to adjourn at 5:05pm seconded by commissioner Jacques, motion passed 3-0

The Next Commissioners’ Meeting will be October 6, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggi Winn, Office Administrator

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