

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
JOINT MEETING TUESDAY MARCH 24, 2026

REGULAR MEETING: A joint meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held at the South Hadley Senior Center @ 45 Dayton St. on Tuesday, March 24, 2026. All Board chairs called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Dist. #1 Water Comm Chair	Pauline McClaflin
Dist. #1 Water Comm Clerk	Chuck Scott
Dist. #1 Water Supt.	Jeffrey Cyr
Prudential Dist. #1 Chair	Kurt Schenker
Prudential Dist. #1 Clerk	Steve Blaney
Prudential Dist. #1 Member	John Wojciechowski
Treasurer/Clerk Dist. #1	Kari Scytkowski
Acting Fire Chief Dist. #1	Jason Houle
Prudential Dist.2	Dave Isakson
Prudential Dist.2 Clerk	Robert Bak
Dist. #2 Water Comm. Chair	Dan Luis
Dist. #2 Water Comm. Clerk	Kate Bedard
Dist. #2 Water Comm. Member	Adam Hogan
Fire Chief Dist. #2	Ryan Moore
Water Supt. Dist. #2	Tim Cauley
Treasurer/Clerk Dist.#2	Barbara Miller
Town of South Hadley Legal Counsel	Alex Costa
Town of South Hadley Town Admin.	Lisa Wong

JOINT MEETING W/PRUDENTIAL
AND WATER COMMISSIONERS
OF FIRE DISTRICT #1 AND
FIRE DISTRICT # 2 TO
DISCUSS PROVIDING
TREASURER/CLERK AND
BILLING CLERK
RESPONSIBILITIES TO FIRE
DISTRICT #2 BY FIRE
DISTRICT #1:

Pauline McClaflin began the conversation regarding the possibility of having the Treasurer/Clerk of Fire District 1 performing the Treasurer/Clerk duties for Fire District 2 upon retirement of Barbara Miller. There was a draft Inter Municipal Agreement presented to all members for discussion as well (see note1). Alex Costa informed the group regarding the legality of the proposal and stated it was vetted with the conflict of law and the ethics commission. There were concerns on various items of the draft that could be tailored if the proposal moved forward. Questions were asked regarding cost sharing for the proposal. No details were discussed. There was a proposal to have the two Treasurer/Clerks get together to discuss specific duties of each Dept. to understand responsibilities. Chief Ryan Moore and Tim Cauley expressed concern of having a part time Treasurer/Clerk due to the amount of interaction he has with the current Treasurer/Clerk. A concern was raised regarding the amount of hours that each Treasurer/Clerk works and if one person was charged with both positions, what would the hours look

like. Barbara informed the group she was a certified Treasurer and was the trustee of the OPEB account for District 2. Barbara is also bonded for both the District and the OPEB account. Kari Scytkowski responded she is not able to test for certification yet and is eligible this year. Kari indicated she wasn't aware of the dual bonding issue. Jeff Cyr mentioned that the OPEB account for District #1 is managed by Bartholomew and would refer to them as far as being bonded of the OPEB. A resident and representative from Save South Hadley spoke and encouraged all Boards to pursue this idea of consolidation and find additional efficiencies to the taxpayers of both Districts. She mentioned that staff reductions are difficult but possible. Captain Mike O'Neil from District 2 expressed concern regarding utilizing District funds paying the town's legal counsel for service regarding the Inter Municipal Agreement without consultation from both Districts' legal counsels. He also expressed concern regarding meetings that have taken place among the Chairs of all the Boards including the Treasurer/Clerk from District 1, without informing staff from both Districts regarding the concept of possible combination of the Treasure/Clerks positions. Kari Scytkowski went on record stating she was not at any of the meetings leading up to this one. Barbara Miller Expressed that she is against the proposal. All Board agreed to putting some cost proposal together in order to re convene at a later date considering the timeline of Annual meetings, etc. Lisa Wong informed everyone regarding the possibility of having the Division of Labor Service perform a financial and management audit of both Districts along with the Town's Financial/ Management audit. It was determined that all Boards should vote separately regarding this proposal. Chuck Scott made a motion to Authorize the Division of Local Services through the Dept. of Revenue to include Fire District No.1 in the financial and management audit that is being conducted for the Town of South Hadley. This motion was seconded by Pauline McClafin. Motion Carried. Kurt Schenker made a motion to Authorize the Division of Local Services through the Dept. of Revenue to include Fire District No.1 in the financial and management audit that is being conducted for the Town of South Hadley. This motion was seconded by John Wojciechowski. Motion Carried. Dan Luis made a motion to Authorize the Division of Local Services through the Dept. of Revenue to include Fire District No.2 in the financial and management audit that is being performed for the Town of South Hadley. This motion was seconded by Adam Hogan. Motion Carried. Fire District 2 Prudential Board wanted to wait to vote until they had a full Board. Someone will get back to Lisa Wong once that vote is taken. Lisa inquired about another vote of the Selectboard and reminded everyone there is no cost for the services.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Chuck Scott made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Pauline McClafin
Motion Carried

John Wojciechowski made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Steve Blaney. Motion Carried

Robert Bak made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Dave Isakson
Motion Carried

Dan Luis made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Kate Bedard
Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.