

**MERRIMACK VILLAGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING
MARCH 4, 2026
MEETING MINUTES
(approved March 16, 2026)**

A Public Hearing was conducted by the Board of Commissioners on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 7:03 p.m. at 2 Greens Pond Road, Merrimack, NH.

Donald Provencher, Chairman, presided:

Members of the Commission present: Erin Clement, Vice Chairman
Scott Sabens, Personnel Liaison
Dan Allen (participated electronically)
Wolfram von Schoen

Members of the Commission Absent:

Also in Attendance: Ron Miner, Superintendent
Jill Lavoie, Business Manager
Kristen Maher, HR/Finance Director
Keriann Roman, Esq., Drummond Woodsum
Kim Kelliher, NH Dept. of Environmental Srvcs.

**PUBLIC HEARING
GREATSTONE DRIVE
PFAS WATERMAIN EXTENSION PROJECT**

As Commissioner Allen was participating electronically, in accordance with the Right to Know Law, Chair Provencher requested he state, for the record; where he was, why his attendance in person was not reasonably practical, who, if anyone, was with him, and whether or not he was able to hear the proceedings.

Commissioner Allen responded he was at his residence, 16 French Court, his attendance in person was not reasonably practical given an illness, no one was with him, and he could hear the proceedings. Those present at the meeting were able to hear Commissioner Allen.

Chair Provencher explained the purpose of the public hearing was to gather public input on the proposed bond for the Greatstone Drive PFAS Watermain Extension Project in accordance with NH RSA 33:8-a (I).

Notice of the Public Hearing was advertised in the online version of the Nashua Telegraph and the February 22, 2026, printed edition. The Public Hearing notice was also posted on the Merrimack Village District website, www.MVDWater.org, at the Merrimack Village District office, the Merrimack Town Hall, Merrimack Town Post Office, and Merrimack Town Library.

ARTICLE 5

Shall the Merrimack Village District (MVD) vote to raise and appropriate a sum of three million nine hundred thousand dollars (\$3,900,000) for the primary purpose of designing and constructing Greatstone

Drive PFAS Water Main Extension Project. Such sum to be raised by the issuance of bonds or notes not to exceed three million nine hundred thousand dollars (\$3,900,000) under, and in compliance with, the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (NH RSA 33) and to authorize the Board of Commissioners (BOC) to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interests of the MVD; and to determine the interest rate thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and further to authorize the District Commissioners to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state, or other aid, grants or other funds, which may be available for the Project, and use such funds to reduce the amount of bonds or notes issued or to pay debt service on the bonds or notes, and to participate in the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (“DWSRF”) loan program, the DWSRF Emerging Contaminant loan program, and the Emerging Contaminant, Small and Disadvantaged Community (“EC-SDC”) grant program, and to allow the BOC to expend such monies as become available and to authorize the BOC to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative to said purpose; and to raise and appropriate the required sum of money for the purpose of 2027/2028 interest on said bond or notes? (3/5 written ballot vote required)

The purpose of this article is to extend the Merrimack Village District (MVD) Water Main to residents whose private wells have been affected by the presence of Pre-and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS). Project funding has been acquired for Greatstone Drive PFAS Main Line Extension if this article should pass. The funding source would be a DWSRF Loan of in the amount of \$3,900,000 with 10% forgiveness.

Chair Provencher opened the floor for public comment at 7:03 p.m.

No public comment was offered.

The public comment period was closed at 7:05 p.m.

The public hearing was declared closed at 7:05 p.m.

Submitted by Dawn MacMillan, Recording Secretary