## SOUTH DEERFIELD WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT

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## BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS - ANNUAL REPORT ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING – APRIL 30, 2025

The South Deerfield Water Supply District Commissioner's are happy to report that FY2025 has been another very active and productive year for the District.

This past year we have accomplished a great deal on behalf of the District. We have continued our service line inventory project throughout the entire district, utilizing grant funds that were received in the amount of \$213,000 to meet this new EPA requirement. Once again, this past year we continued to aggressively pay down existing debt for recent water main replacement projects, and anticipate this to be completely paid off within the next several years. We completed a major replacement of our Raw Water Line at our Roaring Brook Filtration Plant as well. This past year we also replace one of our existing District vehicles that was a total loss due to a fire. The exterior of our District Office on Sunderland Road was also painted – this work was done inhouse, with substantial savings in expenditures to the District.

The Commissioners have worked hard to present yet another fiscally responsible and restrained budget for the upcoming fiscal year, FY2026 starting July 1, 2025 for the voters consideration. The FY2026 budget offers just a slight overall increase over the prior fiscal year's budget, once again due mainly to the increase in the cost of supplies and services. This budget also continues to aggressive pay down debt for the recent water main replacement projects of Eastern Avenue and Graves Street, continues to adequately fund our operations, and provides for future investment in water main and infrastructure replacement.

We have many projects planned for this upcoming fiscal year, including a full cleaning and maintenance of the lagoons at the Roaring Brook Filtration Plant, investing for future water main replacements, upgrades the heating/cooling/plumbing infrastructure at our Roaring Brook Filtration Plant – and much more.

The Board of Water Commissioners would like to express our continued appreciation for our state, local, and private partners – as well as our



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outstanding Water Operators, Superintendent, and staff who all aid in the ongoing delivery water to the homes and businesses that we serve. We would also like to acknowledge the tireless work and dedication to our District by our former employee, Bud Driver – who will not be returning this upcoming season, we wish him all the best in his retirement!

We look forward to providing a safe and adequate supply of water to the South Deerfield Water Supply District – and thank all our residents and business owners for their ongoing support.

Respectfully Submitted,

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS SOUTH DEERFIELD WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT

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