

November 27 2019 KWD BOT minutes

KWD meeting called to order at 7 a.m. with Trustees Jimmy Golter, Julia O'Connell and Supt. Mike Rogers present. Trustee Roger Raymond absent.

Secretaries and Treasurers report were read and accepted. Submitted bills were reviewed and payroll and accounts payable checks were signed.

Training request for trustee Julia O'Connell granted with trustee approval for the MRWA annual conference in Bangor Me. At a cost of \$270.00 Dec. 10 – 12, 2019 .

Open Discussion

Portland Pump Company needs to pour a concrete slab in preparation of the new above ground fuel storage tank at the plant.

Trustee Golter states that he will work with Travis from Penta Corp. to enlarge the backwash piping for filter #2.

Charter update with Rep. Deane Rykerson presenting

2 main concerns : 1) update boundaries with assistance from legal counsel to evaluate  
2) expand voting district to include more water users; charter can state who votes , if registrar needs to be hired, vote by mail, town clerk has agreed to verify eligible voters by from list KWD provides

State Office of Policy and Legal Assistance (OPLA) has advised us to refer to KKWWD charter (copies distributed) which has similar situation includes a few towns and not all are allowed to vote. Could exclude York since they already vote in York and are a small number (250 households out of total of 5566) Could include all or only part of Eliot that has water users.

State "Revisors " office does not have enough time to write a bill so we will create a "concept draft" and an amendment . We have about a month to complete this and will need to schedule a work session. WORK SESSION December 6, 2019 Friday 7 a.m.

1. We can ENACT to amend the old charter to do the following: remove archaic language, ie replace "sinking fund" with "reserve fund", increase voter base, increase the number of trustees.

2. a list of goals as follows; refer to KKWWD for guidance, remove old charter language or start fresh using standard charter, include more customers as voters, rewrite boundaries of trustees to represent other areas served by KWD.

3. Trustees issue a draft

4. Have a public hearing with a deadline by end of January for amendment to be completed

May be easier to discard old charter and start with the standard charter.(copies distributed)

Write letter of intent to Verrill esq (KWD legal counsel) Supt Rogers will contact Verrill.

Members of public in attendance: Garvin McCurdy, Caroline Rose, Everett Leland, Jenny Freeman, Gary Mitchell, Jeff Thomson, and Deane Rykerson.

Meeting adjourned at 8 a.m.

Open discussion by public

Environmental concerns expressed about drinking water with chemicals going to sewage treatment water being discharged to the Piscataqua River, potentially affecting shellfish.

Respectfully Submitted Julia O'Connell, clerk

