

Special Meeting for Board of Trustees KWD Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7 a.m.. Members in attendance; Trustees Julia O'Connell, Caroline Rose, Jim Golter, and Supt. Mike Rogers. Mission Statement read.

Motion made by Trustee Rose and seconded to retain Jim Cohen, esq from Verrill for legal counsel during meeting. Two trustees in favor and one opposed. Motion passes.

Agenda reviewed and adopted.

Charter Amendment discussed. Issues raised include but are not limited to: Per Rep Deane Rykerson restricting voting to only customers is not an option (deemed unconstitutional by OPLA), To include all of the town on Eliot we must first talk to the town of Eliot, metes and bounds of York customers are best defined using GIS coordinates, eminent domain concerns for nonKWD customers who are on well water.

Trustee O'Connell motions to withdraw the present amended charter from consideration by the state legislature. Seconded and Passed unanimously.

Trustee O'Connell motions to resubmit a newly written charter for the 2021 legislative session using the State of Maine Standard Charter (Maine revised Statute Title 35-A Public Utilities Chapter 64: Water Districts and "Standard Water Districts Enabling Act"), which promotes consistency among the powers and water authorities of the state.

Tabled for further discussion.

Trustee O'Connell makes a motion that the Trustees create public messaging updating our water users about the process, many of whom are not aware that a charter change must be passed by the state legislature to become law. The public message shall be used on the KWD website, by the KWD staff and may be offered to the press and can also be included in water user bills.

Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. It was decided that the trustees would work on language addressing this.

Discussed meeting with Holly Stark, mediator week of March 9, in prep for employee grievance meeting scheduled for March 19, 2020 at 9 a.m.. Trustees declined to consider at this time.

Open Discussion

Kittery Town manager, Kendra Amaral, states that she (and other involved municipalities) would like more advance notice for future charter support, than was given this past time.

Trustee Jim Golter will be away from March 7 – 18 but can attend March 12 BOT meeting by phone.

Members of public in attendance: Rep Deane Rykerson, Linda Johnson, Kendra Amaral, Jeff Thomson, Sally Hirshberg, Jim Cohen, and Garvin McCurdy. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 a.m..

No public comment.

Disclaimer the above minutes constitute the author's understanding of the meeting. While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information, the minutes are not intended as a verbatim transcript of comments at the meeting, but is a summary of the discussion and actions that took place. Respectfully submitted, Julia O'Connell, Clerk

