

## **Kittery Water District – Board of Trustees Meeting - May 20, 2020 (Via Zoom)**

Meeting held via Zoom and called to order at 7:30 a.m. Members in attendance; Trustees Caroline Rose, Julia O’Connell, James Golter and Supt. Mike Rogers. Members of the public in attendance: Garvin McCurdy, Jen Thayer, Jen Brewer, Bob Shepherd, EB Leland, Cathy Wolff, and Chris Rubin. Mission statement read.

**Agenda reviewed-** Adopted unanimously.

**Secretary’s report-** Minutes for May 13, 2020 read and accepted.

**Treasurer’s report-** Financial position and submitted bills were read by Supt. Rogers and checked by Trustee Rose. Of note \$7,865 worth of gravel added to Upper Folly Pond access road. Trustee Rose requests total expense of regrading Folly Pond Road. New hot water tank installed at Hatch Filtration Plant and Hypochlorite leaks repaired. Sodium Permanganate replacement pump parts received. Trustee Rose moves to pay bills and Trustee O’Connell seconds. Roll call. Three in the affirmative, motion passes.

**April 2020 Financial Report Reviewed-** Trustee Rose requests meeting with office manager for clarification on PUC financial reporting protocols. Trustee O’Connell requests to be ~~included to be~~ included in Zoom meeting.

**email from Forester Dave Parker received and discussed-** Harvest market could open in fall. Currently he needs to be paid for trees marked (\$35/acre) He is not a licensed “sustainable” forester. Trustees express desire to hear from other forest management specialists in the area to further explore watershed management that includes: water quality protection, climate change, wildlife habitat, and revenue generation. Supt Rogers will arrange for ½ hour meetings via Zoom with the following foresters; Charles Moreno, KKWWD’s Rick Jones and YWD’s Brian Reader.

### **Open Discussion**

- \* Zoom Presentation by Holly Stark, facilitator, scheduled for Tuesday May 26, 2020 at 8 AM. She will cover how she might help us improve Board of Trustees functional communication.
- \* Trustee O’Connell will sign checks this week.
- \* Supt Rogers reports a water main break occurred Wednesday May 13, 2020 at Manson Rd. near Dana Ave, the third break in past five years since the town sewer went in under the 1950’s cast iron water main. Awaiting compaction of filled sinkhole to settle before completing incident report.
- \* water main replacement on Sunshine Lane begins today.
- \* Work completed on Lilac Lane in Eliot.
- \* Thank you to Trustee Rose for 50 new disposable 3 ply dust masks. (Covid protection)
- \* Request from the Town of Eliot TIF committee to meet with KWD BOT to discuss funding for the extension of the Eliot water main on Rte 236. Zoom meeting to take place during the June 3, 2020 BOT meeting after listening to the submitted bills.
- \* Acknowledged receiving letter ~~received~~ from Brain Rodonets of Maine Vision Holdings.
- \* Garvin McCurdy recommends that we all read “The Fourth Phase of Water” by Gerald Pollock and would like to start a book group. Trustee O’Connell will purchase the book for the district.
- \* Jen Brewer states that new infrastructure in Eliot has massive implications for development in the area. She expressed that there is a need to discuss how **public** money is spent on private development

and that major infrastructure expansion decisions should be delayed until they have been thoroughly evaluated.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 a.m. Next Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on Wednesday May 27, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia O'Connell, clerk

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julia O'Connell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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