

## **Kittery Water District – Board of Trustees Meeting – June 10, 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. Rogers. Members of the public in attendance: Garvin McCurdy, Bob Sheppard, Judy Spiller, Jen Thayer, Brian Rodonets, Chris Rubin and Everett Leland. Mission statement read.

**Agenda reviewed-** and adopted unanimously.

**Secretary’s report** - Minutes from June 3, 2020 were read and accepted.

**Treasurer’s report** – Submitted bills were read by Supt. Rogers and checked by Trustee Rose. Trustee Golter moves to pay bills. Seconded by Trustee Rose. Roll call, three in the affirmative, motion passes. Trustee O’Connell will sign checks today.

**Forester Brian Reader interviewed** - for updating forest management plan for KWD watershed property

**2019 Consumer Confidence Report draft reviewed** – and discussed and questions answered. Needs to be distributed July 1. Trustee Rose will review further. Email addresses will be added to Trustee contact info.

**Filtration Plant Operations** report reviewed. Demand in May 2020 decreased by 5 million gallons compared to May 2019. Annual “confined space entry” training was completed by KWD employees.

**Phase 1 Renovation** expenses for Hatch Filtration Plant reviewed. A total of \$3,098,931.85 has been budgeted for the Phase 1 renovation project. \$2.6 Million was financed through the Maine Municipal Bond Bank’s revolving fund. \$380,615.44 of work still needs to be completed. (\$700,000 for CIP interconnecting pipe project is covered by savings at Kennebunk Savings Bank per Supt. Rogers)

**Zoom meeting posting options discussed.** Storage of Zoom-recorded remote Board of Trustees Meetings has exceeded KWD website capacity and made it difficult for the public to watch after a couple of weeks. Trustee Rose suggests that we look at posting the videos on YouTube and posting links to the videos on the KWD website. Trustee O’Connell suggests posting just audio.

**String Trimmer request** reviewed. Trustee Rose moves to approve \$329 expense to purchase new string trimmer. Trustee Golter seconds. Roll call, three in the affirmative, motion passes. It was suggested that the old one could be repaired at The Repair Café at Traip High School and used as a back up.

**Trustee Training** MMA webinar discussed. Newly Elected Officials class will be held Thursday June 11, 2020. A manual for the training is available for a cost of \$40. Trustee Rose requests that the cost be covered by the district. The webinar is free.

**Watershed Patrol Report** reviewed- No violations noted. Total numbers of visitors for April was 238.

### **Open Discussion**

\* Supt. Rogers reports that Sunshine Lane has been completed except for paving and landscaping. The project came in under budget.

\* Trustee O’Connell observed on two occasions that KWD employees were not observing the new Pandemic policy of wearing masks or social distancing. Supt. Rogers will follow up.

\* Trustee Golter requests that Maine Vision Holdings be added to next week's agenda and then leaves the meeting.

Public comment

\* G. McCurdy reports that there are actually five states of water and that the plasma state can affect fire suppression. Recommends the book *The Hidden Life of Trees*. He proposed that our meetings be saved in the "cloud." Trustee Rose agrees, stating that moving them to YouTube accomplishes that. He also pointed out that the combined use of multiple private sprinkler systems on Gerrish Island have reduced water pressure to his home on more than one occasion; and total loss of pressure was caused by a leak in a neighbor's system, that was discovered by KWD personnel. That leak has since been repaired.

\* Jen Thayer states that The Repair Café is a free service but there is a charge to cover the cost if materials are needed. She uses YouTube and has never had to pay. Water conservation will be covered next week with high school students and she suggested that if trees are to be planted on watershed property this could be an opportunity for residents and students to help.

Next Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 9: 26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by 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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