

Kittery Water District – Board of Trustees Meeting – August 5, 2020 (via Zoom)

Meeting held via Zoom and called to order at 7:31 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, Judy Spiller, Chris Rubin, David Parker, Ann Grinnell, Suzanne Sayer, Bob Sheppard, Emily Flinkstrom, Linda Johnson, Bonnie Rogers, Julie Perrault, and Shara Geiger. Mission statement read.

Agenda reviewed- and approved as written.

Secretary's report - Minutes from July 29, 2020 were read and accepted with minor corrections.

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

Discussion with Judy Spiller from York River Study Committee. She is requesting support for the Wild and Scenic River Designation. The bill for which is waiting to be introduced to the Senate for approval. The goals are to focus on conservation, consistent land use and ensure KWD function. Funding may be available to improve infrastructure and to study reservoirs. A stewardship committee will be formed, after passage of the bill, with representatives from the partners; York Land Trust, Kittery Water District, Maine Fish and Wildlife.

Forester David Parker interviewed. Forest management plan for four hundred acres in the KWD watershed was done in 1991. He will check with logging company, Kiehl and Sons, to ascertain when remediation (based on state of Maine standards) of damaged areas of 2019 Horse Hills timber harvest can be completed. He requested that a neutral 3rd party be asked to judge the completeness of the remediation work.

Portsmouth Naval Shipyard July 2020 revenue reviewed. It was below the five year average . Trustee Rose requests that quarterly revenue subtotals be added for the year.

Executive Session with Holly Stark Trustee Rose moves to go into Executive Session on Thursday, August 6, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. to hear and consider the third party evaluation of Kittery Water District's officials as performed by Holly Stark, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. S405 (6)A & F. Item A-1: "An executive session may be held only if public discussion could be reasonably expected to cause damage to the individual's reputation or the individual's right to privacy would be violated." Item F: "Discussion of information contained in records made, maintained or received by a body or agency when access by the general public to those records is prohibited by statute." Trustee O'Connell seconds. Roll call, three in the affirmative, motion passes.

Fair Tide rent forgiveness discussed. Trustee O'Connell suggests that we consider not raising the rent in October of 2020 in support of their work in our community during this time of hardship for many. Fair Tide director, Emily Flinkstrom, states that they will make a request of KWD if relief is needed.

2020 Master Plan update discussed. Future financial decisions can be guided by the Capital Improvement Plan and may need to be workshopped to thoroughly evaluate.

Eliot Water Main expansion memo reviewed concerning phone conversation of Supt. Rogers with Stephani Morancie of the Maine Public Utility Commission.

Open Discussion

Supt. Rogers reports that the post lime feed system has been installed and the pre-lime feed system is being installed. A water main break was noted on Malcolm Rd in York and repaired. Penta will replace the mud valve in the sedimentation basin at Hatch Filtration Plant. Shapleigh has cleaned sludge from the three drying basins. Ted Berry Company, Inc. can pump wet sludge from the holding basin to drying basins for \$10,500. Trustee O'Connell reports that ^{the last} this week's Kittery town council meeting and JLUS workshop revealed that the town had received federal funding to further study transportation and housing solutions and that the Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission would assist the town in managing the effort. A request for proposals will be issued later this summer to firms that specialize in transportation and housing. Town manager Amaral stated conversations have begun about mass transit opportunities on the outskirts of Kittery. Trustee O'Connell states that this is important information to be aware of when considering any development proposal of our State Rd property.

Trustee Rose will contact Kittery Community Center about the use of Star Theater for a public Zoom/in-person meeting. Trustee O'Connell requests discussing contracting Kevin Sutherland for Life Cycle Budget analysis of KWD projects. This will be discussed after the Eliot TIF meeting and be added to next week's agenda.

Public Comment

Suzanne Sayer requests contact information for recent KWD guest speakers. Supt. Rogers will provide. Garvin McCurdy appreciates that Judy Spiller presented the York River Wild and Scenic River designation~ and noted that it has been ten years in the making.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted, Julia O'Connell, clerk



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