

Kittery Water District – Board of Trustees Meeting – August 12, 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, Judy Spiller, Chris Rubin, David Parker, William St. Laurent, Jen Brewer, Jen Thayer, Linda Cheatham, Cathy Wolff, Suzanne Sayer, Bob Sheppard, Linda Johnson, Bonnie Rogers, Julie Perrault, and Everett Leland. Mission statement read.

Agenda reviewed- and approved unanimously.

Secretary’s report - Minutes from August 5, 2020 were read and accepted with minor corrections. Minute of the Executive Session held on August 6, 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 O’Connell. Roll call, three in the affirmative, motion passes. Trustee Rose will sign checks today.

Filtration Plant Operations Report for the month of July 2020 reviewed. Lower production due to decreased demands from the Naval Shipyard. Sodium permanganate was increased to decrease complaints of taste and odor.

Legal Questions were discussed and will be addressed later.

Face coverings for office staff was discussed.

Dave Parker’s remediation request discussed. Discussion to be continued at the next BOT meeting . Dave has not heard back from Keihl and Sons about doing remediation of the portion of harvest completed in January 2020.

Kevin Sutherland’s proposal reviewed. Trustee Rose moves to set contract with Kevin Sutherland for “life cycle analysis” of KWD State Rd. property. Trustee O’Connell seconds. Roll call, three in the affirmative, motion passes.

Training class request from Guy Hodgdon for DWP Updates w/Covid-19, Thursday, August 20, 2020, 9:30 – 11 a.m.. Trustees ask that Guy shares information with BOT. Trustee Rose moves to approve the training class request. Trustee Golter seconds. Roll call, three in the affirmative, motion passes.

Open Discussion Trustee Golter asks that Trustees report to other trustees before consulting with experts. He also asks for an update on the I -95 crossing. Supt. Rogers states that Brierly Engineers needs to make corrections on the plan. Trustee Golter responds to a water user’s request for info about PFAS in our drinking water stating that he is only aware of PFAS occurring in ground water and we have surface water sources. Our water has not been tested. Supt Rogers will find out the cost of doing so. Holly Stark, our facilitator, is awaiting response from BOT and Supt. about what we would like to work on. It was agreed that responses will be emailed to Trustee Rose for consideration. Supt. Rogers reports that the IBEW union would like to meet with us in September. Dates will be discussed at next week’s meeting. Pinkham and Harris Ave water main replacements have encountered ledge. KWD will be using a “Ho-Ram” so as not to disturb the I-95 bridge. The town of Kittery has requested that Mendum Ave water main replacement be completed this year. Trustee Golter enquires about employee status. Supt. Rogers reports that we presently have two laborers, two truck drivers, and one foreman. Trustee Rose states that we will need to review the 2020 Master Plan by November 1, 2020 to receive

State funding. It was agreed upon that we will review Section 6, which covers future Capital Expenses for the next 10 years, by August 26, 2020. A workshop may need to be held. Trustee Rose apologizes for speaking out of turn at Eliot TIF meeting last week. Apology accepted. Trustee Rose agrees to draft a letter of support for the Wild and Scenic River Designation of York River.

Public Comment Dr. Jen Brewer expresses serious concerns about governance issues of KWD. It is not feasible for a trustee to report all communications, as one trustee has insisted she do. Asking her to do so while other trustees elect not to seek relevant information is to treat her like staff. It is fundamental to good governance for trustees to seek a broad range of information and perspectives by talking to experts and constituents. Further, in this instance, the trustee in question was seeking information that a trustee and staff at KWD were well aware of but declined to share when it was directly relevant to trustee discussions and decisions. Garvin McCurdy states that PFAS incidents in Maine have occurred in surface areas from run off from contaminated soil sources. Also the Saco River has industrial components that could have PFAS . He would like to see use of rail road to mitigate traffic issues in Kittery. It was suggested that he could read the JLUS study and the town council's response to learn more about proposed traffic solutions. Jen Thayer requests dates of town council meeting and newspaper article that discussed the JLUS workshop and town council plans.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m. Next BOT meeting to be held Wednesday August 19, 2020 at 7:30 a.m via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted, Julia O'Connell, clerk



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