

Kittery Water District – Board of Trustees Meeting – February 3, 2021 (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, Pete Henderson, Shara Geiger, Guy Hodgdon, Suzanne Sayer, Kristi Mathieson, EB Leland, Julie Perrault, Linda Johnson, John Perry, KyYi96, and Bonnie Rogers. Mission Statement read.

Agenda approved.

Secretary’s report – Minutes from the BOT meeting on January 27, 2021 were read and approved with minor corrections.

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

Superintendent’s Report- The video recording of January 27, 2021 Board of Trustees Zoom meeting will be posted online from a recording that Trustee Rose created. Future BOT meetings will be posted by Guy Hodgdon of KWD IT department. The recording of our 2021 Annual meeting will be posted today.

Charter Update- Rep. Kristi Mathieson requests that letters of support from the town managers of Eliot, York and Kittery be obtained before the public hearing. The Trustees have agreed to a five day turnaround on questions from the Revisor’s Office to the Trustees. There will be a Charter Workshop on Friday February 5, 2021 at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom.

PNSY Revenue for January 2021 reviewed- There was a 42% decline in demand as compared to January 2020. The PNSY has been mandated to reduce utility costs.

Training Class Reviewed- Trustee Rose moved to approve the request for \$55.00. Trustee O’Connell seconded. Roll call, three in the affirmative, motion passed.

Executive Session- Trustee Rose moved to go into Executive session with legal counsel Tom Trenholm at a later date per 1 MRSA 405 Section 6 (E). Trustee Golter seconds. Roll call, three in the affirmative, motion passed.

Open Discussion- Trustee O’Connell will provide an additional list of plumbers who are willing to provide services to Supt. Rogers for review against the District’s plumbing needs. The KWD staff thanks the KWD BOT for the Kittery Trading Post gift cards that were included in their paychecks.

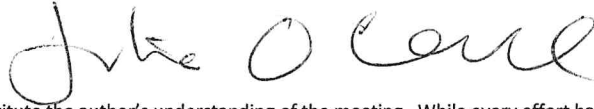
Public Comment- Letters from water users were read into the record; concerning claims and accusations made during the most recent campaign and the timeline for passage of the new Charter. Garvin McCurdy recommends that Supt. Mike Rogers make decisions about plumbing work. Suzanne Sayer brought up concerns about inefficient use of Trustees Meetings and lawyers. She also reiterated that public concern has been agitated by recent KWD election campaign actions. Linda Johnson repeated earlier requests to have the audio recording of the December 9, 2020 BOT meeting posted to the website. She then brought up concerns about Trustee accountability and responsibilities and suggested that the board look at adopting a Code of Ethics. Shara Geiger stated that she would appreciate if there would be no name calling during BOT meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 a.m.

Our next BOT meeting will be held Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom.

A Charter Workshop will be held February 5, 2021 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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