

Kittery Water District – Board of Trustees Charter Workshop – February 5, 2021 (via Zoom)

Meeting held via Zoom and called to order at 7:50 a.m. Members in attendance: Trustees Caroline Rose, Julia O'Connell, and James Golter. Members of the public in attendance: Supt. Mike Rogers, Garvin McCurdy, Pete Henderson, Guy Hodgdon, Suzanne Sayer, Rep. Kristi Mathieson, Carl Palm, Linda Johnson and John Perry.

Charter Revision discussed - using the Standard Charter from Maine State Statute Title 35-A, Chapter 64, Sections 6401 through 6403. Reviewed a list of mandatory and optional provisions. A summary of the provisions was sent via email to Rep. Kristi Mathieson.

The following provisions will be added: there will be five Trustees, Special qualifications for Trustees are that they need to reside in the District, be a registered voter of legal age and not be a municipally elected official. Elections will be "at large" and there will be provisions for tied elections and absentee ballots. The intent of the original language from the 1907 Charter Chapter 424, section 2, the 1909 Amendment Chapter 109, sections 1 and 2, and the 1911 Amendment will be included. In Section 6402 paragraph 2., Rep. Mathieson will ask the Revisors Office how to best describe the PNSY ie., "governmental"?

Other issues to be decided include a request from Trustee Golter for a 'recall protocol' per State Statute 30-A section 2505. Rep. Mathieson asks if this is normal for a Standard Water District Charter?

Section 6403 for E., F., G., and H. we will be using the original 1907 Charter.

There will be a public hearing via Zoom at the State level after the bill is written per Rep. Mathieson. The Trustees will discuss at the next BOT meeting if this can be used for a "local" public hearing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Julia O'Connell, clerk



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