

Kittery Water District – Board of Trustees Meeting – September 9, 2020 (via Zoom)

Meeting held via Zoom and called to order at 7:33 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, Chris Rubin, Shara Geiger, William St. Laurent, Jen Thayer, Suzanne Sayer, Guy Hodgdon, Linda Johnson, Bonnie Rogers, Julie Perrault, and Everett Leland. Mission statement read.

Agenda reviewed- and approved unanimously.

Secretary's report - Minutes from September 2, 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 Rose. Roll call, three in the affirmative, motion passes. Trustee O'Connell will sign checks.

Superintendent's Report- Water main break at the corner of Malcolm Road and Tartan St. in York has been repaired.

Master Plan Section Six discussed. Edits need to be completed. Trustee Rose will submit her edits to Wright-Pierce Engineering. Trustee O'Connell notes that 5 pages from plan when it was 75% completed are now missing from Section Six. She will contact Wright- Pierce. We will revisit this next week. Financial planning for the CIP listed in the 2020 Master Plan are suggested to be reviewed in November.

Website reminder- Website update will be discussed at Sept. 16 BOT.

Holly Stark's proposal discussed. Trustee Rose moves to decline proposal from Holly Stark at this time. Trustee O'Connell seconds. Roll call, three in the affirmative, motion passes.

Union Meeting discussed . A half hour meeting with Dan Rose, labor lawyer, is scheduled for next week's BOT at 8 a.m. to review basics of contract negotiations for employers. (Alternate date is Thursday Sept. 17, 2020 at 8 a.m.) Suggested dates for union negotiations are September 30, 2020 and October 7, 2020.

Filtration Plant Operations Report for the month of August 2020 reviewed.

PNSY revenue decreased due to decreased demands and is below the five-year average for the month of August and is significantly less than August of 2019.

Open Discussion- BOT Election date set for Tuesday, December 8, 2020 with annual meeting to follow Tuesday, December 16, 2020. Roll call, three in the affirmative, motion passes. Supt. Rogers will publicly notice in Portsmouth Herald legal section, Kittery Post Office, and Kittery Town Hall. A statement will be sent to Kittery Town Council to be read into public discussion that will be broadcast on local TV. Kittery Adult Ed water careers class on September 24, 2020 will be hosted by Supt. Mike Gaudet from North Berwick, and representatives from Maine Water in Saco/Biddeford area. They are still looking for attendees. Trustee Rose will send sign up information to interested parties. Trustee Rose seeks clarification of Gary's Watershed Report violation protocol. Gary Stevens is a deputized officer and can issue warnings, tickets and court summons. Trustee O'Connell shares information from the Maine CDC regarding testing for PFAS in drinking water. KWD drinking water was included in the 2013-2015 EPA sampling program. Samples were collected at the treatment plant and no PFAS were detected. These limits were much higher during that time , than they are now. It is expected that there will be some requirements from the Maine State Legislature in

2021 and water systems will be notified of new sampling requirements.

Trustee Golter inquires about the status of the Timber Harvest Best Management Practices evaluation by the State. Trustee O'Connell reports that it was done and a report is being created.

The I-95 crossing is moving forward.

Public Comment- Suzanne Sayer reports that over 50% of the new active Covid-19 outbreaks in the state of Maine are in York county, predominantly in the town of Sanford.

Garvin McCurdy requests that Supt. Rogers forward his emails to the Trustees. He reports that Maine State representatives are working on introducing new legislation to regulate PFAS and that watersheds and aquifers can be impacted by PFAS from different sources including dust. Water proponent, Erin Brokovich, recently spoke on public TV. He would like to participate in the September 24, 2020 water career class being offered by Kittery Adult Education and asked Trustee Rose to sign him up. He asks if Trustee Golter could stop by his house and install a VFD on his new system. Trustee Golter agrees to do so.

With no further business appearing before it, this Board of Trustees meeting is adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

Our next BOT meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia O'Connell, clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julia O'Connell". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Julia O'Connell, clerk".

Disclaimer: The preceding minutes constitute the author's understanding of the meeting. While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information, the minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript of comments at the meeting, but as a summary of the discussion and actions that took place.