



Southern Maine Regional Water Council

SOUTHERN MAINE REGIONAL WATER COUNCIL
Annual Meeting of The Full Members
April 27, 2017

MINUTES

Convene Meeting: President Labbe opened the business meeting at 7:33 P.M. at Duffy's Tavern & Grill, Kennebunk, ME.

Roll Call: **Present:** *President Norm Labbe*- Superintendent Kennebunk, Kennebunkport & Wells Water District
Scott Minor – Asst. Superintendent - KKWWD
Wayne Brockway - Treasurer – KKWWD
Don Gobeil – Technical Services Manager – KKWWD
Richard Littlefield – President of Trustees – KKWWD

Steve Cox - Maine Water – Biddeford and Saco

Director Leach – South Berwick Water District
Doug Letellier – Trustee – SBWD
Henry Miller – Trustee - SBWD
Dwayne Rice – Trustee - SBWD

Director Crovo – Portland Water District
Carrie Lewis – General Manager – PWD
William Lunt – Trustee – PWD
Guy Cote – Trustee – PWD
Jamie Willey – Trustee - PWD

Director Parent – Sanford Water District
Keith Levasseur – District Engineer – SWD
Sonya Nevison – Business Manager – SWD
Roger Durant – Trustee - SWD

*Director Lynch – York Water District
Donald Neumann – Superintendent – YWD
Gary Stevens – Water Resource Manager – YWD
Frank Witham – Trustee – YWD
Rick Boston – Trustee – YWD
Karen Arsenault – Trustee – YWD
Andy Belliveau – Trustee - YWD*

*Secretary/Treasurer Hodgdon – Kittery Water District
Michael Rogers – Superintendent – Kittery Water District
Bob Wyman – Trustee – KWD
Jim Golter – Trustee - KWD*

Excused: *Vice-President Knowlton – Maine Water – Biddeford and Saco*

Others Present: Jeff McNelly – Maine PUC
Jennifer Pederson - MWWA

Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

Acceptance of Meeting Minutes of the Meeting of 2-23-2017:

Director Parent motioned to approve the minutes of the 2-23-2017 meeting. Seconded by Director Lynch. Unanimously Approved.

Introduction of Directors and Officers: President Labbe introduced the nominated Directors and Officers of the SMRWC for 2016.

Financial Report: Secretary / Treasurer Hodgdon provided a written Treasurer’s Report to each attendee. SMRWC’s current bank balance is \$ 10,640.01.

Director Parent motioned to approve the financial report. Seconded by Director Crovo. Unanimously Approved.

Election of Directors: *William Lunt of the Portland Water District motioned to approve the slate of directors for the Southern Maine Regional Water Council for 2016 to include Norm Labbe-KKWWD, Ryan Lynch -YWD, Rick Knowlton–Maine Water – Biddeford and Saco, Guy Hodgdon-KWD, John Leach-SBWD, Chris Crovo-PWD, and Dave Parent-SWD. Seconded by Mike Rogers from the Kittery Water District. Unanimously Approved.*

Election of Officers of the Board of Directors: *John Leach of the South Berwick Water District motioned to approve the slate of officers for the Southern Maine Regional Water Council for 2017 to include President Norm Labbe-KKWWD, Vice-President Rick Knowlton–Maine Water – Biddeford and Saco, and Secretary/Treasurer Guy Hodgdon-KWD. Seconded by Ryan Lynch from the York Water District. Unanimously Approved.*

Presentation of the 2016 Activities Report: President Labbe presented the Annual Activities report as outlined below.

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2016 Annual Activities Report

Listing key activities for the year between the 2016 and 2017 Annual Meetings

April 27, 2016 – Annual Meeting of Full Members

- Election of Directors and Officers
- Presentation by Tata & Howard on the nearly completed SMRWC regional interconnectivity study

June 16, 2016 - Board of Directors Meeting

- Members reviewed, commented and proposed minor revisions to the draft of the Tata & Howard regional study. The upcoming public announcement of Maine Water Company's proposed 20 MGD water treatment facility in Biddeford was discussed, along with other current issues, including the SMRWC Chemical Purchasing Program, upcoming MS4 legislation and water fluoridation.

June 22, 2016 – Correspondence

- A congratulatory letter was sent to Bruce Berger for his recent appointment as the Executive Director of the MWUA (Maine Water Utilities Association).

June 23, 2016 – Presentation

- President Labbe spoke on behalf of the SMRWC at Maine Water Company's press conference at their Biddeford water treatment facility, at which the planned construction of their water treatment facility was publicly announced.

August 4, 2016 – Meeting with the Maine Public Utilities Drought Task Force representative

- SMRWC members met with Jeff McNelly of the MPUC. The primary items discussed were voluntary and mandatory water conservation actions by water utilities and regulatory considerations relating to meeting the water supply needs of the region in light of the current and future drought events.

September 26, 2015 –The final draft of the Tata & Howard regional study was received.

October 22, 2015 – Press Release

- The SMRWC issued a press release relating to the ongoing drought, its existing and future utility interconnectivity and its regional cooperation as a solution to drought management.

November 19, 2016 – Board of Directors Meeting

- Members discussed the status of the MS4 issue, the SMRWC Chemical Purchasing Program and the Tata & Howard regional study.

December 1, 2016 – Presentation

- Tata & Howard, along with several SMRWC member representatives gave a presentation outlining the recently completed regional study at this bi-monthly meeting of the Maine Water Utilities Association.

December 5, 2016 – Chemical Purchasing Program

- Director Lynch tabulated and awarded the chemical bids for 2017. In this year's program there are 24 participants, purchasing 40 different chemicals having a total bid value of \$ 1,693,032 up from the 2016 value (39 chemicals) of \$ 1,545,181.

February 23, 2017 – Board of Directors Meeting

- Members discussed the Chemical purchasing program, upcoming legislation of interest and some remaining deliverables relating to the Tata & Howard regional study.
- The Board met with a representative of the York County Coast Star.
- The Board nominated the 2017 slate of SMRWC Directors.

March 13, 2017 – President Labbe provided written testimony on behalf of SMRWC in opposition to LD 90, *An Act to Amend the Charter of the Rumford Water District.*

March 15, 2017 – President Labbe provided written testimony on behalf of SMRWC in support LD 686, *An Act to Remove Restrictions on the Membership of Regional Councils.*

March 22, 2017 – President Labbe provided written and verbal testimony on behalf of SMRWC in opposition of LD 422, *An Act To Facilitate the Creation of the Maine Water Trust To Regulate and Protect Maine's Water Supply and To Ensure the Quantity and Quality of Maine's Drinking Water.*

March 22, 2017 – President Labbe provided written and verbal testimony on behalf of SMRWC in opposition of LD 725, *An Act to Recognize Local Control Regarding Food and Water Systems.*

April 27, 2017 – Annual Meeting of Full Members (from Agenda)

- Election of Directors and Officers
- Presentation by Jeffrey McNelly of the Maine PUC and from Jennifer Pederson of the Massachusetts Water Works Association relating to regulatory trends in drought management.

Program –

Jeffrey McNelly of the Maine PUC and Jennifer Pederson of the Massachusetts Water Works Association gave presentations on the drought of 2016, drought management and the allocation of water resources, with an emphasis local (Maine) and regional (Massachusetts) regulatory perspectives and trends in this increasingly challenging area.

Director’s Subcommittee Reports: None.

Old Business: There was no old business to come before the Council.

New Business: None.

Other Business: None.

Next Meeting: The next Annual Meeting date was not set at this time. The date and time will be set via email to all the Directors.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Guy Hodgdon, SMRWC Secretary/Treasurer