



Southern Maine Regional Water Council

SOUTHERN MAINE REGIONAL WATER COUNCIL

Meeting

June 16, 2016

MINUTES

Convene Meeting: President Labbe opened the meeting at 10:05 A.M. at the offices of the Kennebunk, Kennebunkport & Wells Water District, Kennebunk, Me.

Roll Call: Present: *President Labbe - Kennebunk, Kennebunkport & Wells Water District*

Vice-President Knowlton – Maine Water – Biddeford and Saco

Secretary/ Treasurer Hodgdon – Kittery Water District

Director Parent – Sanford Water District

Director Leach – South Berwick Water District

Director Crovo – Portland Water District

Director Lynch – York Water District

Others Present: Keith Levasseur – District Engineer – SWD
Michael Rogers – Superintendent – KWD
Ron Miller – General Manager – PWD
Scott Minor – Asst. Superintendent – KKWWD
Don Neumann – Superintendent - YWD

Via Telephone: Mark Robinson - Maine Water – Biddeford and Saco
Judy Wallingford - Maine Water – Biddeford and Saco

Acceptance of Meeting Minutes of the Annual Meeting of 4-14-16:

Vice-President Knowlton motioned to approve the minutes of the 4-14-16 Annual Meeting. Seconded by Director Lynch. Unanimously Approved.

Reports –

Secretary/Treasurer:

- Secretary / Treasurer Hodgdon provided a written Treasurer's Report to the Council. Our current bank balance is \$ 9,682.83. *Director Parent motioned to approve the Secretary/Treasurer's report. Seconded by Director Lynch. Unanimously Approved.*

President:

- There was no President's correspondence to report.

Purchasing Co-Op:

- Director Lynch reported that to date there have been no complaints with the program.
- After discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to have Director Lynch and Vice-President Knowlton investigate the feasibility of Maine Water Company, including its other divisions in Maine, participating in our Co-Op Chemical Purchasing Program.

Old Business -

Hydraulic Modeling Project:

- The Council discussed the draft of the Regional Water System Study received from Tata and Howard Engineers. Various aspects of the report were discussed.
- A short list of items was prepared for President Labbe to discuss with Paul Cote of Tata and Howard Engineers.
- Overall the Council was happy with the draft and with some minor revisions feels the study is near completion.

New Business –

Maine Water Company Press Conference:

- Judy Wallingford, Mark Robinson and Rick Knowlton, representatives of the Maine Water Company, reported on a planned press conference. They will be announcing the start of a \$50,000,000 project to replace the current

- Biddeford/Saco water treatment plant. The new 20 MGD (expandable to 40 MGD) plant is scheduled to go online in 2020.
- The SMRWC has been aware of the concept of this project for some time. The upgrading of this plant is of particular interest to the Council as it could be a major component of a regional water system.
 - Maine Water Company has invited many Local, State and Federal officials as well as the news media and the general public to attend this meeting.

SMRWC Regional Water System Study - Hydraulic Modeling Project:

- The idea of a press conference to announce the completion of this study was forwarded. It was agreed to further discuss the concept at the next Directors meeting, as the study nears completion.

MS4 Legislation:

- Director Crovo advised that it might be a good idea to proactively get together with other stakeholders to address the possibility of relaxing some of the components of this proposed legislation. President Labbe will initially pursue this idea with MWUA.

Fluoridation:

- President Labbe informed the Council of an ongoing, local petition process to bring the question of fluoridation of its drinking water to a referendum vote in November. Anticipating confirmation of the referendum by the Secretary of State, an informational forum that will discuss the pros and cons of adding fluoride to drinking water has been tentatively scheduled in Kennebunk for August 12.

Other Business: None.

Next Meeting: The next 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 11:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Guy Hodgdon, SMRWC Secretary/Treasurer