



Southern Maine Regional Water Council

SOUTHERN MAINE REGIONAL WATER COUNCIL

Meeting

February 2, 2016

MINUTES

Convene Meeting: President Labbe opened the meeting at 1:30 P.M. at the offices of the Kittery Water District, Kittery, 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
Justin Richardson – GIS Specialist – KKW

Guests: Paul Cote – Tata and Howard Engineers
Marie Rivers – Tata and Howard Engineers
Justine Carroll – (via telephone) Tata and Howard Engineers

Acceptance of Meeting Minutes of the Meeting of 10-20-15:

Director Parent motioned to approve the minutes of the 10-20-15 meeting. Seconded by Director Lynch. Unanimously Approved.

Reports –

Secretary/Treasurer:

- Secretary / Treasurer Hodgdon provided a written Treasurer's Report to each attendee. Our current bank balance is \$ 9,856.07. ***Director Crovo motioned to approve the Secretary/Treasurer's report. Seconded by Director Parent. Unanimously Approved.***
- Secretary/Treasurer Hodgdon reported that our IRS and State Corporate filings have been done for 2016.
- Per our By-Laws we have recorded the email votes by the Directors to approved Tata and Howard Engineers to perform our Regional Water System Study as requested in our proposed scope of work.
- Director Crovo stated he thought we should be reporting to the PUC on an annual basis. Secretary/Treasurer Hodgdon will check with PUC to see what is required.

President:

- There was no President's correspondence to report.

Purchasing Co-Op:

- Director Lynch reported that the bid awards for 2016 are complete. Secretary/Treasurer Hodgdon will be billing all the participants soon.

Co-Op Meter Purchasing:

- Director Parent stated that the program is working well.

Sustain Southern Maine:

- Vice-President Knowlton reported that the Sustain Southern Maine group is currently doing a study on the resiliency of the Saco River.

Old Business -

Hydraulic Modeling Project:

- Paul Cote from Tata and Howard Engineers was present to give an update on the progress of the project. Using a power point presentation he went through

the status of each District's system. A lively question and answer session ensued.

New Business –

Pending Legislation:

- Director Parent reported on 2 proposals before the legislature. LD 1566 that addresses dams and water levels and LD 1586 that relates to FOAA Public Meetings and Remote Participation.
- Director Parent will draft a statement from SMRWC about our position on the FOAA proposal. This draft will be forwarded to all SMRWC members for review. Currently the MMA and MWUA are opposed to this proposal.
- It was the consensus of those present that the Districts that had dams would get together to form an opinion on LD 1566.

SMRWC Officers:

- The assembled members decided to leave the officers as they are now and look at nominations for new officers in October 2016.

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 2:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Guy Hodgdon, SMRWC Secretary/Treasurer