



Southern Maine Regional Water Council

SOUTHERN MAINE REGIONAL WATER COUNCIL
Annual Meeting of The Full Members
April 18, 2013

MINUTES

Convene Meeting: President Parent opened the business meeting at 7:30 P.M. at the Saco Ramada Inn and Conference Center, Saco, ME.

Roll Call: **Present:** *President Parent – Sanford Water District*
Keith Levasseur – District Engineer – SWD
Roger Durant - Trustee

Vice-President Knowlton – Maine Water – Biddeford and Saco
Robert Theriault – Maine Water – Biddeford and Saco
Tom Carr - Maine Water – Biddeford and Saco

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

Director Leach – South Berwick Water District
Doug Letellier – Trustee – SBWD
Warren Spencer – Trustee - SBWD
Henry Miller – Trustee - SBWD

Director Crovo – Portland Water District
Ron Miller – General Manager – PWD
Jamie Willey - Trustee - PWD
William Lunt – Trustee – PWD
Robert McSorley – Trustee – PWD

Scott Minor – Asst. Superintendent –
Kennebunk, Kennebunkport & Wells Water District
Wayne Brockway - Treasurer – KKWWD
Richard Littlefield – Trustee President – KKWWD
Jim Burrows – Trustee Vice-President - KKWWD

Director Lynch – York Water District
Donald Neumann – Superintendent – YWD
Frank Witham – Trustee – YWD
Fred Ricker – Trustee – YWD
Karen Arsenault – Trustee – YWD
Andrew Belliveau – Trustee – YWD

Excused: *Director Norm Labbe - KKWWD*

Others Present: NONE

Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

Introduction of Directors and Officers: President Parent introduced the nominated Directors and Officers of the SMRWC for 2013.

Election of Directors: *William Lunt from the Portland Water District motioned to approve the slate of directors for the Southern Maine Regional Water Council for 2013 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 Michael Rogers from the Kittery Water District. Unanimously Approved.*

2012 Accomplishments –

(The activity of the Council from the 2012 - 2013 Annual Meetings of the Membership)

April 12, 2012 – Annual Meeting of Full Members

- Election of Directors
- Presentation by Nature Conservancy

August 23, 2012 – Board of Directors Meeting

- Voted to have partnership status in Sustain Southern Maine Partnership
- Southern Maine Water Resources Network Initiative update (Nature Conservancy)
- Treasurer report noted no dues assessment is needed for 2012

September 30, 2012 – Provide written comments to the Public Utilities Commission Notice of Inquiry into Decreasing Revenues of Water Utilities

- Boards of Trustees of the consumer owned members (6 out of 7) of the SMRWC adopted resolutions to “support investigating the concept of deregulation and local governance of the business affairs of publicly owned water utilities”

November/December 2012 – Annual Cooperative Chemical Purchasing Program

- Mr. Ryan Lynch reports that 23 entities participated in this year’s bid showing a bid value of \$1,580,000. All the awards have been made. Prices reflect an increase of 5% +/- over last year

December 3, 2012 – Support of the University of New England’s application for the EPA’s Education Regional Grant.

- President Crovo sent letter of support for UNE’s application

December 13, 2012 – Maine Water Utilities Bi-Monthly meeting in Fryeburg

- President Crovo made a presentation on the SMRWC deliberations and position on the Public Utilities Inquiry Into Decreasing Revenues of Water Utilities

December 14, 2012 – Sustain Southern Maine Partnership Meeting

- SMRWC was officially voted in to become partners, President Crovo attended

December 19, 2012 – Obtained meter pricing for Sensus Meters

- York, Kittery, South Berwick and Sanford participated in meter purchase collaborative

January 15, 2013 – Maine Legislature – Energy Utilities and Technology Committee Orientation

- President Crovo introduced the Southern Maine Regional Water Council to the EUT Committee with a brief presentation

February 14, 2013 – Board of Directors Meeting

- Set date for Annual Meeting
- Treasurer’s report – IRS filing and Annual Report to the State completed

March, 7 2013 -Re: Support of L.R. 1047 - Saco River Corridor Commission Funding

- President Crovo sent letter of support for Commission Funding

March 14, 2013 – Board of Directors Meeting

- Elected Officers for 2013
- Adopted talking points in support of LD 441 –
- Voted to support Legislation for a proposed bond issue for investment in natural and built infrastructure to provide water-related benefits for communities across Maine.

March 15, 2013 – Sustain Southern Maine Partnership Meeting

- Director Crovo introduced the SMRWC via a presentation

April 3, 2013 – Public Hearing on LD 441

- President Parent provide testimony in favor of LD 441
- First meeting of the Mutual Aid Treatment Operator group – Plant Tour
 - Identified Common Assets amount Utilities – Chemical systems, motor & electrical systems, emergency power, SCADA, Spare Parts –
 - Discussion about operator skills – maintenance/ Instrumentation etc...
 - Events that could require assistance

Presentation –

Rick Knowlton – Vice President, Operations – Maine Water Company:

Mr. Knowlton reviewed the recent purchase of the Biddeford/Saco Water Company by Maine Water. He explained their plans to update the treatment facility and other aging infrastructure. Mr. Knowlton stated that customer service and satisfaction is Maine Water's corporate credo and they continually strive to be good neighbors.

Treasurer's Report: Secretary / Treasurer Hodgdon provided a written Treasurer's Report to each attendee. Our current bank balance is \$ 12,998.93.

Director's Subcommittee Reports: There were no Subcommittee reports given at this meeting.

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

New Business: None.

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 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Guy Hodgdon, SMRWC Secretary/Treasurer