



Southern Maine Regional Water Council

SOUTHERN MAINE REGIONAL WATER COUNCIL

Meeting

July 26, 2017

MINUTES

Convene Meeting: President Labbe opened the meeting at 10:05 A.M. at the offices of the South Berwick Water District, South Berwick, 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 Crovo – Portland Water District

Director Lynch – York Water District

Director Leach – South Berwick Water District

Excused: None

Others Present: Keith Levasseur – District Engineer – SWD
Michael Rogers – Superintendent – KWD
Don Neumann – Superintendent – YWD
Kirsten Hebert – MRWA
Alex Wong – MRWA
Cathy Robinson – MRWA
Norm Lamie - MRWA

Acceptance of Meeting Minutes of the Annual Meeting of 4-27-17:

Director Parent motioned to approve the minutes of the 4-27-17 meeting. Seconded by Director Leach. Unanimously Approved.

Reports –

Secretary/Treasurer:

- Secretary / Treasurer Hodgdon provided a written Treasurer's Report to the Council. Our current bank balance is \$ 7,990.08. *Director Parent motioned to approve the Secretary/Treasurer's report. Seconded by Director Crovo. Unanimously Approved.*
- After discussion, the Council did not see any need to assess membership dues for the coming year.

President:

- President Labbe briefed the Council on correspondence received by he and Secretary Hodgdon from Jeff McNelly with reference to filing of our Annual Report to the State. Secretary Hodgdon completed the report soon after.
- President Labbe advised the Council that he had received a letter from a chemical vender, relating to coastal SMRWC members' standardization of their corrosion control regimens. No action was necessary.

Purchasing Co-Op:

- Director Lynch reported that he has received no complaints and the program is running well.

Legislative Session:

- Kirsten Hebert provided a written and verbal report on the outcome of several water-related pieces of legislation that was proposed and acted upon during the recently completed Legislative session. Overall, water utility interests were preserved, in what amounted to a long and time-consuming session. She thanked several SMRWC members for their input and testimony on several key bills.

Old Business -

Hydraulic Modeling Project:

- President Labbe reported that Kennebunk had just received their model. Once trained on the use of the model, KK&WWD, YWD and KWD will jointly run various flow model scenarios and field flow tests to confirm the ability of

moving enough water to support the upcoming interconnectivity initiative discussed under new business.

Purchasing Co-Op; Appointment of A Co-Chair:

- Director Crovo will provide a person from the Portland Water District to become the Co-Chair and ultimately take over operating the program.

New Business –

Update on Interconnectivity Discussions:

- KWD, KK&WWD and YWD are in discussions to provide water for KWD during their treatment plant upgrade in late 2018 or early 2019. KWD's plant will have to be offline for a 3-4 month period during the upgrade construction. Flow models and pipe installation will need to be completed for this program.

Presentation by Kirsten Hebert – MRWA:

- Kirsten provided a detailed outline of the MRWA operation. Due to proposed federal cutbacks, nearly half of the MRWA's budget could be cut. The council provided some ideas as to how MRWA could best prepare itself for the potential lost revenue, including areas where the Association may be able to increase revenues for some services.

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 12:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Guy Hodgdon, SMRWC Secretary/Treasurer