

**Bangor Water District
Board of Trustees**

**Minutes of the
Regular Monthly Meeting
July 20, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Bangor Water District Board of Trustees was held at 3:45 p.m. in the Hughes Building, 614 State Street. Present were:

Rick Doll
Ralph Foss
Laurel Grosjean
Patty Hamilton
Stan Miller
Jim Rines
Dan Wellington

being more than a quorum of Trustees. The clerk kept the record.

Minutes: The minutes of the regular board meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Accounting and Finance Manager Smith presented his report, noting that both revenue and O&M expenses are right on budget. He said chemical costs were higher than budget, attributable to a bill received in June that is typically received in July, and that purchased power was higher due to the receipt of some delayed bills. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

2010 Forest Operations: Taking the agenda out of order, Water Quality Manager Page discussed the harvest which is due to begin in August. Mike Howie from American Forest Management was also in attendance. This year's target area is adjacent to the Mountainy Pond Club land and was heavily cut before it was purchased by BWD. The predicted harvest is 824 cords, within the watershed's sustainable range of 730-980 cords, and as wood markets have rebounded slightly, BWD may net – after expenses and fees – about \$16,000.

Progress Report: as distributed.

Old Business:

Government Ops meeting: General Manager Moriarty reviewed items discussed at the June 29 meeting and a query from the councilors in attendance about meeting less often (currently four times per year). Moriarty recommended maintaining the quarterly schedule as the continuing exchange of information is a priority, and Board members concurred.

Project update: District Engineer Haskell updated the Board on:

- Essex Street standpipe – forms created for mounting antennas; tank may be filled for disinfection next week
- Mount Hope Avenue – project consists of 1200 feet of eight-inch line, and should be completed in less than two weeks
- ERT – testing of changes made by the consulting engineer to protect transmission line integrity scheduled before the end of the month
- GIS - progress report on gathering data, including two summer interns, and in particular data points in Eddington in preparation for an MDOT project on Route 9

Planning Document: Moriarty reviewed progress to date on the 2010 goals, as well as several added since the year began.

New Business

Dig-Safe incident: Moriarty explained the circumstances of a Dig-Safe incident involving a gas main struck by BWD on Mount Hope Avenue during water main replacement. She said the area was marked and that BWD was hand-shoveling; however an excavator bucket being used to remove shoveled dirt struck the gas main. No one was hurt in the incident, and BWD was fined \$500. She said the incident was being used for increased awareness and training, and for follow-up with the City re requirements for gas line installations.

Load response event: Moriarty reviewed the District's response to requests for voluntary curtailment of power use; BWD successfully completed a test conducted on June 28. Additionally, the plant was on generators on the "peak" day – thus far – for the summer on July 6. The District earned about \$20,000 by participating, although Moriarty said the future incentives are somewhat less.

Ozone basin diffuser work: Moriarty briefed the Board on replacement of 100 ozone diffusers at the Butler plant. She said the work comes at an annual cost of about \$15,000 but replacing damaged or "lazy" diffusers reduces both chemical and electrical costs.

Write-offs: A list totaling \$2,200 in uncollectible debts was presented, several involving bankruptcies. Moriarty explained collection attempts are still made on written off accounts; to date in 2010, \$1210 in past uncollectibles had been recovered.

DWSRF financing for SCADA:

Moriarty stated that the District had just received notice from the Maine Drinking Water Program that the District's application to replace its SCADA system has been moved from the backup list to primary list and is approved to be financed by 2010 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF). The terms of the loan will be determined by the Maine Municipal Bond Bank but are projected to be 2% under current market rate and is eligible for a 5% principal forgiveness.

Board package correspondence: as presented, with a brief discussion of Stonington Water's unsuccessful attempts to find the source of its water loss.

Other business: Moriarty noted that

- Lynn Baker, wife of recently retired maintenance supervisor Charlie Baker, had passed away.
- lack of resources (financial and otherwise) had resulted in plans to distribute the remaining monies in the Peter Lancaster Scholarship in 2011, and to close out the scholarship.

Hearing no further business to come before the meeting, it was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn at 5:59 p.m.

Laurel Grosjean, clerk

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