

**Bangor Water District
Board of Trustees**

**Minutes of the
Regular Monthly Meeting
April 15, 2008**

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:

Ralph Foss
Rick Fournier
Laurel Grosjean
John Hwalek
Dan Wellington
Brad Wellman

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

- **Presentation of plaque** – to departing Trustee Miller for his seven years of service on the Board (filling an unexpired term and completing two full terms).
- **Minutes** – approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Accounting and Finance Manager Smith presented the report, noting a \$141,000 year to date loss, compared to a budgeted loss of \$93,000. Smith said the O&M payroll was higher than budgeted, but he expected that to decrease as capital projects such as the meter installation and the Essex Street bridge connection get underway. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented

- **Progress Report** – as written.

Old Business:

Long-term 2 treatment requirements/JPS renovations – RFP Scope of Services: General Manager Moriarty reviewed the response from Black & Veatch, noting many of the items that needed to meet new regulations by 2013 were inter-related and would be addressed as parts of a single project. Several Trustees indicated they would like to tour the plant and pump station again to gain perspective on the existing and the proposed processes; Moriarty suggested May 9 prior to the Open House but offered tours when convenient to the Trustees.

Project update: District Engineer Haskell updated the Board on ongoing projects, including:

- Tab to liquid chemical conversion – new door installation at JPS to accommodate tanks. May 1 is deadline for project completion.
- Essex Street bridge approaches and new pipeline – new valves installed on either side of bridge in preparation for tie-in. More supervision by staff than planned (including night work) during installation of pipeline on bridge, due to changes in project from concrete to steel structure. Pipe installed on bridge and approaches. Work scheduled for completion by end of May.
- Thomas Hill Standpipe repairs – replacement of promenade deck ceiling scheduled for this spring (before and after May 21 spring tour). After discussion, it was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously
VOTED: to approve the amended contract for the promenade ceiling repair for \$46,442.

- **March 24 meeting with City Council** – Moriarty reviewed items discussed.

- **FERC permit** – application for exemption has been filed (on the recommendation of FERC) without letters from Maine and US Inland Fisheries and Wildlife as timely responses were not received. Letters will be forwarded to FERC after comment when received.

2007 annual report – changes suggested by the Board were made, and it was therefore upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously
VOTED: to approve the 2007 annual report as presented

New Business:

Meter installations and comments cards: Moriarty updated the Board on the project to replace several hundred meters to units which could be read with a device mounted on the dashboard of a truck. She also introduced a newly developed “customer comment” card which will be given to each customer in contact with field personnel.

Award of paving bid: Moriarty presented bid results, noting there will not be much paving work this year as the capital budget is focusing on meter work. It was upon motion, being made and duly seconded, unanimously
VOTED: to award the 2008 paving bid to the low bidder (Witham Paving).

- **Open House** – scheduled for May 9. To date, 220 students are expected to tour the Butler Treatment Plant and Johnston Pump Station.

Annual Charr meeting: Moriarty reported the annual meeting—mandated by a 1989 legislative resolve—with Maine IF&W took place on March 31. Also in attendance were representatives from the University of Maine who have performed much of the research at the pond. She noted that in March 2007, Floods Pond had been designated as “Heritage Fish Waters” because of the charr (a decision Moriarty supported at the hearing on the matter), At the meeting, IF&W informed the District that the designation had been reversed in April 2008 at the request of IF&W. The reversal apparently hinged on the interpretation of “stocking” as it related to other “heritage” waters.

Work done by UMaine grad students—such as population counts—was also reviewed. Moriarty said the District had contributed \$2800 toward the research work last year, and would likely be approached for a similar amount this year.

- **Newsletter/water quality report** – distributed for Trustee comment prior to forwarding to printer for annual mailing to customers.
- **Board package correspondence** – as distributed.

Hearing no further business to come before the meeting, it was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously
VOTED: to adjourn at 5:50 p.m.

Ralph Foss, clerk

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