[i]Bangor Water District
Board of Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
August 18, 2026

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. Trustees and staff participated in person, except as noted below. Remote participation for the public was provided; however, no one joined the meeting.

I. Call Meeting to Order: Chair Hwalek called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

II. Roll Call: Mr. Foss, Mr. Bragg, Mr. Morse, Mr. Chick, and Mr. Hwalek. Also in attendance were Mrs. Silva, Mr. Littlefield, Mr. Easterwood, Mrs. McGary, and Mr. Harrison.

III. Public Comment Period: No public attended.

IV. Old Business:

Approval of July Regular Minutes: It was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously:

VOTED: To accept the minutes of the regular July meeting with updates as presented by Chair Hwalek.

Water Quality Department Presentation: Water Quality Manager, Easterwood presented an overview of The Water Quality Department and how it operates. Mr. Easterwood's presentation noted the following:

- The Water Quality Department is responsible for the management of the 5,611 acres (8.78 sq. Miles) of Floods Pond watershed with approximately 30% of the Water Quality Department's time devoted to the management and protection of the watershed.
- Timber Harvesting typically averages 2,000 tons of timber per year and ensures water quality in Floods Pond by reducing the risks of fire and disease which helps to eliminate uncontrolled portions of the forested watershed.
- The Water Quality Department maintains a state accredited microbiological laboratory.
- Per the Safe Drinking Water Act, Bangor Water tests water samples for Coliform Bacteria, Fecal Coliform Bacteria, & E. Coli.
- The Water Quality Department is also responsible for investigating customer concerns, that may range from complaints of taste, odor, color, etc.

Report of the Treasurer: Director of Finance, Silva presented an overview of the July

financials, beginning with the month's disbursements and investments and then reviewing the year-to-date revenues and expenses compared to the budget. Silva noted that as of the end of the month, operating revenues were 4 percent or $260,000 ahead of budget with metered sales being 5 percent or $188,000 ahead of budget. Silva also noted that the Total Fire Protection was right on budget and other Revenues were ahead of budget by 38 percent or $70,000. Silva noted that the operating expenses were under budget by 6 percent or ($276,000). Silva ended her presentation by presenting the year-to-date cash flow summary and requesting a vote from the board to have the Board Chair Hwalek serve as an additional signatory.

It was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously:

VOTED: To accept the Board Chair Hwalek to serve as an additional signatory.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Project Manager's Report: Project Manager Littlefield presented current construction and engineering projects as follows:

- **Cumberland Street Water Main Replacement**: Littlefield stated that the submittal review is ongoing, and work is expected to start around September 15, 2026.
- **Birch and Nelson Water Main Replacement**: Littlefield presented that the Birch and Nelson project is still currently awaiting approval for the Kenduskeag Stream crossing from the Army Corps of Engineers, and the project is expected to go to bid in early Fall of 2026 for Spring 2027 construction.

Mr. Littlefield ended his presentation by asking the Board members to vote to allow $150,000 from Bangor Water District's Capital Reserve fund to be used to upgrade the 12" pipe in York Street.

It was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously:

VOTED: To allow $150,000 to be used from the Capital Reserve fund for upgrading the 12" pipe in York Street.

V. New Business:

Water Quality Report: Water Quality Manager Easterwood presented the Board of Trustees with the district's monitoring of coliform, fluoride, bromate and turbidity, which all met the EPA and State guidelines. Easterwood ended by presenting the July nitrification, showing the average nitrate in storage tanks in July, as well as the amount of chlorine used at re-chlorination sites and the number of gallons of water dumped to maintain water quality.

General Manager's Report: The July Progress Report was accepted as written. General Manager Harrison also presented the following updates:

- The EPA site visit went well. They will submit a compliance report within 90 days.
- Fiber Optic Internet will be installed in the Business Office.
- Bangor Water is currently in the process of revising its Terms and Conditions and would like the Board's input on abatements.
- Bangor Water will also be updating its Customer Rights and Responsibilities.
- The District has some additional needs outside of the original budget, some of which will be covered by the surplus in metered sales while others are requested to be covered by the reallocation of capital budget monies.

Mr. Harrison ended by asking that the Board approve the $34,451 purchase ($31,319 plus a 10% contingency) of the new SCADA machine, funding the purchase by reallocating previously approved capital budget monies.

It was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously:

VOTED: To approve the $34,451 purchase of the new SCADA machine as presented.

VI: **Board Member Communication/ Request:** None.

VII: **Executive Session:** None.

VIII: **Next Meeting Dates:** September 15, 2026

IX: **Adjournment:** It was then upon motion being made and duly seconded:

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

Ralph Foss, Clerk

John Hwalek, Chair

Patty Hamilton

Frank Bragg, Vice Chair

Lee Chick

Samuel Morse

Thomas Higgins

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