[i]Bangor Water District
Board of Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
September 15, 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, Mr. Higgins, and Mr. Hwalek. Also in attendance were Mrs. Silva, Mr. Colson, Mr. Easterwood, Mrs. McGary, and Mr. Harrison.

Board Chair Hwalek moved to adjust the agenda to start with Project Management to allow a board member to attend to another matter.

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

VOTED: To accept the adjustment of the agenda to start with Project Management.

Project Manager's Report: General Manager Mr. Harrison presented current construction and engineering projects as follows:

- **Cumberland Street Water Main Replacement**: Harrison stated that the test pits began last week and Lou Silver is currently setting up signage for the Harlow Street detour. The first work to be performed will be the storm drainage on Harlow Street and Harlow Court.
- **Birch and Nelson Water Main Replacement**: Harrison 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.
- **Main Street Design**: Harrison presented a joint project with MDOT and the City of Bangor. The Water District would be looking at a water main replacement from Hammond Street to Cedar Street with replacements of all fire and domestic services, and replacement of all hydrants. The estimated cost is $1,750,000.00. Dirigo Design cost would be $40,000.

Mr. Harrison requested the board vote to authorize the expenditure of $40,000.00 from the Bangor Water District's capital reserve fund to cover the cost for Dirigo Engineering to design the Main Street Project.

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

VOTED: To allow $40,000 to be used from the capital reserve fund for Dirigo Engineering.

III. Public Comment Period: No public attended.

IV. Old Business:

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

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

Maintenance Department Presentation: Maintenance Manager, Colson presented an overview of the Maintenance Department and how it operates. Mr. Colson's presentation noted that the Maintenance Department does the following:

- Manages all standpipe inspections, landscaping, and maintaining the facility inspections and building maintenance.
- Manages the physical and mechanical side of post chlorination.
- Conducts routine maintenance on in-town pump stations.
- Manages corrosion prevention protocols for the Bomarc Pressure Zone and responds to all mechanical faults that arise in above ground structures.
- Manages all in-town internet connections at surrounding facilities and pump stations.

Report of the Treasurer: Director of Finance, Silva presented an overview of the August 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 $245,000 ahead of budget with metered sales were 4 percent or $165,000 ahead of budget. Silva also noted that the total Fire Protection was right on budget and other Revenues were ahead of budget by 37 percent or $76,000. Silva noted that the operating expenses were under budget by 5 percent or ($282,000). Silva ended her presentation by presenting the year-to-date cash flow summary.

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 August nitrification, showing the average nitrate in storage tanks in August, 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 August Progress Report was accepted as written.

General Manager Harrison also presented the following updates:

- A grant proposal has been submitted for isolating SCADA network by using Virtual Local Area Networks (VLANS) to aid in protecting industrial control systems(ICS) from potential cyber threats.
- Revisions continue to be worked on for updating the Terms and Conditions and Customer Rights and Responsibilities.
- The District is enforcing construction specifications by tightening pre-construction protocols.
- The District is reviewing ongoing mechanical breakdowns regarding the District's vacuum truck. In response to these operational challenges, staff is contacting neighboring water districts to determine if they are experiencing similar equipment issues.
- University of Maine Orono engineering students are designing a new tank and analyzing optimal locations for the Bangor Water District as their capstone project.
- Bangor Water District enrolled in the Building Resiliency in Maine virtual workshop and manual operations exercise series to enhance emergency preparedness and system reliability.

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

VII: **Executive Session:** None.

VIII: **Next Meeting Dates:** October 20, 2026

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

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Ralph Foss, Clerk

John Hwalek, Chair

Patty Hamilton

Frank Bragg, Vice Chair

Lee Chick

Samuel Morse

Thomas Higgins