

**Bangor Water District
Board of Trustees**

**Minutes of the
Annual and Regular Monthly Meetings
Feb. 17, 2015**

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

Ralph Foss
Rick Fournier
Patty Hamilton
John Lawler
Robert Sypitkowski

being more than a quorum of Trustees (Absent: Trustees Palmer and Wellington). Also in attendance: General Manager Moriarty, District Engineer Pershken, Finance Manager Bailey, Office Manager Marchegiani, and BDN reporter Evan Belanger. Trustee Sypitkowski, in the absence of Trustee Wellington, was appointed clerk pro tem.

Annual Meeting

Election of Trustee Positions: Following nominations from the floor, it was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously

VOTED: to elect Trustee Hamilton as chair, Trustee Fournier as vice-chair, and Trustee Wellington as clerk.

Appointment of Officers: Following nominations from the floor, it was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously

VOTED: to re-appoint Moriarty as General Manager and Finance Manager Bailey as Treasurer.

Check signing authority: Moriarty explained that the chair typically serves as the third authorized signatory on the District's checking account, to be utilized in the absence of the General Manager or the Finance Manager to sign checks over \$10,000 (two signatures required). Since there was no change in chairmanship, no paperwork will be required this year.

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

VOTED: to adjourn the annual meeting, and reconvene the regular monthly meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Regular Monthly Meeting

Minutes: The minutes were accepted as amended.

Trustee Lawler arrived.

Treasurer's Report: Bailey noted that metered consumption was down by one percent compared to budget, and the budget already contained a one percent decrease over 2014. She also noted lower-than-usual electrical bills, which is due in part to less pumpage, but may also reflect electric metering issues similar to last year. After questions, the Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Progress Report: Moriarty said Bangor Water was not the winner at the National Rural Water Association water taste competition, but a New England utility – East Hampton MA – was named champion.

Public Comment Period: None.

Old Business:

Engineer's Report: Pershken offered a detailed report on the 2015 rehab and renovations of Johnston Pump Station at Floods Pond, built in 1958 and operating with few upgrades. The major overhaul will include

- Replacement of outdated inefficient pumps
- Replacement and relocation of electrical equipment
- An updated generator to replace a smaller, less efficient model
- Repiping of water chambers within the station to allow maintenance with a complete plant shutdown.

Pershken said the initial cost estimate was \$4.3 million, and RFP's for the work will be solicited in April.

Rate Case Schedule: Moriarty reviewed the schedule for the 2015 rate case, including a Board workshop on Feb. 24 to review the audited 2014 financials and proposed rate adjustments. She noted that the last water rate change was in 2011, and the proposed change would

- Increase the minimum water bill by \$1.04 per month
- Increase the average residential water bill by \$1.74 per month
- Begin to fund an infrastructure replacement account – as allowed by the Maine Public Utilities Commission – to address items in Bangor Water's System Infrastructure Assessment Plan.

She added that residential consumption has decreased 3.4 percent since 2011, and that the PERC plant – which may close in 2018 – supplies 11.4 percent of the District's revenue.

The rate adjustment process also involves required mailings to customers, a public hearing, and a courtesy meeting with the District's largest customers.

New Business:

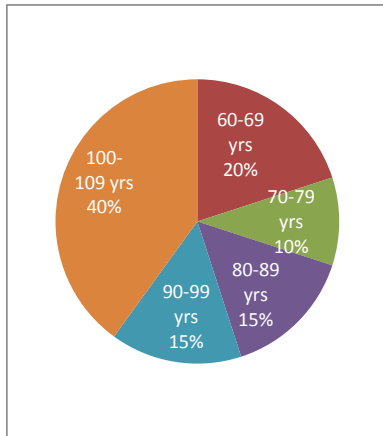
2014 Consumption: On a related matter, Moriarty reviewed Bangor Water's 25 largest consumers.

2014 leak summary: Moriarty summarized the water main leaks experienced in 2014 and the unanticipated repair costs.

	Mains	Services	Private or broken by contractor	Hydrants	Valves	Tapping or Repair Sleeve	Total
2007	27	3	14	2	3	4	53
2008	27	3	2	1	2	1	36
2009	26	11	7	8	6	0	58
2010	14	3	3	1	2	0	23
2011	14	3	5	0	2	0	24
2012	13	2	10	1	2	3	31
2013	19	3	1	3	3	1	30
2014	17	1	7	0	1	2	28

	# of leaks	Total Cost	Average Leak Cost	Maximum Leak Cost	Maximum Cost Location
2007	39	\$ 142,899	\$ 3,664	\$ 6,590	Birch St. 4" main
2008	34	\$ 94,516	\$ 2,864	\$ 17,090	Hollywood Slots, 20" main
2009	51	\$ 150,572	\$ 2,952	\$ 9,859	Hammond St. 12" main
2010	20	\$ 53,153	\$ 2,658	\$ 9,744	Aspen St. 6" main
2011	20	\$ 78,645	\$ 3,932	\$ 21,982	Main St. 8" main
2012	21			\$ 47,945	Garland St. 20" main
2013	29	\$ 90,541	\$ 3,122	\$ 6,867	14th St. at Francis, 6" main
2014	21	\$ 100,219	\$ 4,772	\$12,799	York Street near 105 Hancock

Age of pipe involved in 2014 leaks (no pipe failures with lines less than 60 years old)



Meeting with City Council: Scheduled for March 9 to provide information on proposed rate change.

Commitment of bills for collection: To facilitate the lien process for collection of unpaid water bills, it was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously

VOTED: to certify and commit to the Treasurer of BWD a list of water rates established by BWD and approved by the MPUC for locations required by local and State law to pay a water rate to the District, for the period from February 28, 2015 to February 29, 2016, and as reflected in the District's billing register for the same period. The Treasurer is hereby required and authorized to collect the amounts listed and interest as approved annually by the Board by any means legally available under law.

Conference attendance: Moriarty asked that any Trustees interested in attending the American Water Works conference to contact her by March 24.

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 5:10 p.m.

Robert Sypitkowski, clerk pro tem

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