

**Bangor Water District
Board of Trustees**

**Minutes of a
Board Workshop
February 23, 2016**

A Board workshop was held at 7:15 a.m. in the Hughes Building, 614 State Street. Present were: Trustees Foss, Fournier, Hamilton, Lawler, and Palmer. Also in attendance were: General Manager Moriarty, Finance Manager Bailey, and Office Manager Marchegiani. In the absence of Trustee Wellington, Trustee Foss served as clerk pro tem.

The single item on the workshop agenda was review of financials for the 2016 rate case. Moriarty said the rates were another step toward meeting deteriorating infrastructure needs, and Bailey took the Board through the 2015 year-end financials and the pro-forma calculation for 2016. The proposed rate change of 4.5 percent across the Board would increase revenue by \$271,000.

Moriarty noted the rate change would increase

- The minimum user's bill by 55 cents per month (monthly cost for water \$12.70).
- The average residential user's bill by 88 cents per month (monthly cost for water \$20.34)

Board members discussed whether the rate should have some built-in contingency monies in the event that the proposed projects and bonds came in higher than anticipated, as well as whether seeking a 9 percent rate increase this year and foregoing a rate increase in 2017 would be possible. Board consensus at the end of the discussion was to seek a 4.5 percent increase for 2016.

Moriarty reminded the Board of a meeting with the City Council at 5:15 p.m. on March 14 to discuss the infrastructure needs fueling the rate request, and of the regular Board monthly Board meeting on March 15.

The workshop adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Ralph Foss, clerk pro tem

Richard Fournier

Patricia Hamilton

John Lawler

Gerry Palmer