

**Bangor Water District
Board of Trustees**

**Minutes of the
Regular Monthly Meeting
September 15, 2015**

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
Patricia Hamilton
John Lawler
Gerry Palmer
Robert Sypitkowski
Dan Wellington

being a quorum of Trustees. Absent: Trustee Fournier. Also in attendance: General Manager Moriarty, District Engineer Pershken, Finance Manager Bailey, and Water Quality Manager Page. The clerk kept the minutes.

Minutes: The minutes of the regular August meeting were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Bailey reported that revenue was up due to increased consumption and collection of past due antenna rentals. Expenses were up as less labor was allocated to capital work than planned, as well as purchase of materials for safety items noted in safety audit. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Progress Report: as presented.

I. **Public Comment** : None.

II. **Old Business**:

Engineer's Report: Pershken updated the Board on

- Project at First Street and Davis Court in conjunction with City sewer work: Bids due Sept. 23; later start date required allowance for winter shutdown, although Pershken said he hopes the water line will be in place before the end of the year.
- Construction of Emera substation behind State Street complex: Project awaits approvals and easements. BWD has completed preliminary design work regarding supply for Dorothea Dix complex and District work should start before the end of September. The complex may have its own issues with 100-year-old pipe and possibly a stuck valve.
- New England Water Works Association taste test: Bangor Water is submitting a sample for competition at the fall conference.

Board appointment process: Moriarty reported that Trustees Hamilton and Wellington have both applied for re-appointment, and a former Board member has applied as well. Recommendations for appointments should be made to the council next month.

Verizon lease at Essex Street standpipe: Moriarty reviewed the leases for carriers on various standpipes, and the terms of the proposed lease which has been reviewed by District legal counsel. There are several items yet to be settled such as relocation of equipment for maintenance and a termination clause if the standpipe is torn down. After discussion, it was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously:

VOTED: to authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Verizon for locating cellular communication equipment on the Essex Standpipe pending a successful lease negotiation.

Request for webcam on Thomas Hill standpipe: Moriarty presented a request from local radio station to mount three webcams at Thomas Hill. Among the concerns raised by the Board were

- Appropriate recognition about the location of the webcam, i.e. “Thomas Hill Standpipe”
- Potential issues with FAA re sighting of flights in and out of BIA
- Bangor Water’s part in any revenue generated by the webcam, such as fees for streaming

The consensus of the Board members was for the General Manager to continue discussion with the radio station, and to develop an agreement for the Board to consider.

III. New Business

Arctic charr management: Page reported on the 13th year of ongoing monitoring of the charr by the University of Maine, as part of BWD’s management plan in cooperation with the Dept. of Inland Fish and Wildlife. The District has helped fund the work through a UMaine fellowship established in 2007; this year’s contribution will be \$3,600.

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund: Moriarty said Bangor Water will submit an application for funds for several projects, including the Franklin Street bridge, Lincoln Street, Union Street, Broadway, State Street, and Exchange Street (several in conjunction with City work). The loans are typically for two percent less than market rate, potentially saving the District significant money.

Electric contract: Moriarty reviewed Bangor Water’s current contracts through Maine Power Options for the various facilities. She noted the Griffin, Perry and State Street contracts are up in November, and – based on recommendations from MPO – she authorized a new 12-month contract for those locations.

Operator licensing: Moriarty said water treatment plant operator Dunham had passed his exams from Class 1 and 2 distribution and treatment, and was working toward his class 3 distribution and treatment licenses.

Video projection: Moriarty presented a proposal from the University of Maine's New Media Department to use the Thomas Hill Standpipe as a 3D projection screen to display projects created by his classes. The projects – which would be related to BWD and vetted by the General Manager – would be shown during the May 2016 standpipe tour. Moriarty said the technology would be demonstrated Oct. 1 with a projection on a downtown Bangor building to open the next show at the University of Maine Art Museum. Additionally, the UMaine class offered to do a demo projection on the standpipe this fall to provide a better idea of the project. Moriarty said coincidentally she had been approached by the Bangor Rotary who wished to project a message on the standpipe about ending polio as part World Polio Day.

Board members reviewed the Thomas Hill Standpipe use policy, aimed primarily at tours and requests for private access, which reads in part:

To the extent consistent with the District's other responsibilities and mission requirements, the District will support opening the standpipe to the public for educational functions, and significant community or public promotional opportunities, which benefit the District and City of Bangor.

Availability of the standpipe for general private or commercial use is not consistent with the purpose or historic condition of the facility, and accordingly the standpipe will not be made available for such purposes without the specific approval of the Board of Trustees.

In general, Board concerns were:

- The scope of District legal control over use of the standpipe for projection
- The preservation of the standpipe's image as a historic structure and part of a water distribution system
- The benefit – or lack thereof – of the project/projection.

After discussion, the consensus of the Trustees was to decline the Rotary's Club request regarding World Polio Day, and to direct the General Manager to update the standpipe use policy for Board review, as well as continue discussion with UMaine including a date for a demo at the standpipe.

Meeting with Council Infrastructure Committee: Moriarty said she would try to schedule a meeting with the committee in October.

Board package correspondence: as distributed. Moriarty reminded the Board of the Thomas Hill Standpipe autumn tour on Oct. 7.

Other business: None

Hearing no further business to come before the meeting, it was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously
VOTED: to adjourn at 5:25 p.m.

Dan Wellington, clerk

Ralph Foss

Patty Hamilton

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