

BRUNSWICK AND TOPSHAM WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
April 10, 2017

President Philippon called the Meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Others present were Vice President Kay, Trustees Moll, Ivery, and Meunier; Treasurer Woollacott, General Manager Frasier, Asst. General Manager Douglas, and Finance Director Knowles.
Absent: Trustee Lawler.

AGENDA ADDITIONS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on March 13. A motion was made by Trustee Meunier and seconded by Trustee Ivery to approve the minutes. There was a unanimous vote in favor of the motion.

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FINANCIAL REPORTS: None

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Disinfection By-Product Results Through 2016

Assistant General Manager Douglas shared a presentation with the Board he had given at the New England Water Works Association Spring Conference. The article, Online THM Analyzer helps Utility Optimize Operation and Validate Laboratory results, was accepted and printed in the NEWWA Journal. All Board members were given a copy. The article explains the sampling process of TTHM's at various sample points throughout the District and the effectiveness of the online analyzer at Jackson Station. The information obtained will be instrumental in determining how the District moves forward with the replacement of Jackson Station's treatment process.

Updating TTHM for 2016

The Maine Drinking Water Program has accepted resubmittals on TTHM data for 2016 that will decrease previously submitted TTHM values. The District will be reporting the results in the annual Water Quality Report.

Level of Service Report Card

Assistant General Manager Douglas reviewed the 2016 Level of Service Report with the Board. After some discussion it was determined the District has shown improvement.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

Legislation Update

General Manager Frasier reviewed four bills presented to the Maine Legislature that would affect groundwater withdrawal and District operations. One bill, LD 422, An Act to Facilitate the Creation of the Maine Water Trust, would give the State ownership and total control of groundwater. LD 725, An Act to Recognize Local Control Regarding Food and Water Systems, would give authority to municipalities to enact ordinances for extracting and transporting groundwater. These bills are intended to thwart Poland Springs' business activities but also would affect the District. General Manager Frasier submitted written testimony in opposition to bill LD 422 to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology.

MRRA Leak

MRRA had a water main break on March 26, where approximately 3 million gallons of water were lost. The District offered assistance in locating and managing the break.

Flushing

The District began flushing the Brunswick distribution system on April 3. Flushing is expected to be completed by the end of May.

ACTION ITEMS: None

SECOND INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None

A motion was made by Trustee Meunier and seconded by Trustee Ivery to adjourn to Executive Session Per Title 1 MSRA Section 405 (6) (C) to Discuss Property Issues.

A motion was made by Vice President Kay and seconded by Trustee Meunier to adjourn from Executive Session and return to the regular order of business.

A motion was made by Vice President Kay and seconded by Trustee Meunier to adjourn the regular meeting. There was a unanimous vote in favor of the motion.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting will be held on May 8, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Deacetis
Recording Secretary