

BRUNSWICK AND TOPSHAM WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
May 9, 2022

President Ivery called the Meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Others present were: Vice President Meunier, Trustees Lawler, Philippon, Kay, Lawler, and Moll, Treasurer May, General Manager Douglas, Director of Finance Knowles, District Engineer Schofield, A.J. Cavanaugh and Jeff Hersom of Brunswick Golf Club.

Absent: N/A

AGENDA ADDITIONS: None

MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on April 19. A motion was made by Vice President Meunier and seconded by Trustee Moll to approve the minutes. There was a unanimous vote in favor of the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE: Brunswick Golf Club: Presentation on Possible Expansion

A.J. Cavanaugh and Jeff Hersom of Brunswick Golf Club spoke with the Board about purchasing property near Coffin Pond from the District to expand their golf course. After some discussion it was agreed doing a study would be a good place to start.

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Finance Director Knowles reviewed the Financial Reports for the month ending April 30, 2022.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Hawthorne Street Main Replacement

District Engineer Schofield informed the Board the Hawthorne Street Main Replacement Project has begun. A temporary water main has been installed and tested and temporary water services are being installed. Crooker will begin digging on Wednesday, May 11.

Capacity Development Grant

District Engineer Schofield informed the Board the District has been awarded \$30,000 in Capacity Development Grant Funds to develop a report outlining how the MRRA water system can be brought up to District standards. Both the District and MRRA will contribute \$5,000 towards this effort. A Request for Proposals will be advertised this month for engineering firm selection.

Androscoggin River Crossing Proposal

District Engineer Schofield informed the Board the District has two 12-inch water mains crossing the Androscoggin River. One main is suspended from the Frank J. Wood bridge and the other is connected to the railroad bridge. Wright-Pierce has submitted a feasibility proposal and preliminary design to install a 20" HDPE river crossing to the District. The crossing would allow water to be sent to Brunswick from the Topsham Treatment Facility and water from Taylor Station to be sent to Topsham without shutting down of treatment plants.

Canam Drive ARPA Funds

District Engineer Schofield informed the Board the District attended a meeting at the Sagadahoc County Commissioners Office to support the Town of Topsham's application for American Rescue Plan Act funding to install a District main on Canam Drive in Topsham. The main would complete a loop between Canam Drive and Mountain road. A decision on the funding is not expected until later this summer.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

Topsham Filtration Facility Update

General Manager Douglas informed the Board construction on the new facility continues to progress throughout the building. Conditioning media has begun and will proceed over the next month. MWH has conveyed completion will not hit the June 2 date. A complete overhaul of the schedule is now forecasting July 15.

MWH has requested partial compensation for extended contract conditions. The District has requested CDM draft a recommendation to the District for MWH's verbal proposal of \$13,600 per week to compensate the three-person management team. MWH stated they will cover the remaining incidentals associated with general conditions.

Partial Payment Estimate No. 24 for work completed March 16, 2022 through April 15, 2022 in the amount of \$719,479.37 was reviewed and has been paid.

PFAS/PFOA Update

General Manager Douglas informed the Board the District the Maine Drinking Water Program has informed the District how to qualify for more funding for the project. The District hopes to qualify for another \$150,000 to \$300,000. The results from the newly installed wells are not available as of yet.

The DEP has processed the District's permit application and the hope is to be actively and safely managing the plume by mid-June.

The District is actively opposing a solar farm in the aquifer protection zone and waiting to see if the Town moves forward with the developer's zoning changes.

Action Items:

22-07 River Crossing Feasibility Study (TCS)

A motion was made by Trustee Lawler and seconded by Trustee Moll to amend the capital budget to include \$90,000 for a feasibility study and preliminary design of a new river crossing between Topsham and Brunswick. There was a unanimous vote in favor of the motion.

22-08 Limited Contract Extension for General Conditions (CWD)

A motion was made by Vice President Meunier and seconded by Trustee Lawler to peruse a change order to compensate MWH for additional management costs for up to three managers, as long as they are present at the TFF project. There was a unanimous vote in favor the motion.

22-09 Naming of New Facility (CWD)

A motion was made by Trustee Lawler and seconded by Vice President Meunier to name the new facility the Holden Treatment Station. The motion passed. Trustee Moll voted against the motion and Trustee Philippon abstained.

A motion was made by Trustee Lawler and seconded by Trustee Kay to adjourn at 6:06 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting will be held on June 13, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Deacetis
Recording Secretary