

BRUNSWICK AND TOPSHAM WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
May 12, 2025

President Kay called the Meeting to order. Roll call was taken.

Others present were: Vice President Glidden -Lyon, Trustees Ivery, Meunier, Moll and Philippon, Treasurer May, General Manager Douglas, Director of Finance Knowles, and District Engineer Schofield.

Absent: N/A

AGENDA ADDITIONS: None

MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 14. A motion was made by Trustee Meunier and seconded by Vice President Glidden-Lyon to approve the minutes. There was a unanimous vote in favor of the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE: Water for Work Collaborative – Building the future water workforce

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Director of Finance Knowles reviewed the Financial Reports for the month ending April 30, 2025. He also presented the draft financial audit from Royer.

DISTRICT ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Jordan Avenue Construction Update

District Engineer Schofield informed the Board of ongoing progress. The under-slab work has been completed. As well as the sump for the equalization tank. The project continues to progress well, although the finish date has slipped to June.

Maine Street/Route 1 Bridge Crossing

District Engineer Schofield informed the Board that the MDOT has begun redesign of this bridge, which is also called the pool table. The District expects to upgrade mains from the Androscoggin River Bridge to the 12-inch split on Maine and Mill, to 16-inch.

Forest Glen Lane Maine Replacement

Recent work revealed that the 270 ft main installed in 1969 was in poor condition. Given the resources and the time available staff made the decision to proceed with the replacement as the road is being box cut and the expense would never be more affordable and failure from normal road reconstruction activities increased the liability.

New Bridge Crossing

The pre-insulated water main installation under the bridge is complete and has passed the pressure test. The buried pipe work is scheduled to take place in July.

Taylor Wells

The contractor is expected to be on site to begin the new well installation. Getting the well installed and pump tested will allow Wright-Pierce to finalize plans and specifications for the new pump installation and connections to the existing power, controls, and piping.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

Testimony on LD 1326

General Manager Douglas working with Maine Water Utility Association provided testimony opposing this legislation that would codify drinking water rules in Maine law. This is contrary to the 50-year approach of adopting the federal rules by reference. The Drinking Water Program also opposed the legislation and an amendment was proposed that lessened the conflicts, but did not resolve them fully. It went out of committee ought to pass.

Senate Sentiment for BTWD

On May 7th Sen. Denise Tepler and Senate President Mattie Daughtry invited the Brunswick & Topsham Water District to receive a legislative sentiment in the Senate chamber for our work on protecting public health as the recipient of the Maine Water Utilities Association's 2024 President's Award. The sentiment will be displayed in the lobby.

Board Meeting Conflict

General Manager Douglas informed the Board that due to AWWA's annual conference he would miss the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. Given there is no pressing business scheduled for the meeting his absence doesn't seem to pose an issue.

ACTION ITEM:

Action Item: 25-04 Water for Work Collaborative

A motion was made by Trustee Meunier and seconded by Vice President Glidden-Lyon to join the Water for Work Collaborative with a contribution of \$2,500. The motion passed with five votes in favor and Trustee Ivery voting against the motion.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: None

A motion was made by Vice President Glidden-Lyon and seconded by Trustee Meunier to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting will be held on June 9, at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Craig Douglas
Clerk