

As voted by the Board of Trustees and in accordance with the notice of the meeting, the monthly Workshop Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Portland Water District was held at the Ecology Center of the District, 1 White Rock Road, Standish, Maine on September 13, 2021. In attendance from staff were Messrs. Crovo, Kane, Wallace, Firmin, and Mses. Lewis and Katsiaficas. President Douglas convened the Workshop at 6:00 p.m.

All Trustees were present except Trustees Siviski and Willey.

1. Forestry Operations at the Sebago Lake Land Reserve.

A discussion of the District's forest management practices was held at the Ecology Center. The discussion was followed by a drive to the area of Skip Road, with a narrated walk led by the District's Forester, Paul Larrivee, of 207 Forestry Consultants.

The District's Forester, Paul Larrivee of 207 Forestry Consulting Services, provided a description and demonstration of the work he is doing to complete a timber inventory and forest management plan for the District's watershed protection land. Some of the concepts discussed included methodologies and data collection techniques, natural forest succession, the role of sunlight and water, forest fire prevention, and invasive species management. The timber inventory will provide a critical benchmark of forest composition for future comparison, and the associated management plan will help guide future forest management in accordance with the District's goals. The timber inventory should be completed by year end, and the subsequent forest management plan should be completed by September of 2022.

2. Other Business

General Manager Lewis provided general information to the Board about options being considered to protect PWD from being critically short-staffed due to effects of COVID-19. The Board will be kept apprised of the situation.

3. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

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Clerk