

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 in the Nixon Training Center at the general offices of the District, 225 Douglass Street, Portland, Maine, and via Zoom, on Monday, January 8, 2024. In attendance from staff were S. Garrison, C. Crovo, D. Kane, S. Firmin, J. Wallace, J. Hudak, D. Katsiaficas, and M. Demers.

All Trustees were present except Trustee Douglas. President Lunt opened the workshop meeting at 6:30 p.m.

1. Gambo Property

Chris Crovo, Director of Asset Management and Planning, gave an overview of the Gambo Pit Property and its historical uses by PWD and others. He provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Board which is attached as part of the minutes.

The 111-acre property was purchased in 1956. In 1993 a 19-acre parcel south of Maine Central Rail Road was leased to the Town of Windham for recreation fields and in 2016 a 19-acre parcel was sold to the town for recreation fields.

Current and past PWD uses of the property include:

- Storage of excavation spoils (unsuitable fill material)
- Temporary pipe storage (2023)
- It has been 20-years+/- since PWD mined gravel from the site, but there is a limited amount available

Windham would like to lease a portion of the property for the following uses:

- Materials storage; build storage bins for gravel, loam, sand, culvert pipe, and catch basins, manholes, barriers, etc.
- Loader and equipment
- Potential recreation opportunities

Windham has indicated PWD could benefit by gaining a proposed new road into the site that the town would maintain. PWD may be able to utilize the material storage bins and equipment provided by Windham, if leasing were allowed.

2. Other Business

The Board was shown a video of the new vacuum excavator truck in use digging a service box and road.

3. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Submitted by,

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