

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 remotely on Monday, July 11, 2022. In attendance from staff were Messrs. Crovo, Kane, Firmin, Wallace, Cutrone and Meses. Lewis, Demers and Walker. President Douglas convened the Workshop at 6:33 p.m.

Trustee Shattuck-Heidorn was absent.

### **1. State of Casco Bay**

Curtis Bohlen, Director of the Casco Bay Estuary Partnership at University of Southern Maine, provided an update on the State of Casco Bay.

Mr. Bohlen thanked the Board for allowing him to provide them with an update on the Bay. Every 5 years a report is done on Casco Bay. This is the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the State of the Bay. The Casco Bay Estuary Partnership is one of 28 national estuary programs. There is a 24 member local advisory board and the current chair of the board is PWD's own Charlene Poulin. The current report has 19 chapters broken up into three sections; Human Connections, Drivers and Stressors and Condition of the Bay. Conditions in Casco Bay continue to be better than in many estuaries in the U.S. northeast. Our largely forested watershed and strong tides help protect water quality.

PWD has helped with keeping the Bay safe by updating the aeration system at the East End Wastewater Treatment Facility in 2017 and managing the plant to optimize removal of nitrogen from the treated wastewater before it is discharged into the Bay.

Mr. Bohlen's PowerPoint presentation is attached.

### **2. Executive Session**

Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §405 (6)(D) labor negotiations, the Board went into Executive Session to discuss the status of labor union contract negotiations with Teamsters Local Union #340.

A motion was made by Trustee Siviski and seconded by Trustee Cote to go into executive session to discuss the status of labor union contract negotiations with Teamsters Local Union #340. Voted all in favor.

The Executive Session began at 7:00 p.m. and ended at 7:45 p.m. Motion to come out of Executive Session and adjourn made by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Cote. And approved unanimously.

### **3. Other Business**

None

**4. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by,

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