

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 August 13, 2018. In attendance from staff were Messrs. Crovo, Kane, Firmin, Wallace, Johnson, Thompson and Mses. Lewis, Katsiaticas, and Demers. President Lunt convened the Workshop at 7:06 p.m.

Trustees Grant, Garrison and Douglas were absent.

### **1. Standish Town Beach Report/Presentation.**

Representatives from the Town of Standish and PWD provided an update on the Standish Beach.

Roger Mosley Public Works Director/co-acting Town Manager and Brady Lloyd, from the Parks and Recreation department of Standish addressed the Board.

Mr. Mosley and Mr. Lloyd described their backgrounds and affiliation with the Town of Standish. Mr. Mosley explained the cooperation between PWD and the Town to get the beach built. A long-term lease was entered into in 2016 for the beach. The beach is located at the sandbar. Construction began in June 2016. Marine Corps engineering battalion helped the Town construct the beach. He described the construction activity which occurred to build the beach and provided pictures of the construction progress. The beach is handicap accessible. Mr. Mosley thanked the District for its help in making the beach a reality.

The Recreation Department has taken over management of the beach. Standish added staff, has learned to test the water and has created new recreation opportunities at the beach. An adult paddleboard class and kayak class is offered. The beach is open from Memorial Day through Labor Day, every day; it is open weekends until the end of September.

A household membership for Standish residents, is sold for beach use. Membership is \$35.00. Two vehicles per membership are allowed. A daily pass for \$10.00 may be sold, to last through the end of the season. Ice fishing is allowed, with the gate opened once the lake is frozen; it proved to be very popular last year.

The Sebago Lake boating club subleases one-half the beach. They have a 75-boat limit on the southern end of the beach. Town facilities are available to the club 24/7.

Trustee Willey appreciates and thanked the Sebago Lake Boating Club for being good stewards and looking out for PWD's interests and helping to protect the area near the 2-mile limit.

PWD trains Standish staff to create strategies for maintaining water quality. Town employees (2 of them) are trained water testers. They perform routine inspections at the beach. Waste is managed by the Town as well.

Chad Thompson took over the presentation from there. He described water quality testing done by PWD. Mr. Thompson showed beach quality testing results for 2017. There were no beach closures last year. In 2018, things went well until August 4-5, when tests showed elevated numbers. Tests done during Town management of the beach show the same results as the results shown during PWD beach management. Last week, the temperature of Sebago Lake was 81

degrees. Geese are becoming more of an issue on the beach and are staying for longer periods of time, causing a waste problem.

Trustee Levinsky asked about Raymond beach and if it had closed this summer. Mr. Thompson said no.

President Lunt thanked the Town for their efforts and asked them to return once a year to inform the Trustees how things were going at the Beach.

Mr. Mosley described a number of other projects where the Town and PWD had cooperated with good results, including a shelter at the Town boat launch.

## **2. Other Business.**

Scott Firmin, Director of Wastewater Services gave an update to the Board on the wash out incident which occurred at the East End Treatment Plant. Mr. Firmin provided an incident report in the Trustee packets. He described the events of that day and informed the Board that repairs were made quickly, through the efforts of various PWD staff, including Chad Thompson, Chris Crovo and Tim McMullen. Staff worked with DEP on the incident. Mr. Firmin described the process used by staff to clean the contact tank, and described the error which led to the overflow. He informed the Board the DEP will be pursuing enforcement against PWD because of the size of the spill and because it was preventable. Mr. Firmin is assembling a history of violations at the plant over the last 5 ½ years, and will have it prepared for negotiations with DEP. The process could take 6-7 months to get through the enforcement process.

Trustee Cote asked when PWD staff would have found the overflow if it had not been reported by independent parties. Mr. Firmin said probably within 20 minutes of receiving the independent report.

Trustee Willey noted he had a tour of the area a couple days after the incident. He asked if the new SOP for the tank cleaning will be similar to lock out tag out. Mr. Firmin noted that such a system was designed to protect human life, not to protect the system. Trustee Willey responded that the premise is notice, and that is what is important. Mr. Firmin will describe a summary of the new SOP in the September monthly report.

Trustee Levinsky asked about disciplinary proceedings for the employee who committed the error. Ms. Lewis indicated some discipline had been given, but mainly the employee will assist in creating standard operating procedures to make sure this doesn't happen again. The employee who made the error had been with PWD less than a year. Mr. Firmin noted that PWD did not have position indicators on the gates.

## **3. Executive Session Regarding Legal Matters.**

Donna Katsiaficas, the District's legal counsel, led a discussion with the Board on their rights and responsibilities under the labor contract and strategy for labor negotiations. This agenda item was held in executive session.

Trustee Libby made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §405 (6)(D) and (6)(E) seconded by Trustee Cote. It was voted unanimously to go into executive session.

Executive session began at 7:50 p.m.

Trustee Libby made a motion to go out of executive session, seconded by Trustee Cote. It was voted unanimously to come out of executive session. Executive session ended at 8:45 p.m.

**4. Adjourn.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by,

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Clerk