

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 on March 14, 2016. In attendance from staff were Messrs. Miller, Crovo, Kane, Firmin, Wallace, and Meses. Katsiaticas, Clements and Walker. Attending from the public were Rick Dacri of Dacri Associates and Christine Cain Johnson.

All Trustees were present with the exception of Trustee Lunt.

President Cote convened the Public Hearing at 4:01pm.

1. **Special Meeting.** A Public Hearing was held to receive public input on the proposed average 3.7% increase in water rates effective May 1, 2016.

President Cote noted that 52,000 notices were sent out to customers and area businesses making them aware of the rate increase.

The District received 4 inquires regarding the rate increase, 1 call supporting the increase, 2 calls against the increase, 1 call asking how the rate will impact their business and 1 letter supporting the increase from Marty Braun who lives on Peaks Island.

There was one member of the public present.

Christine Cain Johnson, 95 Craigie Street, Portland

Ms. Johnson provided public comments as follows: Ms. Johnson lives on a limited budget. She has no cable and other luxuries. She believes that paying for clean water is worth it. She appreciates the efforts the District has made in providing good, clean water. She is thankful we are not another Flint, Michigan. She supported the comments made by the resident from Peaks Island. She believed it was important for the public to participate in public proceedings about rates because water quality is very important.

Mr. Miller's remarks to the public and the Board are noted on the first 7 slides of the attached PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Kane also provided financial remarks from the attached PowerPoint presentation.

President Cote asked if there were any other questions from the public.

Ms. Johnson asked if the District would be having public walks at the land preserve again this year. She appreciates what we have out there and how we keep it safe and is looking forward to it. This activity will continue to be funded.

The Public Hearing was closed at 4:17 p.m.

President Cote opened the workshop meeting at 4:18 p.m.

2. Executive Session.

Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. Section §405 (6)(A) personnel matters, the Board went into executive session to interview candidates for the General Manager's position.

Trustee Libby made a motion to go into executive session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(A) personnel, to interview candidates for the General Manager's position seconded by Trustee Douglass. All in favor.

3. Other Business.

None

4. Adjourn.

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

Submitted by,

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Clerk