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## **Maine Public Drinking Water Commission**

### **MEETING #130**

**Tuesday September 1, 2015**

**9:00 AM to 11:00 AM**

Pine Tree Camp

114 Pine Tree Camp Rd, Rome, ME

### **Agenda**

1. Approval of Minutes, Meeting #129, May 5, 2015
2. Review DWC Annual Report
  - a. Public Drinking Water in Maine Report
  - b. DWSRF Construction Report
  - c. Staff Merit Award
3. SFY 2015 and SFY 2016 AFM Fee and Collection Status
4. DWP Annual Financial Report
5. AFM Financial Status
6. Legislative Update –
  - a. DWSRF State Match
  - b. DWP move to the DEP
7. Update on Drinking Water Rules – current/proposed
8. DWP Staffing Update
9. DWC Membership Update – reappointment status
10. Suggested Items for next meeting
11. 2015 Meeting Schedule
  - a. December 1<sup>st</sup>- Yarmouth Water District, Yarmouth



## **Maine Drinking Water Commission**

### **Minutes of Meeting #130**

**September 1, 2015**

The Maine Public Drinking Water Commission (DWC) held its 130<sup>th</sup> meeting on September 1, 2015 at Pine Tree Camp, Rome Maine.

#### **Present Were:**

**Members:** Tom Brennan, Jeff LaCasse, Harvey Chesley, Lee Worcester and Roger Crouse.  
Jim Willis, Board Clerk.

**Time:** Jeff called the meeting to order at 9:12 AM

#### **A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes from the last meeting were approved as written.

#### **B. RECURRING BUSINESS:**

##### **1. REVIEW DWC ANNUAL REPORT**

Roger discussed the new three part DWC annual report that was created this year. The commission commented on how much they liked the report. Roger discussed the Staff merit award and stated that Erika Bonenfant was this year's recipient.

##### **2. SFY 2015 AND SFY 2016 AFM FEE AND COLLECTION STATUS**

Roger stated that we had a 98 percent collection rate for the 2015 AFM billing. Roger stated that we are on Par from last year in collection rate this year. Roger stated that we are in the process of sending out another billing in early September for systems that still have not paid.

##### **3. DWP ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

Roger discussed the DWP financial report. Roger stated that we lost two positions with the current state budget – an Office Specialist I and an Office Associate II position. Half of the Office Specialist I position was funded out of the AFM fees. Roger proposed that half of the Assistant Laboratory Certification Officer position be funded from the AFM account. This would maintain the five FTE count funded by AFM. The commission members agreed with this proposal.

Roger indicated that the anticipated federal funding levels for FFY 2016 will remain the same as FFY 2015.

#### **4. AFM FINANCIAL STATUS**

Roger discussed this as part of the discussion above.

#### **5. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Roger discussed that we are on track to get our state match from a portion of the sales from the liquor contract.

Roger reported that the proposed legislation to move the Drinking Water Program to the DEP was dropped by the legislature. The Drinking Water Program will remain within DHHS.

#### **6. UPDATE ON DRINKING WATER RULES – CURRENT/PROPOSED**

Roger discussed the new Revised TCR rule and how it will impact water systems.

#### **7. DWP STAFFING UPDATE**

Roger stated that two positions were eliminated as part of the 2016-2017 biennial budget – an Office Specialist I positions and an Office Associate II position.

Julia Kimball was recently hired to fill another vacant Office Associate II position which provides support for the Well Drillers and Water Operators Boards. The vacant Compliance Officer position should be filled soon.

#### **8. DWC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE-REAPPOINTMENT STATUS**

There are 3 seats that are up for renewal August 31, 2015 - Rebecca Laliberte, Robert MacKinnon, and George Dugovic. Rebecca Laliberte and Robert MacKinnon are in the process of re-applying for their seats. George Dugovic will not be requesting reappointment. John Storer resigned from the DWC earlier in the summer when he moved to New Hampshire.

Kathy Moriarty was appointed to fill one of the vacancies on September 24, 2015.

#### **9. SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Setting meeting dates for 2016 DWC meetings

#### **10. 2015 MEETING SCHEDULE**

December 1<sup>st</sup>- Yarmouth Water District

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 am

Respectfully Submitted  
Jim Willis