

December 15, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Trustees of the Auburn Sewerage District was held at the Office of the Auburn Sewerage District, 268 Court St. on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 4:00PM.

Members present: Robert Cavanagh (President), Joseph DeFilipp, Raymond Fortier, Heidi McCarthy (Treasurer), Stephen Ness and Charles Sheehan. Also present: Sid Hazelton, Superintendent, Michael Broadbent, Assistant Sewer Superintendent and Greg Leighton of Maine Water Company.

On motion of Joseph DeFilipp, seconded by Charles Sheehan, it was unanimously voted: **To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 17, 2015**

FINANCIAL REPORT – Cascades Auburn Fiber is down \$170,000 from projections for the year. The District is projecting a negative budget variance of \$83,000 at year end and \$500,000 cash on hand.

RATIFY PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Stephen Ness, seconded by Charles Sheehan, it was unanimously voted: **To ratify the payment of bills in the amount of \$ 233,147.75 as shown on the printout dated November 14, 2015- December 4, 2015.**

OPEN SESSION – K.C. Geiger, Auburn Water District Trustee, and Tizz Crowley were in attendance.

ACTIVITY REPORT – The November activity report was presented by Michael Broadbent. Cascades Auburn Fiber is in full operation. Leachate is no longer being added and the odors are back. The meeting on the Shape Award is December 16th. The District has addressed the deficiencies. The Shape Award renewal is good for two years. The District has one (1) remaining active CSO on Riverside Dr.

NEW BUSINESS

IMPLEMENTATION OF 2016 SEWER RATES – A 15% sewer rate increase will become effective February 1, 2016. The Capacity Demand Charge and Industrial Surcharge Fee will remain the same. The increase will be on the usage rate only which will affect all customers: \$2.45 to \$3.16 per 100 cubic feet (748 gallons). This will give the customer control over his/her bill and reward for conservation. The customer notification by mail must take place 14 days prior to the increase. The letters will be sent January 4th. Notification of the Public Hearing must appear in the newspaper 7 days prior to the Public Hearing. The notice will appear on January 11th. The Public Hearing is scheduled for January 19th at 5:30PM. Superintendent Hazelton will notify the industrial customers and the Auburn City Manager and Mayor as a courtesy.

On motion of Stephen Ness, seconded by Joseph Defilipp, it was unanimously voted: **To approve a 15% rate increase on usage only to be effective February 1, 2016.** Charles Sheehan opposed.

LAWPCA APPORTIONMENT & FINANCIALS – The District is budgeting for a 46%/54% split in 2016.