

April 19, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Trustees of the Auburn Water District was held at 268 Court Street, Auburn, Maine on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Members present: Kevin Arel, Robert Cavanagh, Eric Gould, Stephen Milks, President and Mayor's Representative and Andrew Titus, Treasurer. Also present: Michael Broadbent, Superintendent and Tanya Dunn, Finance Manager.

Members absent: Dan Bilodeau and Jason Pawlina

APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING of March 22, 2023

On a motion of Eric Gould, seconded by Kevin Arel, it was unanimously voted: **To accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE with 1 M.S.R.A. § 405 (6) (E) to DISCUSS A LEGAL MATTER

On a motion of Andrew Titus, seconded by Robert Cavanagh, it was unanimously voted: **To move into executive session.**

The meeting was called to order at 4:23p.m.

FINANCIAL REPORT UPDATE

Water sales were down in March approximately 3%, leaving a \$21,000 variance in metered revenues. March ended with \$3.5 million cash on hand.

RATIFY PAYMENT OF BILLS

On a motion of Robert Cavanagh, seconded by Kevin Arel, it was unanimously voted: **To ratify payment of bills in the amount of \$402,291.51 as shown on the printout dated March 1, 2023 – March 31, 2023.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Stephen Beale questioned the progress of the Stable Ridge Development corrective actions required for the District to take over ownership of the booster station. Superintendent Broadbent responded that there has been progress, however, all items have not been corrected. The District is operating the station, however, ownership will not be transferred until all items have been corrected.

Mr. Beale also commented that the lawsuit filed against the District is due to actions of the City of Auburn. He questioned if the District will bring responsibility of these actions to the City. President Milks responded that the District has maintained its commitment to the rate payers and that the attorney is taking care of litigation and the PUC complaint.

ACTIVITY REPORT / PROJECT UPDATE

Main breaks have tapered off. The crew is transitioning from maintenance work to projects. Gendron is extending both water and sewer mains on Mount Auburn Avenue. The crew will start off with eliminating 5,000 feet of cast iron main on Hotel Road. The Second Street project has been awarded; the start of the project is delayed because of the contractor's availability. This means some of the work will not be completed this year including the planned water improvements. The new high school has its meter and the water is on.

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OLD BUSINESS

Sustainable Water Supply Alternative

The Sustainable Water Supply Alternative Committee reviewed the Weston and Sampson presentation from the prior meeting. The next steps are to look into the feasibility of extending the intake and research potential ground water sources within 1 mile of the AWD infrastructure.

Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission Update

The Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission, LAWPC, authorized staff to hire CDM Smith to obtain certainty of the watershed boundary. This work will include researching existing test wells to find the direction of ground water flow.

Bates College conducted a study of the proximity of septic systems to Lake Auburn. Superintendent Broadbent will review the study and the possibility of a DEP 319 Grant to remedy issues if necessary.

NEW BUSINESS

Water Quality Update

Water quality at this time is trending normal. Ice out was April 12th. More sampling will occur now that the ice is out.

TRUSTEE OPEN SESSION

As no Trustee had comment, the Trustee Open Session was closed.

On a motion of Robert Cavanagh seconded by Kevin Arel, it was unanimously voted: **To adjourn.**
Meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Dunn

Approved: May 17, 2023

A true record

Attest: _____

Clerk