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Minutes of Meeting #147 November 20, 2019

The Maine Public Drinking Water Commission (DWC) held its 147th meeting on November 20, 2019, at the Yarmouth Water District.

Present Were:

Members: Jeff LaCasse, Rebecca Laliberte, Kathy Moriarty, Carol White, Tom Brennan, Brian Richardson, Mike Abbott, DWP Director, and Jim Willis, Board Clerk.

Time: Kathy called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the last meeting were approved as written.

B. RECURRING BUSINESS:

1. SFY 2020 AFM FEE COLLECTION STATUS

Mike stated that we are at 94.5 Percent collection rate. Which is on par from previous years. Mike updated the DWC on the progress of accepting credit cards for payment of AFM fees.

2. SFY 2020 – DWP FINANCIAL REPORT

Mike and the DWC discussed the DWP Financial report. After discussion the DWC would like to see a quarterly update showing actual expenses to budgeted amount.

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MEETING #147

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

9:00 AM

Yarmouth Water District, Yarmouth Maine

Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes, Meeting #146, Sept 4, 2019.
2. SFY 2020 AFM Fee Collection Status
3. DWP Financial Report
4. DWP General Updates (DWSRF, Staffing, ETC)
5. Legislation and Rulemaking Update
6. PFAS Sampling Project Update
7. Public Water System Items for Discussion (Open Forum)
8. DWC Meeting Dates for 2020
9. Suggested Items for Next Meeting

3. DWP GENERAL UPDATES (STAFFING, DWSRF, ETC)

Mike stated that the DWP currently has three vacancies. The DWP has advertised for the Education and Outreach Coordinator. Holly Ireland with our Rules group has taken another position within the Maine CDC. We are currently waiting to get permission to fill that position. Ami Stillings has been hired as the new Rules Coordinator Supervisor. The DWP is waiting to get permission to hire an ES3 position to fill Ami Stillings old position in Data Management.

Mike discussed the primary project list for this year's SRF projects.

4. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE/RULE MAKING

Mike discussed LD153- Lead testing in all schools, including schools on municipal water systems, would be managed the DWP.

Mike stated we are still working on resubmitting proposed rulemaking for the Drinking Water Rule. We are also working on updating Sub-Surface rules.

5. PFAS/CYANOTOXINS SAMPLING PROJECT UPDATE

Mike discussed ongoing PFAS testing projects, and future testing. There was discussion about the PFAS task force set up by the Governor. Mike Stated that the task force is looking to release a report by the end of the year. Mike and the DWC discussed the possibility of issuing status updates to PFAS issues.

6. PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION (OPEN FORUM)

Mike gave an update on plans to revamp the Maine CDC website. Mike stated that the DWP can't just revamp our site as it's part of the CDC Website. Kathy thought to invite The DHHS Commissioner or Governor to tour The Bangor Water District. Mike was going to pass the invite on to The DHHS Commissioner and Governors office.

Brian mentioned that the Winterport Water Districts new Water tank is almost ready to go on line.

7. DWC MEETING DATES FOR 2020

February 12- KeyBank Plaza, Augusta Maine

May 6- Bangor Water District, Bangor Maine

September 2- Poland Spring, Poland Maine

November 18- Yarmouth Water District, Yarmouth Maine

8. SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Fluoride levels in drinking water

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM

Respectfully Submitted

Jim Willis