

NH PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – November 13, 2019

Meeting held at Thirsty Moose, Manchester, NH

- Opened meeting of the NHPWA BOD at 12:20 p.m.
 - Quorum of:
 - President Lisa Fauteux – City of Nashua
 - Past President Scott Kinmond – Town of New Durham
 - State Dir. Rep. of the New England Chapter APWA - Kürt Blomquist – City of Keene
 - Treasurer/Secretary - Dan Hudson – City of Nashua
 - NH Water Pollution Control Association Rep. - Peter Goodwin – Tata & Howard
 - ACEC Rep. – John Vancor – Hayner/Swanson
 - ACEC Rep. – Britt Eckstrom – Wright-Pierce
 - Member at Larger – Aaron LaChance – Hoyle, Tanner & Associates
 - Member at Large – F. Adam Yanulis – Tighe & Bond
 - Member at Large – Christina Hall – City of Lebanon
 - NH LTAP Rep. – Marilee LaFond
 - Guests:
 - Reagan Bissonnette - Executive Director Northeast Resource Recovery Association
- Secretary's Report
 - Kürt motion to accept 10/3/19 minutes, Scott seconds, all in favor – minutes accepted.
- Treasurer's Report
 - Dan presented the Treasurer's Report. Kürt noted that we have a large balance, so should consider financially supporting activities that support Public Works. Kürt motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Adam seconds, all in favor – Treasurer's Report approved.
- By-laws Review
 - Lisa noted that she and Kürt need to meet to further discuss. The potential for adding the ability to vote via email was discussed, it was agreed that it may be appropriate for some items, but some items should be discussed face to face. Bylaws changes require approval by 2/3 of the Board followed by majority vote of the membership at the annual meeting.
- Public Works Memorial
 - Rick Riendeau and Aaron are coordinating a spring clean-up effort on May 15th, followed by a networking cookout at Keach Park.
- Statewide Public Works Event / Field Trip
 - Adam reviewed the concept of a meeting event with a lunch and bus tour format, concluding by 3:00 p.m. T2 would be willing to assist. Ideas included running the event annually, to be held in a region of the state, on a rotating basis. The goal would be to pick diverse topics in the Public Works field, including engineering, administration, and operations. July might be a good time of year. Britt and Marilee agreed to take the lead on coordinating a 2020 event.

* The business meeting paused for approximately 30 minutes for a lunch break *

- Membership from Partner Associations
 - Lisa is reaching out to request that partner associations designate representatives to serve on the NPWA Board of Directors. Peter noted that there has been a change in NHWWA leadership, he will follow-up with them. Making personal connections works better than sending out letters. Peter will reach out to NHDES, Kürt offered to help as needed.
- Legislation
 - Dan provided an update on SB 152. NHPWA issued a letter in opposition to the proposed bill last spring. Bill language was revised and a meeting was held at Associated General Contractors (AGC) office in Bow to discuss. Revised language is still objectionable, as it limits the ability of municipalities to make their own decisions about who to engage for independent construction oversight and what the extent should be. The bill seeks to allow for a process where the design engineer could certify that the project was constructed in conformance with requirements. AGC agreed to review and possibly further revise the proposed bill.
- Membership
 - Marilee reviewed status of membership renewals. The membership list should be sent to committee chairs so they can review and recruit members to assist.
- Training and Education
 - John and Christina will take the lead on organizing meetings.
- Public Relations
 - Lauren Byers (byersl@nashuanh.gov) is assisting with public relations efforts, please send her any items of interest and she will post them on the NHPWA Facebook page and on Twitter. NHWW has had success merging Public Relations with their Young Professionals group. Adam offered to assist with Public Relations efforts.
- Audit
 - Bill Harriman and Dennis McCarthy will complete the annual audit.
- Partner Reports
 - Peter reported that NHWWA is tracking potential legislation. Of the 800 or so LSRs 8 are of interest to water.
 - NHWPCA will be holding a meeting in Exeter and their annual Legislative Breakfast.
 - Kürt provided an update on the New England Section, the plow rally was held and the annual holiday meeting will be held on December 7th in Hartford.
 - Marilee provided a T2 update, they are wrapping up 2019 workshops, an introduction to public works and public works leadership are being developed, a presentation was made at the NHMA conference with Scott.
 - Kürt provided an update on New Hampshire Public Works Mutual Aid Program, they are looking for additional membership and an October workshop at the National Guard Armory is planned.

NH PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – November 13, 2019

Page 3 of 3

- Other Business
 - Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA) – Reagan provided an overview of the NRRA and their programs. NRRA is non-profit organization serving as recyclables brokers, Nashua, Keene, and other communities are members. Communities are using crushed glass as aggregate in road projects, as glass is heavy and therefore expensive to recycle. A Canadian vendor is accepting glass for recycling in fiberglass insulation. NHDES has standards that allow for use of processed glass aggregate as replacement for sand and gravel. NHDOT allows for 3/8" minus glass aggregate to be blended with gravel (80% gravel / 20% glass). New London and Keene are using processed glass aggregate for sidewalk gravels and pipe bedding.
- Upcoming Meetings and Events
 - John suggested a future recruiting and retention meeting topic, as the labor market remains very tight.
 - There will be no Board meeting in December. The next Board meeting will be held on January 17th at NHMA offices in Concord, future meetings tentatively to be held on the 3rd Friday of each month.
 - NHPW Memorial cleanup day is scheduled for May 15th.
 - Kürt noted that the NE Section is looking to partner with state activities and meetings.

Scott motion to adjourn meeting, Peter seconds, all in favor - meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.