



NHMA
25 Triangle Park Dr.

**NH PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION
NHPWA August Meeting
September 24, 2021 9:00 a.m.**

I. Open meeting of the NHPWA

Present:

- a. President Tim Clougherty – City of Manchester
- b. President-Elect Dan Hudson – City of Nashua
- c. Treasurer/Secretary - Christina Hall – City of Lebanon
- d. Past President – Lisa Fauteux – City of Nashua
- e. Public Sector Representative - Scott Kinmond – Town of Alton
- f. Member at Large – Aaron Lachance – Hoyle Tanner
- g. Member at Large – Britt Eckstrom – Wright-Pierce
- h. Member at Large - F. Adam Yanulis - Tighe & Bond
- i. Representative from NH LTAP – Marilee Enus
- j. Representative from NH Water Pollution Control Association– Peter Goodwin – Tata & Howard
- k. Representative from Primex - Dave Witham
- l. Representative from NHDOT – CR Willeke
- m. Representative from the NH Water Works Association - Bill Boulanger – City of Dover
- n. Lauren Byers – City of Nashua

II. Approval of August minutes

- a. Amendment by DH
 - i. Net from last year under 3a change to \$7,800
- b. DH as amended; SK second, passes

III. Review and Approval of Treasurer’s Report

- a. Balance \$59,074.74
- b. DH met virtually w/ CH to discuss Treasurer’s duties.
- c. Not much to report. Membership dues coming in, not much for expenses.
- d. SK discussed audit w/ BH– he is willing to help again. Need to contact DM still.

IV. Announcements, Updates, Discussion Items

- 1) Membership Notice and status
 - a. Notice was sent out.

- b. Finances run on an accrual basis. Financial report forthcoming.
- 2) October 20 Fall Meeting Agenda (agenda and notification)
 - a. TC & JV working on the agenda still; need bio info for speakers. Will be released next week.
 - b. Forum on employee recruitment & retention – need a moderator.
 - i. AY volunteers to moderate
- 3) First Responder Designation
 - a. See emailed info from TC
 - b. At this point, TC says we need to identify exactly what we want via this designation. Modify existing RSA or new RSA recognizing PW employees as first responders?
 - i. This is a separate issue from HB1494.
 - ii. SK recommends keeping them separate; TC agrees.
 - c. Maine and MS are the only states that currently recognize PW employees as first responders.
 - d. AY suggests to get the first responder designation approved first, then work on the death benefit after.
 - e. TC explains that NH does not have a blanket definition for First Responder; it is defined in the law/action/bill on a per instance basis (e.g. first responders such as police, fire, teachers...)
 - f. Opportunities to create awareness of PW as First Responders- create recognition
 - i. Consider aligning public works with other programs or groups that build awareness of PW as first responders- such as programs for “First Responders” relative to tuition reimbursement, vaccination, emergency management
 - 1. For instance, [Senate Bill 46](#) speaks to Public Works as part of a group under the “Public Safety Radio Interoperability” law signed by Gov. effective 6/26/2015
 - 2. NH RSA 141 may be another to consider
 - 3. Hearing on HB536 on Tuesday
 - ii. Volunteer Professionals and First Responder’s Day October 28th in NH – can we recommend Resolution designating as a day in NH and include PW in that language
 - 1. TC will propose language on this to Senator Cavanaugh for input

- 4) Essential Worker Designation, benefits, HB1494
 - a. 3 separate bills circulating in MA regarding this.
 - b. HB536-FN
 - i. Partisan (D). Died in committee. Death benefits for PW employees.
 - ii. Sounds similar (same) to HB1494
 - iii. Hearing on this on Tuesday (?).
 - c. October 13-20 deadline for introduction of bills.
 - 5) Salary Report – TC developing a survey to gather feedback and will share out within PW community, develop and share a report with all participants afterwards
- V. Partner Reports
- 1) New England APWA - Regional conference in Yarmouth October 4-6
 - 2) NH Water Pollution Control Association– Water Works Trade Show on 10/1 at Doubletree Manchester, Annual Meeting 12/10 after tour of new WWTF on Pearce Island
 - 3) NH Water Works – Meeting on 10/20/2021
 - 4) NH Public Works Mutual Aid – workshop 10/15 Pembroke
 - 5) NH Primex – back in person training, COVID-related impact claims, cybersecurity other important topic now. EPA offering [cybersecurity workshops](#).
 - 6) NH Municipal Association – ME forwarded details on NHMA conference booth for board to consider interest.
- VI. Upcoming Meeting and Events
- 1) Next Meeting October 20, Derryfield Country Club
 - 2) Following meeting Wednesday 11/17 noon (NHMA conference) at Thirsty Moose
- VII. AY motion to adjourn, SK second, all in favor and meeting adjourned 10:19a.

Meeting minutes by Marilee Enus and Aaron Lachance