



NHMA
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**NH PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION
NHPWA February 2023 Meeting
NHMA- Concord, NH
February 17, 2023
9:30 AM**

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: President Clougherty, President-Elect Hudson, Alan Cote, Aaron LaChance, CR Willeke, Ian Rohrbacher, Scott Kinmond.

- I. Open meeting of the NHPWA
 - a. President Clougherty called meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.
- II. Approval of January minutes
 - a. Motion by A. Cote to accept the minutes of 1/4/23 as presented, seconded by D. Hudson. Motion passed
- III. Review and Approval of Treasurer's Report
 - a. C. Hall distributed the treasurers report and account balances by email on 2/16/23. A. Cote made motion to accept the treasurers report, seconded by S. Kinmond. Motion passed.
- IV. Announcements, Updates, Discussion Items
 - 1) Confirmation of future meetings
 - a. Pres. Clougherty reviewed meeting schedule through June 2023. He did note that there is a conflict with our 6/23/23 date due to the NEAPWA Conference. S. Kinmond reported that Lee Cooper, Program Coordinator at T2 has uploaded the meeting dates to the shared calendar. He also mentioned that any of our partners are welcome to share their training and meeting schedules so we can avoid conflicts.
 - 2) Potential NHPWA Scholarship
 - a. Rising college students
 - b. Enhance career opportunities

- c. Continuing education
 - d. Creation of scholarship committee (Dan Hudson, John Vancor, Adam Yanulis)
 - i. President-Elect Hudson reported that he has circulated a poll with the committee members to set up a virtual meeting for setting up the criteria and application. CR Willeke advised that Tony Puntin, PE, has experience with setting up a Scholarship in memory of his daughter who passed away recently. CR Willeke mention he may be a resource.
- 3) Potential for consolidated calendar for professional organizations
- a. S. Kinmond reported that Calendar is up and running, and any partner groups should send meeting, training etc. to Lee.cooper@unh.edu.
- 4) Membership and sponsorships
- a. Pres. Clougherty reported that notices will be going out.
- 5) Audit Subcommittee establishment
- a. S. Kinmond reported that the committee will work to coordinate with the Treasurer and NHMA Judith P to meet possible after next month's meeting to conduct the audit.
- 6) NHSPE 72ND Engineers Week Banquet Sponsorship
- a. President Clougherty advised he has received a request for sponsorship for the banquet. D. Hudson made a motion to make a \$250.00 sponsorship for the NHSPE Engineers week banquet, seconded by CR Willeke. Motion passed
- 7) NEWEA Water's Worth It Legislative Breakfast Sponsorship
- a. President Clougherty advised he received a request for sponsorship for the legislative breakfast. Alan made a motion to make a \$150.00 sponsorship for the NEWEA legislative breakfast. CR. Willeke seconded the motion. There was a discussion if this is the same as the NHWWA legislative breakfast. It was believed that it was different. Motion passed.
- 8) New Business
- a. D. Hudson made a motion to reimburse President Clougherty \$226.85 for expenses from January Board meeting. A. Cote seconded the motion. Motion Passed
- V. Partner Reports
- 1) UNH T-2

- a. S. Kinmond representing UNH T2 due to Lee not being able to make it, reported that that we are circulating a survey to gain further knowledge on agency practices, and we are looking for a good return. Marilee is also looking for feedback on a grant to assist with Workforce development for Public Works in NH, which is an 80% grant/20% match. Pres. Clougherty mentioned that FMCA has grant5 funds available for CDL training covering 100% including staff costs. The group felt this may be something T2 might want to consider, and they believe could be supported by all PW in NH. Mentioned about training calendars out, if agencies need additional calendars to let Marilee know. S. Kinmond mentioned that there is a lot of training in the schedule for 2023.
- 2) New England APWA
 - a. No Report, Kurt was unable to attend.
- 3) NH Water Pollution Control Association
 - a. Peter provided email with the below information: First, the BOD wanted to thank NHPWA BOD for again partnering on the “Water is Worth It” Legislative Breakfast being held on Wednesday March 8, 2023 at the Holiday Inn on Main Street in Concord. The breakfast is free, but registration is required. <https://nhwpc.org/meet-reg1.php?id=29> Keynote speaker: Scott Spalding, an Emmy award-winning NH Analyst with Frederick McNeill, City of Manchester EPD as moderator. The Government Affairs Committee is tracking 2 bills HB 212 related to \$2M funding in FY23 for DES for sampling and testing air, soil, groundwater, surface water, wastewater, and other biota for PFAS. Also, HB 311 which is related to the State Aid Grant Funding. Hearings in House and Senate have been positive. The Governors draft budget had \$27.9M of the requested \$30M. NHWPCA has written letters of support and attended hearings urging the full \$30M. Schedule events include: Spring Meeting/Trade Show **April 14, 2023 Sheraton, Nashua** Summer Workshop **Summer Outing June 23, 2023** Ops Challenge Golf Outing **August 03, 2023 Beaver Meadows Golf Course** Fall Meeting **September 29, 2023 Three Chimneys Inn, Durham NH** Winter Meeting **December 8, 2023 TBD**
- 4) NH Water Works Association
 - a. Ian provided a report, and mention that they are also looking at workforce development for Water positions, and several legislative bills regarding water test.

Ian mention he believes the NEWEA request is the same as the NHWWA legislative breakfast request which was funded last month by \$300.

- b. Alan made a motion to recind the previous motion to fund the legislative breakfast for \$150, CR Willeke seconded the motion. Motion passed.

5) NH DOT

- a. CR Willeke provided update on changes in Commissioners with Bill Cass, and Dave Rodriguez (sp) as Deputy Commissioner. He also spoke of bill before the legislation for \$30M in funding for Local Bridge Aid and HBG funding to Towns. He also mentioned the potential in \$100M in red listed bridge aid funding.

6) NH DES

- a. No report

7) Municipal Management Association of NH

- a. No Report

8) NH Road Agents Association

- a. No Report

9) NH Consulting Community

- a. No Report

10) NH Public Works Mutual Aid

- a. A. Cote reported working with T2 for Fall Training at Conference October 2023.

11) NH Primex

- a. No Report

12) NH Municipal Association

- a. No Report

VI. Other Business

VII. Upcoming Meeting and Events

- a. Next Meeting 3/17 at NHMA

VIII. Adjourn

- a. Alan made motion to adjourn, seconded by CR Willeke, motion passed and adjourned at 10:30 a.m.