



## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**March 13, 2024, 3:00 PM**

**The Common Man  
Concord, NH**

### **MINUTES**

- I. Open meeting of the NHPWA
  - a. Pres. Hudson called the meeting to order at 3:02
    - Members present.
      - Dan Hudson, City of Nashua- President
      - Christina Hall, Town of Hanover- President Elect
      - Ian Rohrbacher, City of Rochester- Secretary/Treasurer
      - Scott Kinmond, Town of Alton & T2, Public Sector Member
      - Adam Yanulis, Tighe & Bond- Member
      - Aaron LaChance, Hoyle & Tanner – Member
      - Kurt Blomquist, NEAPWA Rep
      - Alan Cote, Town of Derry- NHPWMA Rep.
      - Krista Larsen, NHDES Rep.
      - CR Willeke, NHDOT Rep
      - Peter Kohlmi, City of Concord
      - Britt Eckstrom, Wright- Pierce – Member
      - John Vancor, Hayner-Swanson- Member
  
- II. Approval of February 7<sup>th</sup> minutes
  - a. Minutes were reviewed, Motion by A. Cote to approve the minutes as written, seconded by C. Hall. Motion unanimously approved.
  
- III. Review and Approval of Treasurer’s Report
  - a. Treasurer I. Rohrbacher reviewed the February Financials and reported that our current balance is \$71,283.38. The Board discussed the invoicing and outstanding uncollected for great understanding. A. Cote made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report and A. Yanulis seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.
  
- IV. Announcements, Updates, Discussion Items
  - 1) Membership Renewal
    - a. B. Eckstrom reported that invoices are out, payments are coming in.
  - 2) Corporate Sponsorships
    - a. A. Yanulis reported that he will continue to follow up with past and new corporate sponsors.
  - 3) Scholarship Program (applications due April 19<sup>th</sup>)
    - a. Pres. Hudson promoted the scholarship opportunities with applications due by 4/19. A. Yanulis inquired as to these years intended award amounts. Pres. Hudson advised three scholarships with up to \$1,500 each. (Total \$4,500)

- 4) NEAPWA State Awards (nominations due March 25<sup>th</sup>)
  - a. Pres. Hudson reported that a zoom meeting was held last week to discuss the application / nomination process, and Marilee has prepared an application / nomination form which will be due 3/25, so they can be submitted to NEAPWA.

Pres. Hudson advised he would like to do a partner report and then spend the remaining time on the Annual Meeting / Technical Session.

#### V. Partner Reports

##### 1) UNH T-2 - Scott Kinmond

- S. Kinmond provided an update on training and technical assistance being provided, with focus on “Driving Towards Zero” with working with communities on LRSP’s, and information on FHWA SS4A grant process. He also discussed working to transition training to more hands on or simulated practical exercises for students i.e. culvert class. He mentioned training calendars are out, and online for both virtual and in-person training, which will start in full swing in 2 weeks.

##### 2) New England APWA - Kurt Blomquist

- K. Blomquist reported that the next meeting is March 25<sup>th</sup>, and awards will be discussed. A. Yanulis mentioned the VT Equipment Show in Barre, VT on 5/8, an excellent show and well attended.

##### 3) NH Water Pollution Control Association - Peter Goodwin

- P. Goodwin was unable to attend but did provide the attached report via email.

#### **Legislative Breakfast – March 6, 2024**

The NHWPCA wanted to thank NHPWA for again co-sponsoring the breakfast. Senator Denise Ricciardi provided opening remarks. There were Congressional remarks from Congresswoman Annie Kuster (via video), Congressman Chris Pappas (via video), Senator Maggie Hassan (via letter read by staff). NHWPCA and DES recognized Senator Denise Ricciardi, Representative Thomas Buco, and Senator Jeb Bradley (absent) as water policy champions and presented them with plaques. The presentations on cyanobacteria and energy efficiency programs for WTP/WRRFs were very engaging. Closing remarks by Rene Pelletier NH DES Water Division Director. There were about 75 attendees, which was down slightly from previous years (excluding Covid) when the breakfast would see 100 +- attendees.

#### **Legislative Update**

The Legislative Affairs Committee and the Four Association Group (NHWPCA, NHHWA, GSRWA, and DES) have been monitoring legislation and 2 bills of note.

HB1294 was adopted by the House as amended, has not been introduced to the senate yet. As discussed at the last GAC meeting, the amendment was a total re-write including the title. New title: establishing a committee to study ways to facilitate municipal compliance with Clean Water Act requirements.

Here is the amendment:

[https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/bill\\_status/billinfo.aspx?id=1259&inflect=2](https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/bill_status/billinfo.aspx?id=1259&inflect=2)

HB1649 came out of committee Ought to Pass with Amendment and has been referred to Finance. The amendment provides an exclusion for water and wastewater utilities, as requested in a joint letter submitted by

NHWPCA, GSRWA, and NHWWA.

### Upcoming Events

Joint NHWPCA and MEWEA Ski Day March 14, 2024, at Saddleback Ski Area

Spring Trade Show: April 12th at the Nashua Sheraton.

Summer Outing: June 21st at Ellacoya State Park.

Golf Outing: August 1st at Beaver Meadows.

Fall Meeting (September) – TBD

Winter Annual Meeting (December)- TBD

Let me know if you have any questions.

- 4) NH Water Works Association - Ian Rohrbacher
    - a. I. Rohrbacher mentioned that they are watching HB 1479, regarding public employees lobbying or speaking on bills. They have issued a letter in opposition. He mentioned training classes are posted to the website, and the spring meeting is 4/30. S. Kinmond mentioned that T2 was asked to present at the 2024 NHDES Source Water Protection Conference and speak on Salt reduction techniques, technologies, and BMP's, due to the elevated salt levels in some public wells.
  - 5) NH DOT - CR Willeke
    - a. C. Willeke reported that the legislative bill which would have provided additional HBG and Bridge Aid funds from surplus to communities was unfortunately killed. He also mentioned upcoming LPA training on 4/2 & 3, and ACEC conference on 4/18. A. Yanulis mentioned that it would be good to have NHPWA have some representation there such as sponsorship or something to recognize the association. C. Willeke will reach out to the organizer Alex K.
  - 6) NH DES – Krista Larsen
    - a. K. Larsen reported that on 4/8 is the Water Infrastructure funding workshop, and they are looking for summer interns.
  - 7) Municipal Management Association of NH – Vacant
    - a. No Report
  - 8) NH Road Agents Association – Brian Barden
    - a. No Report
  - 9) NH Consulting Community - John Vancor
    - a. No Report
  - 10) NH Public Works Mutual Aid - Alan Cote
    - a. No Report
  - 11) NH Primex - Dave Witham
    - a. No Report
  - 12) NH Municipal Association – Vacant
    - a. No Report
- VI. Annual Meeting (May 9<sup>th</sup> at The Derryfield)
- a. Nametags for Board Members
    - S. Kinmond distributed new name tags for Board Members. D. Hudson advised the Board that Catherine had asked if she could pay for the name tags and apply for her sponsorship. A. Cote made a motion to credit Stay Safe Products corporate sponsorship in the cost amount for the Board Member name tags. K. Blomquist seconded the motion. The Motion passed unanimously.
  - b. Speaker Gifts
    - A. LaChance provided a list of some 15 different gift / give away items with price ranges of \$2 to \$15. The Board by consensus agreed on 30 portfolios, a mix of ball and socking hats, logo golf balls, USB chargers and umbrellas.

D. Hudson made a motion to authorize the expenditure of \$2,000 for such promotional items as discussed. A. Cote seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Agenda

- The Board discussed the various training / speakers for the annual meeting. K. Lason confirmed presenters for
  - Session 1: Climate Resiliency
  - Session 2: Asset Management
- A discussion regarding the next two sessions relative to APWA Accreditation (Town of Bedford), BABMT Work Order program, Asset Mgt with Brandon, Salt Reduction- Success stories and how it's being done. (S Kinmond, A. Cote & A. Hanscom.) A. Yanulis will reach out to Jeff at Bedford DPW to ask about accreditation and or Brandon's BABMT.

d. Elections

- D. Hudson will prepare a list of Board position and terms.

VII. Memorial to Public Works Employees

- a. C. Willeke reported that he is unaware of the Spring clean-up date. But will check.

VIII. New Business

- a. None

IX. Other Business

- a. J. Vancor asked the Board if they supported the ADA working group, as a NHPWA standing committee. The Board by consensus agreed, and J. Vancor will provide a report for the next meeting.

X. Upcoming Meeting and Events

- a. BOD Meeting – April 19<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m. at NHMA
- b. Annual Meeting – May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Derryfield

XI. Adjourn

- a. D. Hudson made a motion to adjourn the business meeting and move to the Spring social. C. Willeke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting concluded at 4:07 p.m.