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## **Maine Public Drinking Water Commission**

### **MEETING #124**

**Tuesday February 11, 2014**

**9:00 AM to 11:00 AM**

Drinking Water Program – Key Bank Building  
286 Water Street Augusta, Maine  
287-2070

### **Agenda**

1. Approval of Minutes, Meeting #123, December 4, 2013
2. AFM Fee and Collection Status
3. DWP Financial Status and Federal budget estimates
4. SFY 2014 DWC Annual Objectives
  - a. EPA/ASDWA Resource Needs Report
5. Legislative Update –
  - a. DWSRF State Match
  - b. Letter to Congressional delegation
6. DWP Staffing Update
  - a. Letter to Karen Asselin
7. Review of Charleston, West Virginia drinking water contamination incident. Could this happen in Maine?
8. DWC Membership Update – reappointment status
9. Suggested Items for next meeting
10. 2014 Meeting Schedule
  - May 6, 2014- Lake Auburn UV Treatment Plant - Auburn
  - Sept 9, 2014-Pine Tree Camps-Rome
  - Dec 2, 2014- Kennebec Water District-Waterville



## Maine Drinking Water Commission

### Minutes of Meeting #124

February 11th, 2014

The Maine Public Drinking Water Commission (DWC) held its 124<sup>th</sup> meeting on Feb 11, 2014 at The Key Bank Plaza Augusta Maine

#### Present Were:

**Members:** Jeff LaCasse, Bob MacKinnon, George Dugovic, Lee Worcester and Roger Crouse

**Guests:** Jim Willis (Maine DWP)

**Time:** Jeff called the meeting to order at 9:15 am

#### A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of minutes from the last meeting occurred with the correction of Tom Brennan's name being removed from attending the December 4, 2013 meeting.

#### B. RECURRING BUSINESS:

##### 1. AFM FEE AND COLLECTION STATUS

Roger provided the Commission Members with a summary of the AFM collection status. We currently have a 96.8 percent collection rate. Roger noted that we received more AFM payments in the month of July than ever before. Currently we have 81 systems that are delinquent. But overall we are on par from last year.

##### 2. DWP FINANCIAL STATUS

Roger stated that spending this year is on par from previous years.

##### 3. FEDERAL FUNDING PICTURE

Roger discussed projected budget estimates from the Federal Government. We are looking at the PWSS grant being a little lower or flat funded and DWSRF grants being slightly higher than last year.

Jeff reported that a letter was sent to Maine's congressional members, stating the importance of SRF. Jeff stated that he had a good response from all members.

#### **4. SFY 2014 DWC ANNUAL OBJECTIVES- EPA/ASDWA RESOURCE NEEDS REPORT**

Roger stated that the EPA has not decided not to release the Resource Needs Report instead ASDWA put out the report. Roger stated that we are currently covering all the bases ok and Report is not going any higher than the Maine Drinking Water Program.

#### **5. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE /DWSRF STATE MATCH**

Roger stated that the 2014 state match is still up in the air. With the current legislature and current governor there is little hope for another bond to get the state match. Roger has been working with the commissioner's office to find other alternatives to get our state match.

#### **6. DWP STAFFING UPDATE**

Roger stated that we currently have two vacant compliance officer positions. We have received permission to fill Lindy Moceus's old position and we are still waiting to fill Pam's Bryer's old position. Roger is asking human resources if we can direct hire the assistant Lab certification officer position. Roger stated we are still waiting to hear about the office specialist/supervisor position.

#### **7. REVIEW OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA WATER CONTAMINATION INCIDENT**

Roger discussed the chemical spill in West Virginia. George asked about risk management in Maine. Roger also discussed a heating oil spill at the Hebron school.

#### **8. DWC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE-REAPPOINTMENT STATUS**

Lee Worcester is the only DWC member unappointed.

#### **9. SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING/2014 MEETING SCHEDULE**

No topics were mentioned

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Sept 9, 2014-Pine Tree Camps-Rome  
Dec 2, 2014- Kennebec Water District-Waterville

A motion to adjourn was made, meeting ended at 11:10AM.

Respectfully Submitted  
Jim Willis