Final BOARD OF LICENSURE OF WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATORS March 17, 2011 Meeting

Members Present:

Others Present: Jessica Bishop, Clerk Kirsten Hebert, MRWA

Trevor Hunt, Chairman, Bath Water Dist David Beaulieu, Aqua Maine Daniel Levasseur, Huber Woods VSWS Kerry Smart, Alfred Water Dist Chris Crovo, Portland Water Dist Teresa Trott, DWP

Called to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 A.M.

General Administration:

- <u>Approval of the January 20, 2011 minutes</u>, Kerry Smart motioned to accepted the minutes. Chris Crovo 2nd. Board approves. Passed
- <u>Financial Report</u>: Board was presented with a report on the current finances. There was discussion over getting a balance. The board would like a full financial report, not just a summary.

<u>System Update:</u> FIT staff is trying to get systems to comply with the requirements and the list of those not in compliance have been given to them. There was discussion over giving guidance to Drinking Water Program, DWP, at the end of the meetings. If field staff is having problems, maybe come to a meeting to get guidance from the Board. They discussed possibly having Nate Saunders come to a meeting and talk about some of the issues out there and the Board could provide guidance.

Operators Update:

<u>Renewals:</u> There are currently 183 people who have not renewed. Those renewals makes up about \$11,000 out of the annual budget.

<u>TCH</u>: Operators can now check their number of TCH's for renewal. A link is on the website and is updated periodically.

Many new classes have been recently approved. There have also been a lot of new types of classes, such as energy efficiency.

<u>Online Testing</u>: Online testing can be ready to go within 6 to 8 weeks after saying go. There has been a potential fee increase, but not sure. Not only is Portland listed but Bangor is also listed as being a potential developing site. There may be a possible retake policy of a wait period of 14 days.

<u>SDWIS</u>: Discussion was over EPA's SDWIS program and the possibility of being able to use it more effectively in order to hopefully pull out info to get statistics needed to find out what is needed for training. It was also discussed that SDWIS currently is not able to do this function and no place to put that type of information.

Old Business

<u>Statue</u>: Table discussion on rule making since sub-committee members not present.

<u>SWOCS</u>: Renewals have been processed and is being updated with TCH's.

<u>Board member status:</u> Class III seat is vacant and some are up for reinstatement. Kerry Smart and Chris Crovo's re-appointment should have been back in June. The former Governor did not appoint anyone for the class III vacancy or any of the re-appointments.

Operator Issues:

None at this time.

New Business

DWP- DHHS has a new Commissioner- Mary Mayhew ABC -Annual Conference: EPA – NEWWA – MWUA – MRWA – JETCC –

The Calendar of meetings and exams for 2011

Meetings:

May 19th- Topsham

September 15th – Augusta

November 17th- Topsham

Exams:

June 21, 2011 in Augusta – June 23, 2011 in Portland Deadline May 7, 2010

October 25, 2011 in Augusta – October 27, 2011 in Presque Isle Deadline September 3, 2010

The meeting adjourned at 11:18 A.M.

Next Meeting: May 19th in Topsham