MeWEA Executive Board Meeting  
Friday, May 22, 2015  
Maine Municipal Association  
Augusta, Maine

MINUTES

Attendance: Tom Connolly, Travis Peaslee, Al Jellison, Jeff McBurnie, Mac Richardson, Scott Firmin, Mary Waring, Brian Kavanah, Matt Bodwell, Matt Timberlake, Tim Haskell, Paula Drouin, June Mooney, Mac Richardson, Mary Waring, Aubrey Strause, Leeann Hanson, Darold Wooley, Joan Kiszely and Melissa Christy.

Absent: Alex Buechner, Andy Rudzinski, Dustin Price, Dick Bicknell, Stacy Thompson, Peter Goodwin, Dan Welch.

Guest: Leslie Anderson (DEP Director of Innovation).

Call to Order: President Tom Connolly called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m.

Introductions:

Correspondence Folder: Tom Connolly listed the multiple documents included in the Correspondence folder.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Mac Richardson, seconded by Matt Timberlake, all approved the minutes of March 20, 2015. Motion made by Mac Richardson, seconded by Matt Timberlake, all approved the minutes of April 17, 2015.

Treasurer’s Report: Al Jellison reported on the February and March financial reports, indicating that everything was in order. There was a brief question and answer period. Motion made by Jeff McBurnie, seconded by Mac Richardson, all approved the February and March 2015 financial reports.

DEP Representative: Brian Kavanah reported on the following:
- Letter went out in April for marine discharge facilities to voluntarily test for Nitrogen in their effluent. The letter was sent out to 32 facilities and 27 responded. The sampling will start in June.
- Phosphorus Sampling: DEP has summarized the data and will put it on their website. They will notify facilities that the data is out there so they can review it. Brian will be looking for feedback within 30 days. The rule will eventually be finalized. DEP will notify and solicit comment from affected facilities.
- Brian was asked if he had seen the article on Sea Run Brook Trout in The Townsman. He said he had not, but that he would look into it.
NEWEA State Director Representative: Peter Goodwin was absent. Tom Connolly indicated that NEWEA was looking for nominations for the Peloquin & Operator of the Year Award. Motion made by Al Jellison, seconded by Jeff McBurnnie, all approved to give the elected officers authority to submit nominees for the Peloquin & Operator of the Year Awards to Peter Goodwin.

NEWEA & WEF Membership: Aubrey Strause gave a brief update on the discussion about whether NEWEA & WEF memberships should be linked. Aubrey solicited feedback on this question and received the following comments:

NEWEA/WEF Membership Questions:
1. What would be the effect on NEWEA membership, budget, and rates if there is a separate rate offered that does not mandate WEF membership?
2. The current approach is “all or nothing”. It forces people to be part of WEF. They might not want to join or can’t afford to join both associations, and might opt out of joining NEWEA as a result.
3. Would there have to be a NEWEA By-law change?
4. Would it be a different application?
5. The more choices, the better.
6. Some MEWEA Board members are frustrated that our association asked a similar question several years ago (about having a separate MWWCA membership category independent from NEWEA) and were criticized.
7. Would WEF be offended?
8. NEWEA is one of the largest WEF member associations. If many New England people opt out of WEF membership, and would WEF see major communication challenges?
9. Is there a middle ground, such as that large facilities would not be allowed to opt out but small ones could.
10. MEWEA supports NEWEA having this discussion with WEF.
11. MEWEA acknowledges potential damage to WEF, but also opportunity for NEWEA. We’d like to know what potential impacts there are to WEF.

Old Business:

New Business:

Government Affairs Committee Representative: Tim Haskell submitted the following written COMMITTEE REPORT:

MeWEA Weekly Legislative Report

Week Ending May 8, 2015

Ocean Acidification. The Report of the Ocean Acidification Commission was presented to the Marine Resources Committee on March 4th. No actions were taken. They said early in the session they would schedule further discussion, but none have taken place.

LD 185 - Ban handheld use of mobile phones. Divided Committee report - 7 ONTP, 6 OTP-A. Committee Amendment provides an exemption for emergency services personnel when there is an immediate threat to the health or well-being of any person. Senate approved OTP-A. House rejected. Senator Katz has amended the bill to reduce the fine for a first offense from $250-$75.
Government Affairs Committee Representative: Tim Haskell submitted the following written COMMITTEE REPORT:

Status: Senate has approved Katz amendment. House insisted on ONTP. Tabled in Senate.

**LD 192 Clarify the Law Governing the Collection of Unpaid Sanitary District Charges.** Tim Haskell monitored the work session on 3/5. The Committee amended the bill along the lines suggested by Sen. Saviello, the bill sponsor.

Not reported out of Committee.

**LD 200 PUC Rules regarding Dig Safe.** Tim Haskell monitored the work session before the EUT on the Rules on 3/5. The Committee approved the rules with minor amendments. Committee amendment reviewed and confirmed it's a minor reporting change.

Resolve became law without the Governor's signature, 2015 Resolve Chapter 9.

**LD 394 Resolve, to Lower the DEP's 5-point Odor Intensity Referencing Scale for Odor Control at Solid Waste Processing Facilities.** This was the subject of a lengthy public hearing this week. I do not expect it to pass because it would require DEP to make arbitrary changes to their stands.

Work Session 5/15. Carry Over Requested.

**LD 397 An Act Regarding the Packaging and Labeling of Disposable Cleaning and Personal Hygiene Products.** Scott Firmin testified for MeWEA in favor of this bill. Representatives from Kimberly Clark testified in opposition to the bill. They noted there is action at the federal level and there will be a major stakeholder group meeting in late March. Kimberly Clark wants to addressed at the federal level, rather than the state level. Several business groups, including the Maine Merchants Association and the Maine Chamber of Commerce also testified against. Scott had a lengthy discussion with Kimberly Clark representatives afterward.

The ENR Committee is sympathetic to our concerns, including Senator Saviello. He suggested holding on to the bill until after the late March meeting.

Majority ONTP accepted House and Senate. Dead.

**LD 427 Address and Mitigate the Impacts of Marine Debris.** This is a concept draft with no specific recommendations. Tom Connolly prepared testimony in support of the legislation, which Rick McCarthy presented.

Carry Over requested.

**LD 430 An Act to Assist Municipalities to Obtain Payment of Overdue Sewer Bills.** Rep. Burns' bill is a concept draft. He introduced it at the request of the Machias Town Manager, but has no specific ideas. Rick McCarthy testified in support for MeWEA, but we don't have any specific ideas either. Committee agreed to consider any specific recommendations at work session.

Unanimous ONTP. Bill is now Dead.

**LD 493 An Act to Create the Ocean Acidification Council.** Rep. Devin's bill would create a 12 member Council. He has prepared an amendment that will add a representative from MeWEA to the Council. Tim Haskell testified in favor of the bill as amended on 3/11. Discussion at work session on 4/8 indicated the
**Committee Report:**

Committee was split over the necessity of the bill. The Dept and many members were concerned about cost. Bill tabled.


**LD 569 Reduce Municipal Liability Outside Federally Declared Flood Zones.** Sponsored by Rep. DeChant. This bill will prevent insurers from excluding coverage for damages resulting from the failure of municipal or government infrastructure. It doesn't target sewer facilities, but we could get caught in the legislation before all is said and done. MeWEA testified in support. Work Session 3/24 @ 1:30 before Insurance and Financial Services. Tabled.

Unanimous ONTP. Dead.

**LD 660 Protect Homeowners from Damage in Event of the Failure of a Public Water System.** Sponsored by Rep. DeChant. This bill would create a "Homeowner Protection Fund" at the PUC to reimburse homeowners whose property is damaged by the failure of a public water system. Like with LD 569, we need to be concerned that wastewater systems may get caught up in the bill. For now, MeWEA will monitor. At the 3/26 public hearing there was interest in doing something to address the issue.

Bill voted OTP-A at EUT Committee Work session: Tuesday, 4/7. Not reported out.

**LD 795 An Act To Encourage Prudent Development along the Coast or in a Flood Zone by Considering Predictions for Sea Level Rise.** Sponsored by Rep. Devin (of course). This is a concept draft. Full text:

> This bill proposes to enact measures that would require sea level model predictions to be taken into account in the design phase of any development project on the coast or in a flood zone if more than 10% of the total funding for the project is state funding. "Development project" includes, but is not limited to, the development of buildings, land, walkways, bridges, roads, culverts and piers.

> The bill also proposes to enact measures to require coordination among state and federal agencies, universities and stakeholders concerning development projects on the coast or in a flood zone that may be affected by sea level rise.

SRF projects could fall under the 10% state funding requirement. Wastewater facilities are of necessity constructed next to waterways, so this is worth monitoring.

At the public hearing, MMA testified in favor, as did Tom Abello of the Nature Conservancy, and MEREDA. Geoff Hermann said MMA would support "as long as things don't get too crazy."

Status: Work session May 15. Carry Over Requested.

**LD 884 An Act to Amend Laws Concerning Water Quality Standards.** Sponsored by Rep. Campbell. This is a DEP Department bill. It allows DEP to issue additional discharge licenses for class A and AA waters to support atlantic salmon restoration. It also corrects a number of errors in statutory references to covered streams. It doesn't look like it will impact MeWEA members.

Unanimous ONTP. Bill is now Dead.

**LD 998 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Collect Data on and To Monitor Ocean...**
Government Affairs Committee Representative: Tim Haskell submitted the following written COMMITTEE REPORT:

**Acidification**, Sponsored by Rep. Parry. Will provide $3M to DMR to support monitoring ocean acidification and its impact on wildlife and commercially important species such as lobsters and clams.

Public Hearing: No date scheduled. Referred to Appropriations.

**LD 1124 An Act To Manage Risks Associated with the Installation of Natural Gas Pipelines**, sponsored by Rep. Dunphy. This is our pipeline separation bill. Public hearing held 4/15. Work session held 4/22. Tabled while interested parties talk and hopefully work out a compromise EUT voted Unanimous OTP-A. Amendment will implement DOT 3’ x 1’ standard statewide. Existing municipal standards will remain in effect. Not reported out.


Work session: Thursday, April 30. Voted Majority ONTP, Minority OTP. Not reported out yet.

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Laboratory Committee Representative: June Mooney had no report.

Membership Committee Representative: Dan Bicknell was absent. Al Jellison indicated that we have 600 members to date. Tom Connolly indicated he continues to make calls to try to promote membership. Mary Waring asked if the Board should initiate a discussion of whether MEWEA dues should be reviewed and possibly increased, based on the gradual draw-down in reserves as we transfer money in to balance our budget each year. She indicated that in the past MEWEA had been comfortable with the use of reserve funds because we had at least one year’s operating funds in reserve. She suggested that a small group should review this issue and report back to the Executive Committee.

Pretreatment Committee Representative: Dan Welch submitted the following written COMMITTEE REPORT:

MeWEA Pretreatment Committee Report

I. Q2 meeting scheduled for June 4th starting with a lunch meeting at the East End Plant, then a tour of Sebago Brewery in Gorham. If you are interested in attending please let me know ASAP.

II. We will be discussing candidates for the Pretreatment Excellence Award for the Fall Convention awards ceremony. If you have any recommendations, please visit the Awards Committee web page.

III. We will discuss the Dental Amalgam proposed rules, comments and training topic for the Fall Convention.

Personnel Advancement Committee Representative: Tom Connolly indicated that Travis Peaslee has stepped in to pull together the Fall Convention sessions. They have 28 sessions selected and by June 5 they plan to have all the sessions and speakers finalized. They would like the attendee packet to go out the second week of July.
**Convention Committee Representative: Travis Peaslee submitted the following written COMMITTEE REPORT:**

**MEWEA Convention Committee-May 2015**

**Spring Conference** - I was unable to attend this year but was told the event was successful and that attendees enjoyed the venue. I want to thank all those that were involved in making the conference a success. If you have any feedback or suggestions for future spring conferences I would love to hear them.

**Fall Convention** - Joan, Stacy, and I made a site visit to Atlantic Oakes and the Samoset recently and have also solicited proposals from Spruce Point, Cliff House and Sebasco. All facilities have been asked to propose meals and activities they think would fit our 50th anniversary needs. We anticipate evaluating all proposals and making a decision real soon in order to lock down our summer meeting location/date. We have also started working on the session map, agendas, and flyers in order to get things finalized and mailed out early this year.

Travis Peaslee

There was a brief discussion on the dates/days of a Fall Convention.

Travis Peaslee indicated he talked with Jeff McNelly about co-sponsoring the MWUA Conference.
Public Relations Committee Report

May 2015 Prepared by: Matt Timberlake

1. **2015 Clean Water Week Poster Contest.** Winners selected at spring convention.
   a. Presentation at State House Friday June 5th, 2015 at 10:30am with Governor LePage and Commissioner Aho from ME DEP.
   b. Calendars will be ordered and delivered by the Fall Convention

The Maine Water Environment Association (MEWEA) is pleased to announce the winners of this year annual Maine Clean Water Week Poster Contest. The theme of the 2015 contest was "Why clean waters worth it to ME" and we received over 550 posters from schools throughout Maine from students grades 1-12. This overwhelming participation made the judging as tough as it has ever been and the following students were selected by the MEWEA members as the best poster in their age group.

1. Grades 1-3 **Freya Qualls** from North Berwick Elementary School in Mrs. Landry's class
2. Grades 4-6 **Lydia Merrill** from Chop Point School in Bath in Mrs. Moore's class
3. Grades 7-8 **Moriah Hajduk** from Winthrop Middle School in Mrs. Gilman's class
4. Grades 9-12 **Elizabeth Kane** from Gorham High School in Ms. Franey's class

Matt Timberlake indicated that Rob Pontau is interested in being the Public Relations Committee Chair for 2016. Motion made Jeff McBurnie, seconded by Aubrey Strause, all approved to give the old MEWEA display to JETCC.

**Safety Committee Representative:** Andy Rudzinsky was absent.
Communications Committee Representative: Mac Richardson submitted the following written COMMITTEE REPORT:

Maine Water Environment Association
Report of the Communications Committee

May 2015:

The May newsletter is in Jaime’s capable hands and should be out before the end of the month. Thank you to all who contributed. I am working on getting my committee’s tech session together for the fall conference. I am thinking about a title/topic for the session along the lines of “Reaching out to the Public: Methods to make connections”. Assuming we can work it into his busy schedule of public appearances, Rob Pontau has tentatively agreed to speak on the new Brunswick Sewer District Interactive Kiosk. I am trying to contact Kathy Moriarty from the Bangor Water District about the public campaign they just completed. Of course, if there are other suggestions, I have open ears!

Respectfully submitted,
Mac Richardson

Collections System Committee Representative: Matt Bodwell had no report. He is looking for Charles Perry Award nominees.

Residuals Management Committee Representative: Jeff McBurnie reported on the following:

- Legislative:
  Proposed legislation to change the recently adopted odor standards will be carried over to the next session.
  Salmonella – Mary Waring reported that there is currently only have one lab in the State certified to perform this test (Katahdin Lab). After some some confusion over methods, Katahdin is going through the certification process for SM9260D, and will no longer be performing EPA method 1682.

Operator Challenge Committee Representative: Alex Buechner was absent.

Industrial Committee Representative: Dan Welch was absent.

Young Professionals Representative: Paula Drouin noted the new chair is Mike Guethle from Acorn Engineering, PO Box 3372, Portland, ME 04104, Phone 775-2655, email – mguethle@acorn-engineering.com. They will be having a meeting on June 10th.

Awards Committee: Mary Waring reported on the following:

- Roger Gagne Award will be voted on in June. She will send out a solicitation for nominations.
JETCC Report
Maine Water Environment Association - Spring Convention
May 22, 2015

Spring Training is now complete and we are working to outline topics and locations for new classes to begin in the Fall!
- Please contact Leeann with any training requests or if you wish to assist with a hosting or teaching a training class!

JETCC Board of Directors:
- We look forward to MeWEA’s recommendation for the open Board position representing a WWCS.
- We are waiting for MMA’s response to reappointing Lenny Blanchette to the MMA position on the JETCC Board.
- We are assessing the next step with MeWEA’s Municipal position on the Board.
- The next JETCC Board meeting is Friday, August 7.

JETCC Founders Award:
We are accepting nominations for the JETCC founders Award. Nominations should come from a supervisor who wishes to recognize a valuable operator that he/she could not do without! (see nomination form). Nominations are due by July 24.

Highway Congress:
Leeann is hoping to represent JETCC and the WW & DW industries at the Annual Highway Congress on June 4. Typically she plays WW videos. If possible she would like to borrow the OLD MeWEA booth. In the past the guys from TBC have transported it.

Call JETCC if YOU are interested in Management Candidate School!
We are working with Greater Augusta Utility District to schedule a 7th year of Management Candidate School to hopefully begin in the Fall.
This program continues due to ongoing operator interest…
...it is not a guarantee, so tell us if you think it's for you!

Management Candidate School is sponsored by:
Maine Wastewater Control Association
Maine Water Utilities Association
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
Maine Department of Health and Human Services

Contact Spring or Leeann for details!
(207) 253-8020 www.jetcc.org
Motion made by Jeff McBurnie, seconded by Mac Richardson, all approved William Stritch to replace John Emerson who has termed out on the JETCC Board.

Joint Environmental Training Coordinating Committee

April 27, 2015

Commissioner Patricia Aho  
Maine Department of Environmental Protection  
17 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0017

Dear Commissioner Aho:

I know that you have been a supporter of JETCC’s Management Candidate School (MCS) and the important role it is serving to prepare the next generation of water and wastewater treatment managers and supervisors. That is why I was disappointed to see that D.E.P. will not be supporting the MCS like our other partners from MEWSA, MWUA, and DHHS. We received this news after this year’s program budget and class had begun so recouping the loss from this year’s participants can not be done and our class rates are already near unsupportable levels. I ask that you reconsider and restore the MCS support of $2500.00 for this year and future years.

The legislature’s appropriation of $10,000.00 per year in additional support for JETCC’s overall programs only serves to partially fill a gap in our financial needs. The fact is, we have been using up reserves at an unsustainable rate to make ends meet since the inception of JETCC. For example, there has been a net loss of $49,186.61 over the period from 2004 through 2014 despite raising class fees to levels that may reduce participation in the future if increased again. Seventy-five percent of JETCC’s revenue comes from class fees paid by class participants yet there are no representatives on the JETCC Board have only an advisory role according to DEP staff.

I have served on the JETCC Board since 5/2008, with an interim appointment followed by two terms of my own which end 5/15/2016. I have served as board chairman for all but my first year. I have made financial sustainability the major focus of my time on the board and after observing the inner workings between the training contractor, D.E.P. and the board, I have found improving financial sustainability fleeting and disappointing at best. The training contractor NEIWPCC routinely exceeds the approved budget without consequence. When NEIWPCC is pressed with hard financial questions they respond by saying the board has an advisory role only and their contract is with the DEP. The DEP representatives on the board have not taken NEIWPCC to task for budget overruns. JETCC’s lack of financial sustainability can be traced in large part to the way its governance is structured and the way contracts with NEIWPCC have been structured.

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Since the very first contract with NEIWPCC, all of NEIWPCC operations in Maine have been financially assessed to JETCC programs. If NEIWPCC was able to obtain other contracts from DEP, the amount of revenue associated with those contracts would be subtracted from the Base JETCC responsibility. These other contracts with the DEP have been for the Non Point Source Program, Erosion Control, Tank Rollover, and in more recent times the Wastewater Operator Certification Program. Roughly 50% of NEIWPCC’s operations in Maine can be attributable to JETCC with the rest attributable to other DEP contracts or is assessed to JETCC because no other source of income is available. Historically, JETCC has only used 50% of NEIWPCC Maine staff time but has routinely paid for between 50% and 100% of staff time, fringe benefits, and office overhead. Only paying for what is actually used will go a long way to addressing our financial woes. NEIWPCC staff have said that even with those other contracts, there is additional 10-20% of staff time available for other work but because there is no contract for that available time, the Base JETCC Program is assessed for it.

A new contract will soon be negotiated between NEIWPCC and DEP and I believe a new approach is overdue. I propose the following measures which are within your right as DEP Commissioner to implement in writing in the next contract:

1. JETCC should only be charged for the actual time spent on JETCC.
2. The DEP Commissioner could delegate to the JETCC Board the authority to oversee JETCC programs and training contracts signed by the Commissioner including budget adoption and budget control with ultimate authority over JETCC and Contracts resting solely with the DEP Commissioner. (Someone needs to prevent over spending of adopted budgets and assure revenue matches expenses.)
3. Increase the size of the JETCC Board to 19 members to regain the original weighted percentages approximating the proportions of revenue sources and recent program expansions for water system operators. (Originally the DEP Water Quality Division Director and the DHHS Representative were not on the Board. DEP representatives routinely vote in a block with the contractor’s representative and DHHS which can be intimidating to the nonpermanent members.)
   Add the following board positions:
   2 additional MeWEA representing Districts
   2 additional MeWEA representing Municipal
   3 MWUA representing Districts
   2 MWUA representing Municipal

These proposals reflect my views for improving long term sustainability of JETCC and does not necessarily reflect the views of the entire board. The effectiveness of these proposals are contingent upon being enacted together. It is very apparent JETCC’s historical budget control performance is poor and a more active role by DEP or the JETCC Board is overdue.
I know you have many demands on your time so I have tried to be brief. If you would like to discuss this further or have questions, I am at your disposal. My phone no. is 794-8244 and mail address is Lincoln Sanitary District, P.O. Box 56, Lincoln, ME. 04457

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Darold Wooley, Chairman

Cc: Thomas Connolly, President, MeWEA
## Base JETCC Year Ends

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# BASE JETCC BUDGET REPORT - FY14

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**PERSONNEL FROM OTHER JETCC PROGRAMS in FY13**

- **3/13-6/9/14**: $22,707, 40%
  - **WIP program service fees**: $5,451, New NPS
  - **WIP program service fees**: $5,463, from MWW Exam
  - **$5,045 from MEW WW Renewal**
  - **$1,636 from NEI Training**
  - **$5,850 from Boot Camp 2013/104**

**Notes:**
1. Personnel thru 5/6 only
2. $10,650 from online registration income
3. New NES included

**Sponsor Income**
- $215.10 MWWCA Coll 4/10
- $261.93 Spears 4/1
- $98.41 Brunswick
- $1,000.00 MWWCA
- $1,762.60 Mobin Ind. 2/26

**DWRF Income**
- $720.00 1/18/2013
- $900.00 10/23/2013
- $2,610.00 10/24/2013
- $800.00 11/7/2013
- $380.00 11/21/2013
- $720.00 2/11/2014
- $610.00 2/12/2014

**Total Sponsor & DWRF Income** $19,938.04

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5/30/2014
March 1, 2013

Commissioner Patricia Aho
17 State House Station
28 Tyson Drive
Augusta, Maine 04333-0017

Dear Commissioner Aho,

The State of Maine Joint Environmental Training Coordinating Committee (hereinafter JETCC) was established to promote and encourage the training of environmental systems professionals to ensure efficient and cost effective, job related training, so as to promote the production of safe and adequate water supplies and acceptable wastewater and disposal in compliance with the State of Maine and National Legislation.

Three (3) members, recommended by the Maine Wastewater Control Association (MWWCA) Executive Committee, represent the Association’s interest in the training program. Darold Wooley is currently serving as one of these three members, and his term on the JETCC Board is due to expire in May of 2013. Darold fulfills the role of MWWCA Representative from a District.

It is the unanimous recommendation of the executive committee of the MWWCA that Darold Wooley’s position on the JETCC board be renewed for an additional term of 3-years, effective May 2013.

If you have any questions and/or concerns regarding this recommendation please let me know.

Respectfully,

Travis Peasley
2013 MWWCA President
JETCC BOARD MEMBERS
Fiscal Year 2015

Darold Wooley - JETCC Board Chairman (effective 5/8/09)
Lincoln Sanitary District
Haynes Street
P.O. Box 56
Lincoln, ME 04457
TERM: 5/08 – 5/10 (interim for District for Gilles St. Pierre)
TERM: 5/10 – 5/13 (1st)
TERM: 5/13 – 5/16 (2nd)

Andrew Seiler
Senior EHS Specialist
General Dynamics OTS
291 North Street
Saco, ME 04072
TERM: 5/14 – 5/17 (1st)

John Emerson, Sr.
Wastewater Facilities Coordinator
Portland Public Services
55 Portland Street
Portland, ME 04101
TERM: 5/09 – 5/12 (1st)
TERM: 5/12 – 5/15 (2nd)

Michael Hanson
Sanford Sewerage District
PO Box 338
Springvale, ME 04083
TERM: 5/21/11 – 5/14 (1st)
TERM: 5/21/14 – 5/17 (2nd)

Peter Deane
Huitamaki, Inc.
252 College Avenue
Watrerville, ME 04901
TERM: 1/11/12 – 5/13 (Interim for Dana Peck term 5/10 – 5/13)
TERM: 5/13 – 5/16 (1st)

Leonard Blanchette - JETCC Board Vice-Chairman (effective 5/1/14)
Brunswick Sewer District
10 Pine Tree Road
Brunswick, ME 04011
TERM: 5/12 – 5/15 (1st)

Teresa Trott (Nancy Beardsley)
Maine Department of Health & Human Services
11 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333
Starting Date: May 2004
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**Judy Bruenjes**  
Department of Environmental Protection  
Division of Water Quality Management  
17 State House Station  
Augusta, ME  04333  
**Starting Date:** September 2014

**Brian Kavanah**  
Department of Environmental Protection  
Division of Water Quality Management  
17 State House Station  
Augusta, ME  04333  
**Starting Date:** May 2001

**Tom Groves**  
Director of Wastewater & Onsite Programs  
NEIWPCC  
Wannaicott Mills  
650 Suffolk Street, Suite 410  
Lowell, MA  01854  
**Starting Date:** 2004

**Bill Laflamme**  
Department of Environmental Protection  
Non Point Source Training Center  
17 State House Station  
Augusta, ME  04333  
**Starting Date:** February 2004

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Revised 4/15/15
Hello Tom and Scott,

The JETCC Board concurs that Bill Stritch makes an excellent candidate for the open MeWEA Seat representing a WWCS on the JETCC Board of Directors. At this point, we will need an official letter from you on MeWEA letterhead recommending Bill as MeWEA’s nominee. Much of your text below will be good to use in the letter. I have attached a copy of an earlier MeWEA appointment request. Your letter should be addressed to DEP Commissioner Aho and should be cc’d to the JETCC Board of Directors, (me). The period of appointment for Bill would be May 2015 – May 2018. The JETCC Board of Directors meets quarterly.

Regarding Mike Hanson’s position representing a MeWEA member District, Darold Wooley is contacting Mike regarding his role on the Board. I will notify you of the outcome of that communication. While we were discussing this position at the MeWEA conference, Steve Sloan expressed an interest in filling it. However, we must work through this process with Mike first.

Thank you for your support of the JETCC training program!

Sincerely,

Leeann

From: Tom Connolly [mailto:TConnolly@Yarmouth.me.us]
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2015 12:45 PM
To: Leeann Hanson
Subject: Vacant Board Seat

Hi Leeann,

I have one volunteer so far for the vacant seat on the JETCC Board...Bill Stritch. He works for me here in Yarmouth and is a MCS grad. He currently has a Grade 4 Operator License and a Grade 4 Collections License, with experience both within the WWTP and in the field maintaining sewer lines and pump stations. He is a licensed Master Electrician with over 20 years’ experience doing pump station installations, including concrete work, piping, pumps and obviously panel installation. He has installed our SCADA system that covers the collection system and WWTP. His skill level in this arena is equal to Jim Sorenson of Stultz. He has a military background as an MP Sergeant in the Maine Army Guard during the first Gulf War, has strong leadership skills and is very task oriented. In the 33 years that I have been in the business, he is head and shoulders above anyone I have worked with or know of!

If you’re interested in talking with him, his contact info is: wkstritch@gmail.com, phone: 809-9873.
Darold Wooley gave an update on the history and budget for JETCC. He wanted to make MeWEA aware of the loss of funding for JETCC over the last several years. He noted they are losing $5,000 a year on average. He said the Commissioner has not yet responded to his letter. He indicated he has made some recommendations on reducing expenditures to the JETCC Board, which only meets four times per year. Brian Kavanah provided some background on historical funding of JETCC. He indicated State support is currently at $8,000 a year, and they were given $10,000 from the Legislature. Brian Kavanah feels JETCC works. Tom Connolly noted this is a very important program and MeWEA supports JETCC. Leeann Hanson gave a brief update on JETCC funding and their program. Tom Connolly noted that further discussion by MeWEA will wait until Darold Wooley hears back from the Commissioner and the JETCC Board.
New Media Committee Representative: Paula Drouin submitted the following written COMMITTEE REPORT:

MEWEA EC Meeting – May, 22 2015
New Media Committee
Submitted by: Paula Drouin (pdrouin@lawpca.org)

1) What’s recently been done
   a) Flickr account that can be accessed on the main page of the website. Send any photos you would like included to Paula. An article about this will be in the next newsletter.

2) Website short-term:
   a) Reminder: I am still in the process of making a page for each committee. I would like all chairpersons who have not already done so to please add me to their committee mailing list so that I can post information as it is distributed to the committee members (e.g. meeting dates, current topics). I would also like a picture and contact information from each chairperson, so that it can be posted to the appropriate committee page. Additional photos or documents/articles/relevant information for each committee are welcomed.
   b) Create online awards submissions. This will be in the form of editable PDF files which can be directly emailed without having to print/scan. The Charles Perry Award has already been updated.
   c) Stockholm Junior Water Prize – A page will be created

3) Website long-term:
   a) Create a members only section.

4) Social Media
   a) Twitter: Currently 442 followers (372 in February).
   b) Facebook: Currently 191 followers (160 in February).

5) Online calendar events
   a) Clean Water Week, June 1-6
   b) NEWEA Spring Meeting, June 7-10
   c) Any new events to be added?

Stormwater: Aubrey Strause reported on the following:
   ➢ Had a phone call on May 8th
     Want to increase membership and get more stormwater working groups
Next step is to do email outreach to get more membership
They have a speaker for the Fall Convention

MMA Representative: Joan Kiszely had no report.

President Tom Connolly submitted the following written PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

President’s Report
MEWEA Executive Committee Meeting
May 22, 2015

Tom Connolly, Supt. Yarmouth Wastewater Dept.

MRWA Operator Training:
A third meeting was held on April 28, 2015 at Augusta City Hall. Prior meeting in February minutes are in correspondence folder, along with recent meeting agenda which included Mission Statement, Vision Statement and Goals. At this meeting, the need became clear for more guidance on how to interface the educational components offered by Augusta area secondary educational institutions. I offered the services of Kirk Laughlin of National PETE to attend the next meeting (June 16, 2015) to help lay the ground work for the schools involvement. It is clear that rather than have a competing Wastewater only education program, it is vital to the sustainability of a program to include both water and wastewater students. This effort continues to enjoy the support of Senator Angus King’s Augusta staff lending credibility to the efforts.

DMR Shellfish Advisory Committee:
A meeting is scheduled for Thursday June 4th, 2015 in Hallowell, ME. See correspondence folder for draft meeting minutes and agendas as well as a commendation from J. Kohl Konwit, DMR’s Director of the Bureau of Public Health, regarding Yarmouth’s (and by association the wastewater industry) collaboration with other regulatory agencies that directly affect the shellfish harvesting community. Working to make more area open to clamming is perhaps the single most important way to build a relationship with Maine clammers, and opens doors to communicate and educate them about our mission as wastewater plant operators.

Gas Line Separation:
I attended the PUC Hearing in Augusta regarding Chapter 420 rule changes, testifying in favor of the proposed changes. Written statements will be provided for MeWEA and for Yarmouth WW Dept.

Maine WARN:
Sterling Pierce, Maine DEP, has requested 2 representatives from MeWEA to attend the WARN meeting on June 2, 2015. (see correspondence folder) I will attend, if anyone else is interested please see me.

JETCC:
A Board position is open for a WW Collection System representative. I recommended and JETCC has accepted the nomination of William Stritch from the Yarmouth WW Dept. This correspondence is included in your packet and needs to be voted on by the MeWEA Board before being presented to DEP for approval.

NEWEA: I will attend the NEWEA Spring Conference in N.H. in June….GO FORCE MAINE!

1st Vice President: Scott Firmin had no report.

2nd Vice President: Matt Timberlake reported the following:

- Opportunity to attend the Washington Fly-in with AGC.
Past President Aubrey Strause submitted the following written REPORT:

Past President’s Report
MEWEA Executive Committee Meeting
May 22, 2015
Aubrey Strause, PE (Verdant Water)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Government Affairs Committee
Non-Dispersibles Update

- I participated in the Product Stewardship Initiative Workgroup kickoff meeting in Washington, DC on March 26, 2015. There are 17 wipes industry representatives, seven wastewater representatives, as well as leadership from WEF and NACWA. No one attended from APWA. I’ve been asked to participate in the Code of Practice Subgroup of the PSI. I asked both WEF and APWA to cover travel expenses that MEWEA’s sponsorship won’t cover; I have not yet heard a response from either. I have not decided if I have the time or resources to participate.
- There was a “What To Flush” symposium in California the week of May 1.
- The International Standards Organization (ISO) is having good success on their work.
- There continue to be articles about the wipes issue in papers across the US, including some referencing our Save Your Pipes project or interviewing members of the team. (See Non-Dispersibles Correspondence Folder) http://cen.acs.org/articles/93/i19/Wet-Wipes-Clog-Sewer-Systems.html
  www.ibtimes.com/pulse/baby-wipes-least-likely-menace-americas-infrastructure-1923185

Ocean Acidification

- MEWEA testified in support of LD 493, to form the Ocean Acidification Council. The bill has been held over, in part because it was tied to a $3M bond to fund the recommendations (as was the case in Washington state).
- I contributed to an article on stormwater pollution written by the Island Institute, published in the May issue of the Working Waterfront newspaper.
  www.islandinstitute.org/working-waterfront/dirty-snow-and-piles-poo%E2%80%94where-does-it-go

Stormwater Committee (Ad-Hoc)

- Fred Dillon, Zach Henderson, and others participated in a conference call on May 8 to discuss membership and leadership of the Stormwater Committee.

Other New Business:

Leslie Anderson, DEP Director of Innovation reported on the mission and services of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection Office of Innovation and Assistance and about grants for culvert upgrades. She provided the Board with a flyer about the mission, services, contact information, and information about Grants for Culvert Upgrades available.

Adjournment: Motion made by Al Jellison, seconded by Tim Haskell, all approved to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 p.m.