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A Big Welcome to Mr. Bruce Berger, Our New Executive Director *Frank Kearney, 2016 President*

It seems to me that since our last Maine Water Utilities Newsletter that time is just flying by. Seems like it was snowing a little when I last poked along on the old WORD program. I'm getting better all the time, though. I don't think it's much about keyboard skills, I just have a big disconnect between my thoughts and finding a good way of writing them down. It's likely an acquired skill and I admire those who have it.

As I write, it's a beautiful summer morning in downtown Presque Isle, Maine. It doesn't get any better than this. The days are long. Having extra time before and after work to get extra things done around home is always a bonus.

In this article, I have the pleasure of doing something a board chair of MWUA has rarely had to do, that of welcoming a new Executive Director of the Maine Water Utilities Association. As of June 20th, we welcomed Mr. Bruce Berger to the position. Many of us are familiar with Bruce from his former position at Wright-Pierce Engineering. After reviewing resumes of other very competent applicants, it was clear that Bruce possessed all the qualities the Association requires. The board unanimously agreed that Bruce could be trusted with the future of our organization. We agreed that his vision, as conveyed to us about several important issues, was the road we would take into the future.

Bruce has positive personality traits we felt were important as well. We all know that this is a "people" business, and if you've ever met Bruce, he is a people person. In brief conversations with Bruce since he started working, he has indicated a desire to immediately make his presence known. He is the exact definition of "hitting the ground running". He indicated to me his desire to travel whenever possible and speak with many water and wastewater folks as he determines MWUA priorities. He is very optimistic about exploring collaborative possibilities with all our friends. Personally, I think that issue will be an important industry focus for us over the next year or more.

To close the conversation about our Executive Director, our former one, Jeff McNelly, along with wife

Laura, was celebrated at the Sugarloaf Resort on June 8th. About 50 people from the profession were there to congratulate and remember the great career Jeff had with MWUA. We enjoyed some good food and many stories of the past. We truly wish him well and extend an invitation for Jeff to be at any of our functions in the future. Jeff, we always welcome your presence and offer you an opportunity to comment on matters pertaining to the Maine Public Utilities Commission, or fishing, or hunting, or George.

Summer will go quickly, so remember to get out and enjoy it. Do what you should do at work, but remember time off, whenever possible, is good for the soul. It will increase your productiveness and remind people how valuable you are when you are actually there..... hopefully.

Remember to plan time for Thomas Point Beach in Brunswick for the clambake. The date is August 11th starting at 10 AM. We hope to see you there.

Please have a safe and productive summer.

The June Meeting in Sugarloaf

The June Bi-Monthly meeting was held at the beautiful Sugar Mountain Resort in Carrabassett Valley on June 9th, 2016.

On the 8th, many members attended a cookout to honor Jeff McNelly, the long standing Director of Maine Water Utilities. Jeff, as many of you know, left MWUA on April 8th to take on a very important role for the Maine Public Utilities Commission as Director of Telephone and Water. Jeff served our Association for over 22 years. His efforts will never be forgotten. His honesty and integrity helped to make the Association what it is today. His understanding of all current issues affecting our profession is uncanny. There was/is never any doubt about his belief, passion and commitment to our profession. We all appreciated his dry sense of downeast humor and his smile seemed to always be used at exactly the right time. Jeff leaves us with an outstanding legacy. The void he leaves will be tough to fill, yet for the first time ever we have a person at MPUC that truly understands our profession and the issues we deal with every day. From MWUA, we wish you nothing but happiness and success, Mr. McNelly.

The meeting on June 9th started with an

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introduction to Sugarloaf by Pat Cyr, Property Manager. The introduction focused on the history of the mountain and increased seasonal changes in use as well as ownership changes and the challenges associated with poor winters. Jeff Lawrence, General Manager of Sugarloaf Water Association (Team SWA), did an outstanding job giving us the history and general overview of how the association developed into what it is today. Staffing, source and infrastructure changes in this small utility developed into a tight knit group of employees that work well together and is more like a family. Jeff's passion for what he does and belief in his team is very evident. He is fiercely proud of his team and what they have been able to accomplish collectively and for the good of the Sugarloaf Water Association. MWUA is proud to have members like Jeff Lawrence and his team. They represent who we are and what we need to continue to focus on. Thank you, Team SWA!

A business meeting followed with a regulatory update by Roger Crouse, Director of the Maine Drinking Water Program. Items discussed were the changes in sampling procedures associated with the lead and copper rule and the DWP reorganization and review of an organizational chart handed out at the meeting. The legislative update by Dan Wells, Superintendent of the Winthrop Utilities District followed discussing proposed changes to omit hydrant flushing from the MS4 regulation. The Technical Program was a presentation by Mark Dubois, Natural Resource Manager, Poland Spring. Mark discussed the current political environment and focus on the spring water industry. He also drew numerous parallels and similarities between Poland Spring and the public water supplies and how we all are stewards of groundwater in Maine. We then went through an overview of spring identification followed by the volume of product extracted, over-the-road distribution to bottling plants and how timely the product makes it to the market. The meeting was followed by a delicious buffet and a scenic ride home.



Jeff and Laura McNelly

31st Annual Golf Tournament Includes Sponsorship Opportunities

Annual Clambake and Bocce Ball Competition

Please join members and friends of MWUA as we meet to renew old friendships and forge new ones at the golf tournament and/or the clambake. The dates for these events are planned for August 10th and 11th.

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On August 10th we will be sponsoring the 31st Annual Golf Tournament. It will once again be held at Val Halla Golf and Recreation Center in Cumberland. The purpose of this golf tournament has evolved into a significant fundraising event for our Public Awareness Committee (PAC) to award scholarships and raise awareness of our profession.

We would like to thank all that have been active participants of this event, some since its conception. We especially would like to thank the generous support of all vendors and consultants that offer tee sponsorships and raffle gifts. Without your generous support, it would be impossible to achieve the goals of the PAC for scholarships. Last year because of our members' generous support, we were able to raise almost \$1,500.00 dollars for scholarships.

We are pleased to offer limited tee sponsorships again this year for \$125.00 donation. **We also ask that our vendors and consultants consider offering raffle prizes that we award at the luncheon.**

The event is full of fun and a real opportunity to create a memory that will last a lifetime. The challenge of all teams will be to unseat the E.J. Prescott team anchored by the strong Houlton Water Company contingency. If memory serves correctly, they have won eight years in a row!

The Annual Clambake will be held on August 11th at Thomas Point Beach and Campground in Brunswick. This is a great time to connect the past with the present. Many retired legends of our profession, like George Peters,

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are always there to share stories and experiences that help us understand where we came from. This is also an opportunity to unseat the reigning champions, KKW Water District, of our newly instituted Bocce Ball Tournament. It truly has become an incredibly fun event that many look forward to and participate in.

Attendees will not be required to pay an entrance fee. When you stop at the gate just let them know you are there with the MWUA Clambake.

Please register as soon as possible so that we can lock in the lobster and clam prices as they are often volatile.

We look forward to seeing all of you in August!!

MS4 Drinking Water System Discharge Profile

This is a quick update on the draft DEP component of the regulations for MS4 communities concerning hydrant, or water main flushing, or discharging of chlorinated waters into receiving waters.

Maine Municipal Association (MMA) sponsored a workshop to discuss suggested language concerning water utilities discharging chlorinated water to the environment, especially receiving waters. The Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) comment period deadline was June 21st, 2016.

The meeting took place at MMA offices in Augusta on June 14th, 2016. There were several groups represented at this meeting. Maine Water Environment Association (MeWEA), Maine Rural Water Association

(MRWA), and Maine Water Utility Association (MWUA).

After a very productive debate and commentary, conciliatory thought and language was achieved. It was decided that the most powerful approach to have MDEP hear our concerns was to write a collaborative comment/position paper from all three trade groups under the title of "One Water". The only way we could collectively pull together such a ground breaking objective was to get an extension to the June 21st comment deadline. Scott Firmin, the President of MeWEA called Brian Kavanah Director, Division of Water Quality Management at MDEP and requested an extension. Mr. Kavanah graciously granted our request and has moved that

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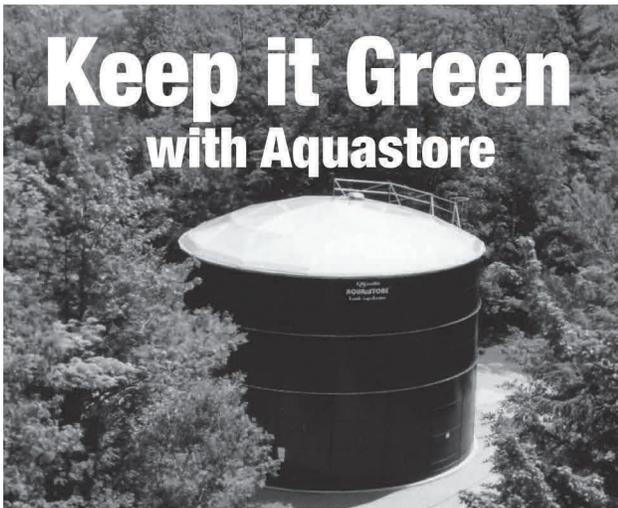
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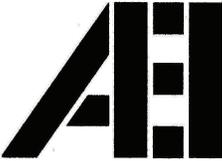
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deadline for comments to July 12th, 2016. This new deadline allows for the three groups to share draft copies of proposed language for our collective position with one another. Without getting too far into the details, it is safe to say that the main objective of the collective is to suggest following Best Management Practices or BMP's when dealing with any scheduled discharge.

The authors of this collective written comment are Jim Wallace of Portland Water District representing MWUA, Kirsten Hebert representing MRWA, Fred Dillon, City of South Portland and Zach Henderson of Woodard and Curran representing MeWEA.

More information to follow as this effort progresses.

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**MAINE WATER UTILITIES ASSOCIATION
31st ANNUAL CLAMBAKE SCRAMBLE GOLF TOURNAMENT
Wednesday, August 10, 2016**

PLACE: **Val Halla Golf Course:** 60 Val Halla Road, Cumberland Center, ME 04021 - Phone: (207) 829-2225

DIRECTIONS: Traveling on I-295 from the North/South. Take Cumberland/Yarmouth Exit 15. Turn right onto Route 1 - 1st light, turn left (Portland St) .8 mi changes to Middle Rd .6 mi turn right onto Greely Rd 3 mi. Turn left onto Val Halla Road.

TIME: **Shotgun Start @ 8:30 AM**
Barbeque and Awards to follow

FORMAT: **Scramble Format is as follows:** Men play white tees; Women begin on the red tees. Each Group must use one drive from each player on each nine.

COMPETITION: **1st Place** (2) **Longest Drive (Men/Women)**
2nd Place (3) **Closest to the Pin**

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REGISTRATION: Register by July 29, 2016 online at: www.mwua.org; or complete this form and return to:
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(meal cost is \$10.00 per person for those requiring a breakdown)

MWUA 31st ANNUAL CLAMBAKE SCRAMBLE GOLF TOURNAMENT
August 10, 2016 at Val Halla Golf Course
Registration Deadline: July 29, 2016 *Pre-payment is Required Please

DATE: **Wednesday, August 10, 2016**
PLACE: **Val Halla Golf Course, 60 Val Halla Rd., Cumberland, ME 04102**
TIME: **Shotgun Start at 8:30 AM**
Barbeque and Awards to follow

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MAINE WATER UTILITIES ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL CLAMBAKE
Thursday, August 11, 2016

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www.thomaspointbeach.com/home.shtml

DIRECTIONS: Leave U.S. Route 1 at Cook's Corner. Turn left at the traffic light, then immediately turn right onto the road to Thomas Point Beach. ***WATCH FOR THOMAS POINT BEACH SIGNS.**

TIME: **12:00 P.M. DOWNEAST CLAMBAKE (Reservations Required)**
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REGISTRATION: Register by July 29, 2016 using the following options:
 1. online at: www.mwua.org
 2. or complete registration form and return to the address or fax # below

Frank Kearney
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MWUA Annual Clambake Registration
August 11, 2016 at Thomas Point Beach - Brunswick
Registration Deadline: July 29, 2016

DATE: THURSDAY, August 11th, 2016
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