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## **Revolutionary Actions – Then and Now**

*Gordie Johnson, President*

Here we are reaching the midpoint of the year and closing in on July 4<sup>th</sup>. As my mind turns to thoughts of a holiday outing, parades and fireworks, its wandering is interrupted by the natural fireworks of yet another thunder and lightning storm. While it is nice not to have to have turned on the sprinkler to water our regraded lawn in three weeks and is certainly welcome recharge to water supplies throughout the state, it is not without some concerns...while my home computer system has yet to be fried by lightning, many utility communications and SCADA systems have not been so lucky. Meanwhile, the flooding in the Midwest has been devastating and the frequent references to 500-year events and multiple recurrences of 100-year floods within relatively short periods of time support the need to better understand how the events are defined and evaluate what might be in store for the future.

Moving again to thoughts of the Independence holiday, I am reminded of a family trip to Philadelphia several years ago. It brought home to me again what an amazing undertaking the Revolutionary War and subsequent founding of the United States represented. Colonial governments which had very different founding histories and core values and which had operated independently for many years had to find ways to work together. The colonial armies were often under-trained and under-equipped and yet ultimately addressed these deficiencies and succeeded against tremendous odds.

Without trying to warp history and the current state of affairs too greatly, I would suggest there are certain parallels to the situation that water utilities face today. An Executive Order issued in 1996 included the following definition of “infrastructure”:

*The framework of interdependent networks and systems comprising identifiable industries, institutions (including people and procedures), and distribution capabilities that provide a reliable flow of products and services essential to the defense and economic security of the United States, the smooth functioning of government at all levels, and society as a whole.*

This same document identified water supply systems as “critical” infrastructure. While it is nice to be acknowledged as a critical element supporting economic security and society as a whole, what real meaning do these words have in the face of current day-to-day economic realities? As we face double and even triple digit percentage increases in our own costs of chemicals, energy and health care, while often experiencing decreases in water demand due to a slowing economy, the challenge is large. However, large challenges also present opportunities if we keep our eyes open.

There isn't a better time to review potential ways to save money and still meet the levels of service required by our regulatory and ratepaying stakeholders. Actions that may not have made economic sense several years ago, may now provide enough savings to implement. Since pumping represents a large cost for many utilities, it may be a good place to start. Have your pumps been maintained, can they be refit with more efficient motors, are the impellers worn? The old adage of a penny saved is a penny earned was demonstrated graphically to me recently at the small local water district where I serve as a trustee. A system-wide leak detection analysis identified a number of service line leaks (primarily on the private portion). Repair of these leaks has reduced pumping by 30%, resulting in a substantial savings in electricity cost as well as longer-term savings in chemical use and pump

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maintenance.

Just as General George Washington, his staff and soldiers had to persistently remind the Continental Congress and the people of the colonies that just being on the "right" side of the cause wasn't enough; it had to be supported by resources, so today do we need to continue to demonstrate the importance of supporting the water supply infrastructure.

Attending the recent ceremonial signing of the legislative bill which puts the Drinking Water and Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) match monies out to a vote in November highlighted the success of working together with a common message. The water and wastewater industries were able to gain support throughout the Legislature and the Administration by demonstrating the value of securing the Federal match money. We now need to continue getting out our message to ensure support in November (and beyond!).

The message is that the infrastructure we are responsible for truly plays a critical role in protecting public health and safety and supporting the economic well-being of the State. These systems consist of relatively long-lived (20-100 years) assets. Without continuous investment and renewal, these systems can fail frequently enough to generate the perception of unreliability which may greatly exceed the actual service levels. While deferring some capital investments may be an inevitable response to the current economic conditions, we cannot afford to let this become the standard response. In order to be best positioned to support economic growth, protect public health and safety and the stewardship of water resources in the State, we must strive to maintain or increase our level of capital investment. Good luck with the construction season and keep it coming!

On a staffing focus note, the Public Awareness Committee has developed another way to support the future of our industry. The Committee is looking to award at least one \$1,000 scholarship to a student attending a post-high school educational institution who is (or has) worked at water utility. If you would like to support this important effort or have ideas of potential candidates, please contact Mary Jane Dillingham (Auburn Water & Sewerage Districts), Jeff or Becky in the MWUA office or any Board member.

### **The June Meeting**

There are 28 wind turbines on the Mars Hill ridgeline and those machines produce the energy equivalent of 250,000 barrels of oil annually. The description of that project and the tour that was held after lunch was certainly the featured attraction of the June meeting.

However, that is not to say that the other presentations were also-rans. Wright Pierce's Naleen Mayberry provided an excellent detailed overview of the steps the district has taken to address disinfection by product issues.

Greg McCrum of Best American Foods described how the family business was able to operate and expand in their Mars Hill

location. It took a no discharge wastewater treatment system which relies on “snow fluent” but they made it happen.

Howard Carter reviewed the City of Saco’s energy management efforts that have been undertaken recently, including the installation of windmills at the wastewater plant and in downtown Saco and the use of solar panels, VFDs and a host of other energy efficient equipment and processes. That presentation was very informative.

Superintendent Steve Milliard and staff were the consummate hosts. He helped coordinate the tours and got down to details in describing all the improvements which have been made in the system over the past several years. Steve even brought propane so we could cook lobsters at the cookout on Wednesday evening.

Special thanks go out to Beth Pratte, Bruce Stevens and Ben Mosher for pulling this all together. Clearly it was one of the best bimonthly meetings in recent memory.



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### 50/50 Raffle and Casino Hole @ Golf Tournament to Benefit MWUA Scholarship Fund

Maine Water Utilities Association’s 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Clambake Golf Scramble will be held on Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at the Toddy Brook Golf Course in North Yarmouth. The fun begins with a cannon start at 10:00 AM.

New this year is a 50/50 raffle with funds designated to support the newly formed MWUA Water Works Scholarship Fund. This year’s Casino Hole will also benefit the Maine Water Utilities Association scholarship fund.

If you are interested in volunteering at the golf tournament, or sponsoring the event, contact the Maine Water Utilities Association at (207) 832-2263.

The cost to play in the tournament is \$75 per person; which includes a cart and the chicken barbeque which follows the awards ceremony. Golf registration forms can be downloaded from the association’s website at [www.mwua.org](http://www.mwua.org).

## Governor Ceremonially Signs Water Bond Bill

From the Maine Senate Majority Office Press Release—Tuesday, June 17, 2008  
Contact: Senator Bartlett—(207) 287-1515, Michael Johnson—(207) 287-1528



Governor John Baldacci, with water and wastewater representatives looking on, signs LD 2169

Augusta – Governor John Baldacci Tuesday ceremonially signed a bill that authorizes a \$3.4 million bond for drinking and waste-water management that will yield a five-to-one federal match. If voters approve the measure in November, Maine will receive \$17 million in matching federal funds to keep our water clean.

“This bond is a win-win for Maine,” said Senator Philip Bartlett, D-Cumberland County who sponsored the bond. “It will enable us to use federal money for projects that are desperately needed for the safety of our waste and drinking water systems. Without this bond the entire cost of these projects would be borne by the people of Maine,” added Senator Bartlett, who attended the bill signing.

Also in attendance for the bill signing were Representative Dave Miramant, D-Camden, members of the Maine Waste Water Control Association (MWWCA), the Maine Water Utilities Association and DEP Commissioner David Littell and representatives from the Maine CDC.

“We are very pleased with the strong bipartisan support and the hard work of many people including Senator Phil Bartlett, many of our members, the Maine DEP and the Governor,” MWWCA President Chuck Applebee said. “If Maine voters pass this \$3.4 million bond in November, it will attract another \$17 million in federal dollars to fund critical drinking and clean water projects. This bond package is good for public health and safety and good for the state economy by putting Mainers to work on these projects and protecting and improving our infrastructure.”

## Quick Facts on the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) programs

- Since 1988 Maine has invested \$40.5M to leverage \$200.9M in federal funds
- Interest is at 2% below market rate
- 99 communities have benefited
- 92% of available funds are loaned out within one year

## Looking Ahead

- In the next 5 years, 71 communities have projects totaling approximately \$294,000,000
- In the next 15 years, there is approximately \$422,000,000 in need

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## NEW! MWUA Intern Scholarship

Maine Water Utilities Association is now offering students working in water and water & wastewater facilities the opportunity to apply for a \$1000 scholarship. The application form is available by calling the MWUA office (832-2263) and can also be downloaded from the website at [www.mwua.org](http://www.mwua.org).

We are hoping your support of MWUA will include a donation to the scholarship fund. Your taxable contributions can be sent to MWUA Scholarship Fund, PO Box P, Waldoboro, ME. 04572.

## Clambake to Feature Raffle to Benefit Lancaster Scholarship

If you don't get lucky at the Golf Tournament, there will be an opportunity to buy raffle tickets at the Clambake, with proceeds benefitting the Peter Lancaster Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Peter, who worked for the Bangor Water District for twenty years, was dedicated to his duties and was always willing to help his co-workers and others. The fund was established to assist area high students in achieving their goals as they pursue a degree of higher education. The fund is available to graduating high school students that reside in the communities served by Bangor Water District. For more information contact Kathy Moriarty at 947-4516.

## KKW Proposal to Partner with Poland Spring Meets Opposition

At their monthly meeting on June 25<sup>th</sup> the Trustees of the Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Wells Water District were prepared to sign an agreement with Poland Spring that would grant the bottling company access to a spring water source on district property and provide a significant new source of revenue for the District.

The property is the site of a former water collection and loading operation along the Wire Road in Wells. The source of the proposed new spring water operation is in the Town of Wells and an associated loading station is proposed to be constructed in Sanford.

The proposal has generated fierce opposition from opponents, with upwards of 200 people attending a meeting organized by the opposition on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. In addition, 50 to 75 protestors arrived at the District offices for the June 25<sup>th</sup> Board meeting only to learn that just a limited number of them could be admitted to the meeting room, due to fire code capacity regulations. Many of those outside banged on the windows and shouted as the trustees deliberated.

The district has postponed its decision, in order to allow time for additional input and to conduct additional studies. The district is also planning on holding informational sessions prior to the next Trustee meeting, which is scheduled for July 30<sup>th</sup>.

Under the proposed partnership annual revenues for the District are estimated to be between \$250,000-\$500,000 a year.

KKW Superintendent Normand Labbe stated: "We can use the revenue to help stabilize rates for our customers, invest in additional water supplies, or address other priorities as they arise. These new revenues are

particularly important," he added, "in a time of sharply rising energy and material costs."

The Water District has recently developed an additional 3 million gallons per day of high quality groundwater to help meet peak seasonal demands, supplementing Branch Brook during the Brook's low flow summer season. KKW also have a total 3 MGD available through interconnection agreements with neighboring utilities.



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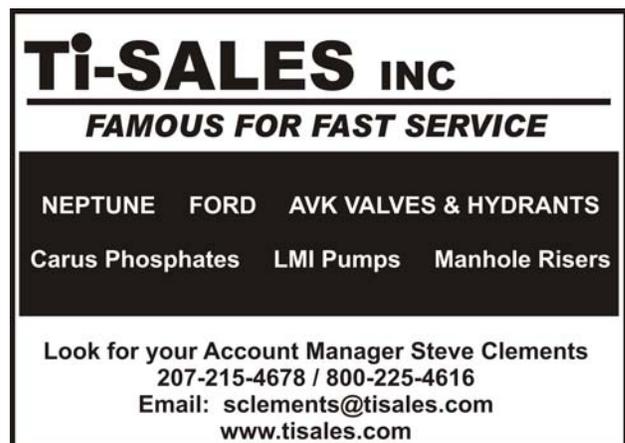


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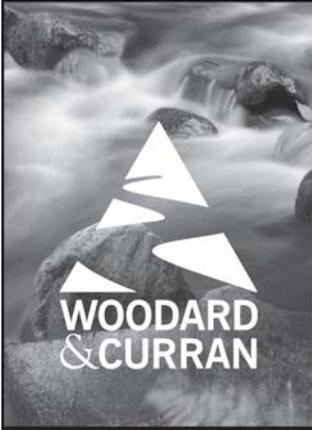


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The pipe was purchased with the intent of building a new water main on Bayview Street. Because the road is built of broken pieces of granite, it was determined that a water main might settle or freeze. The district has had to abandon the project.

For additional details contact Roger Stone, Superintendent of the Stonington Water Company, at (207) 367-2351.

## Water Sector Incident Command System Training

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certificates upon completion of the course and successful passing of the IS-100 and IS- 700 exams.

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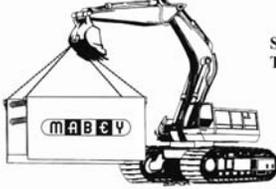
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Our appreciation is extended to the Brunswick and Topsham Water District for hosting this annual event.

For more information contact the Maine Water Utilities Association office at (207) 832-2263. Registration forms are available on the association's website.

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## Aqua Maine Taps New Superintendent for Camden and Rockland Division



Aqua Maine, Inc. has announced that David D. Beaulieu has been promoted to superintendent of their Camden and Rockland Division. Beaulieu joined Aqua in 1988 and has spent the last three years in the positions of general superintendent and project manager for Aqua divisions across the state. Prior to that, he was superintendent of the Millinocket Division for several years.

In making the announcement, Aqua Vice President of Operations Rick Knowlton said "Dave brings solid water utility experience and a positive attitude to this position. We are certain that our customers, as well as the employees he manages, will benefit from his commitment to customer service." Knowlton noted that the Camden Rockland Division is currently designing a new treatment facility at Mirror Lake to meet new federal water quality standards. "Dave has been involved in the last two surface water treatment plants we constructed in Millinocket and Bucksport, and that experience will be a great asset over the next few years as our Mirror Lake treatment facility changes significantly."

Knowlton added, "We are pleased that we can make this leadership change in sync with the departure of Camden & Rockland Distribution Superintendent Joe Weston who recently announced his retirement effective June 1<sup>st</sup> following 31 years of service. We wish Joe well in his retirement and will miss his local knowledge."

The Camden and Rockland Division serves the towns of Camden, Rockport, Rockland, Thomaston, Union, Warren and Owls Head and provides contract services to the Waldoboro and Vinalhaven water systems.

## Aqua Maine Taps New Foreman for its Camden and Rockland Division

Aqua Maine, Inc. is pleased to announce that Tim Hallowell has been named foreman of the Camden and Rockland distribution crew, which includes eight utility workers responsible for the day-to-day operations and maintenance of more than 156 miles of transmission and distribution mains. Hallowell's crew is responsible for completing all service work orders requested by more than 7,700 customers as well as providing operation and maintenance services for the neighboring town of Waldoboro.

"Tim has been with Aqua Maine for 28 years and his wealth of knowledge about the Camden and Rockland system will serve our customers well," said Vice President Operations Rick Knowlton. "We are pleased that Tim has agreed to step in to this important role in our operation."

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“Only 23% of New Leaders – or employees who have advanced from being individual contributors to supervising or managing others – receive the coaching they need to reach their full development potential, according to a survey conducted by Right Management (www.right.com), the world’s leading provider of integrated human capital consulting services and solutions across the employment lifecycle.”

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- 29% of Developing Leaders (vice presidents, directors, and managers) receive coaching
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The October bimonthly meeting – to be held in Kingfield – will be a great opportunity to get away, but not for too long and not that far away. Circle October 9<sup>th</sup> and keep a lookout in this publication for the details.

# MWUA 23<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL CLAMBAKE SCRAMBLE GOLF TOURNAMENT

August 13, 2008 at Toddy Brook Golf Club

Registration Deadline: July 30, 2008 - Pre-payment is Required

**DATE:** Wednesday, August 13, 2008  
**PLACE:** Toddy Brook Golf Course, 925 Sligo Rd., North Yarmouth  
**TIME:** Canon Start at 10:00 A.M  
Chicken Barbeque and Awards to follow

**CONTACT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CONTACT MEMBER INFORMATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Team Member #3 \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_  
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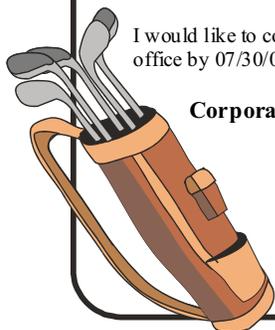
Team Member #4 \_\_\_\_\_ **E-MAIL** \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Company

Payment enclosed for \_\_\_\_\_ (# people) at \$75.00/person. Total enclosed (\$) \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to contribute \_\_\_\_\_ as an award prize to the tournament. Submit all prize contributions to our office by 07/30/08 or check here \_\_\_\_\_ if you plan to bring the prize item to the tournament.

**Corporate sponsorships of \$125 are recognized with business logo & sign displayed on the course – Call MWUA Office for Details**

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## MAINE WATER UTILITIES ASSOCIATION 23<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL CLAMBAKE SCRAMBLE GOLF TOURNAMENT Wednesday, August 13, 2008

**PLACE:** Toddy Brook Golf Course, 925 Sligo Rd., North Yarmouth, ME. 04097 (207) 829-5100

**DIRECTIONS:** Traveling on I-295. Take Exit 16. Turn right onto Route 1 – North 1.2 miles to exit/Route 115. Turn right onto Route 115. Travel .7 miles. Turn right onto Sligo Rd. Go 3.1 miles. Toddy Brook Golf Course is on your right. (For a map: <http://www.toddybrookgolf.com>)

**TIME:** Cannon Start @ 10:00 am  
Chicken Barbeque and Awards to follow

**FORMAT:** Scramble Format is as follows: Men begin on the white tees, Women begin on the red tees. Every tee location after the beginning hole is based on the previous holes score. Birdie or Eagle – move back one tee from previous hole. Par – same tee as previous hole. Bogie or higher – move forward one tee from previous hole. Note: For co-ed teams women always use one tee in front of the men.

**COMPETITION:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place (2) Longest Drive M/W  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place (3) Closest to the Pin

**There will be a 50/50 RAFFLE & CASINO HOLE to benefit the newly formed MWUA Scholarship Fund**

**CEREMONY:** Honorable passage of the Lobster Red “Master Scrambler” Jacket

**COST:** \$75 per person, including cart, prize fund and buffet (meal cost is \$10 per person for those requiring a break down)

**REGISTRATION:** Register before July 30<sup>th</sup> to reserve your space



**MWUA Annual Clambake Registration**  
**August 14, 2008 at Thomas Point Beach - Brunswick**  
*Registration Deadline: August 5, 2008*



**DATE:** THURSDAY, August 14, 2008  
**PLACE:** THOMAS POINT BEACH, BRUNSWICK, MAINE  
**TIME:** **12:00 P.M. DOWNEAST CLAMBAKE** (Reservations Required)  
**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.

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **AFFILIATION** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Register by August 5th</u>		<u>Registrations received after August 5th</u>	
___ Two Lobster Dinner	@ \$40.00 per person	\$ _____	@ \$50.00 per person	\$ _____
___ One Lobster Dinner	@ \$32.00 per person	\$ _____	@ \$42.00 per person	\$ _____
___ Steak Dinner	@ \$32.00 per person	\$ _____	@ \$42.00 per person	\$ _____
___ Chicken Dinner	@ \$24.00 per person	\$ _____	@ \$34.00 per person	\$ _____
___ Hamburgers/Hotdogs/Chips	@ \$ 7.00 per person	\$ _____	@ \$ 7.00 per person	\$ _____
___ Veggie Burger Dinner	@ \$15.00 per person	\$ _____	@ \$15.00 per person	\$ _____
___ Hamburgers/Hotdogs/Chips (16 & Under Free)		\$ n/c		\$ n/c

**TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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**ANNUAL CLAMBAKE**

**DATE:** THURSDAY, August 14, 2008

**PLACE:** THOMAS POINT BEACH, BRUNSWICK, MAINE  
[www.thomaspointbeach.com/home.shtml](http://www.thomaspointbeach.com/home.shtml)

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**TIME:** **12:00 P.M. DOWNEAST CLAMBAKE** (Reservations Required)  
 Come before lunch, meet old friends, make new ones. The park collects an entrance fee from each person for clean up cost. It is requested that the serving of alcoholic beverages stop for the remainder of the day when lunch is served.

**REGISTRATION:** Complete Registration Form by August 5, 2008 and Return to:  
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 Phone: 207-832-2263, Fax: 207-832-2265, [www.mwua.org](http://www.mwua.org)

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**Wednesday, August 13th**

**MWUA Clambake**  
**Thursday, August 14th**  
**Thomas Point Beach, Brunswick**