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President's Corner

Scott Abbontoni, 2019 President

Unfortunately, Scott is unable to pen his column this month so I'm pinch-hitting. I thought you might be interested in what has been happening here at Maine Water Utilities Association for the last few weeks.

As many of you are aware, we moved the office from 150 Capitol Street to 15 University Drive in Augusta on June 28th, 2019. We request that our members and vendors please make this address change within your data bases. We are getting most of our mail forwarded to us with the old address on the envelopes.

We want to thank the Greater Augusta Utility District crew especially the interns, Rick Anair and Tim Wade for their help with the actual move. Jeff Longfellow from Kennebec Water District was also instrumental with his trailer and muscle.

Why did we move? There are several reasons. The largest reason, as many of our committee members are aware, we simply outgrew the former space. Additionally, our Board of Directors felt it was time that our Association had a home of our own. We feel the actual office; its location and its feature are something you'll be very proud of. Please feel free to stop in anytime and check it out.

For those that may be too busy to make the trip during construction season here is a word pictorial of what you'll see once you are able to visit. (Before pictures are posted on our website). It is two story building with a daylight basement and entry. The exterior is brick with a metal roof. It is located just a few hundred feet from the Augusta Civic Center. This is significant because as many are aware our annual conference is moving to the Augusta Civic Center in 2020. The top floor will house the staff offices and a small conference room. The lower level will become our training center. When we schedule upcoming trainings in Augusta and depending on the size, we should be able to host a majority of those classes here at the office. The training center currently has two rooms that we hope to make one, a kitchenette and two bathrooms. The entire lower level was redone just a few months ago. The former owners happened to be a credit union. The upper level required extensive renovations. We closed the office during the first week of July so we could unpack and settle in. Renovations were required for the main level to be functional. Fortunately, we were able to do a majority of the demolition ourselves. We removed the teller's stations. When we removed the stations, we decided to replace the flooring because subflooring was exposed with no floorcovering. The original flooring was mostly outdated tile and worn out carpet. We installed a commercial grade laminate flooring throughout the main level and are pleased with the outcome. Most of the original trim was purple and the majority of the walls were yellow. We have repainted the walls and trim with gray and blue paint. We will be posting pictures of the renovations soon. We have posted a few fun renovation pictures on MWUA Facebook if you want to take a peek. While you're there please like us on your Facebook page.

Our Association continues to evolve, grow and progress. I believe we may be the second New England State Association, Maine Rural Water Association being the first, to have a building of our own. It is our vision and hope that this dramatic step will meet your approval. We will continue to need your support and help in making this bold move a success. If you currently aren't an actively involved member please consider doing so. Review our committees posted on our website and see if there is one that you may have interest in. It's a great way to meet other professionals from other Districts and become aware of the benefits of being involved in MWUA.

We hope to see you at our golf tournament and summer outing in August. We hope you are enjoying your summer!

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Maine Drinking Water Protection Seminar

The Water Resource Committee is busy planning this year's Maine Drinking Water Protection Seminar. It will be on Thursday, September 12th at the Augusta Civic Center. The seminar will have sessions on PFAS, underground storage tanks and algae, just to name a few. Watch for our brochure!



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Legislative Update

June 13, 2019

Legislative Committee Report

The first half of the legislative session was very busy. Fortunately, the second half has been less intense. The MWUA/MRWA Legislative Policy Committee (LPC), along with a few add-ons along the way, have been very effective in conveying our messages during legislative hearings, directly with local legislators, behind the scenes at the legislature and elsewhere.

Following are highlights of some of the more impactful bills during this session

GW Rights and Ownership Bills – LDs 197, 413, 1358, 1474 – All sought to either change ground water ownership rights or create additional bureaucratic hurdles to use the resource. Due to the efforts of many players, including many water utilities, all four of these bills have been defeated.

LD -199 An Act To Create the Water Resources Planning Committee – The legislature and Governor have approved the re-creation of the Water Resources Planning Committee. The Committee was eliminated in 2012 after the State Planning Office was eliminated. The Committee is charged with:

- Collecting and reviewing information regarding water withdrawal activities;
- Coordinating state water resources information;
- Identifying watersheds at risk

The committee shall conduct annual reviews of state policy with regard to:

- Conservation of water resources;
- Development of regional sources and solutions to water use issues;
- Incentives for stewardship of water resources; and
- Effects of surface water quality improvements on water withdrawal opportunities.

The committee shall provide guidance to municipalities and water districts and develop and disseminate educational materials on water resources and the regulatory regime.

LD 347 - An Act To Provide Sustainable Funding for Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure –The EUT committee approved the bill including using revenue from the State’s wholesale liquor contract after the hospital revenue bond is paid-off in 2024. The bill is awaiting funding by the Appropriations Committee. Reports from MeWEA indicate that members of the Appropriations Committee are generally supportive.

LD 216 An Act To Protect Water Quality by Standardizing the Law Concerning Septic Inspection in the Shoreland Zone has been signed into law and requires the inspection of all septic systems located within the shoreland zone at the time of property transfer. It takes effect on January 1, 2020.

We are extremely grateful for the many people have sacrificed hours of personal time to support our positions.




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June 2019 Bi-Monthly Meeting

Houlton Water District was our host for the June Bi-Monthly Meeting. We were welcomed by Houlton's Town Manager, Marian Anders.

Leigh Cummings, a local historian, provided us with some history of Houlton. Everyone enjoyed Leigh's story telling of Houlton's forefathers.

Larry Girvan from the Drinking Water Program gave us an update for DWP.

Jeff McNelly from the Public Utilities Commission stated that they learned that Governor Mills has nominated Phillip Bartlett to be our next Chairman. He is an attorney who lives in Portland and he previously served in the Maine Legislature. His confirmation hearing before the Energy Utilities and Energy Committee was on June 12th. Next stop is a vote in the Senate. We met with him last week; his desire is to start work as soon as, and assuming, he receives legislative approval.

You are aware that we are in the process of revising Chapter 62: Service Standards For Water Utilities. We are considering whether to change the meter testing interval requirements. If anyone has testing information, especially for meters that were in service for longer than the required interval, we would welcome that data. We are trying to determine if we can justify longer intervals and we need data in order to make informed decisions. As we move forward with the Chapter 62 rulemaking, we will wrap up the water supply inquiry, on a parallel track, as those two issues are closely related.

If there are any questions, give us a call.

Bruce Berger from MWUA gave an update on MWUA and the legislative update.



During the technical portion, Morgan Roper from Woodard & Curran, Norm Labbe, who recently retired from Kennebunk & Kneenunkport & Wells Water District and a member of the Governor's Task Force and Jeff McBurnie from Casella Organics and also a member of the Governor's Task Force, all spoke about PFOA, PFAS and PFOS. After the presentations were completed, they were all gracious enough to form a pile to answer all of our questions!

Hugh Kirkpatrick, Superintendent, Caribou Water District, gave us some background on his predecessor, Alan Hitchcock. Alan was then presented with MWUA's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Houlton Water District treated us to a great lunch with broiled haddock, steak, whipped potatoes and carrots. Thanks to all the great cooks at the water district.





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MWUA 34th ANNUAL CLAMBAKE SCRAMBLE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Wednesday, August 7, 2019

- 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 Team, 2nd Place Team, 3rd Place Team, Last Place Team
Longest Drive (Men/Women), Closest to the Pin (1st, 2nd, 3rd)
Putting Contest
- *There will be a 50/50 RAFFLE & CASINO HOLE to benefit the MWUA Scholarship Fund**
- REGISTRATION:** Register by July 31, 2019 online at: www.mwua.org; or complete this form and return to:
Maine Water Utilities Association
150 Capitol St, Ste 5, Augusta ME 04330
- CEREMONY:** Honorable passage of the Lobster Red "Master Scrambler" Jacket and the
- COST:** \$85.00 per person, including cart, prize fund and buffet
(meal cost is \$15.00 per person for those requiring a breakdown)

MWUA GOLF TOURNAMENT

August 7, 2019 at Val Halla Golf Course

Registration Deadline: July 31, 2019 *Pre-payment is Required Please

- DATE:** Wednesday, August 7, 2019
PLACE: Val Halla Golf Course, 60 Val Halla Rd., Cumberland, ME 04102
TIME: Shotgun Start at 8:30 AM
 Barbeque and Awards to follow

		MEMBER #1 CONTACT INFO:
Team Member #1	Name _____ Company _____	ADDRESS _____
Team Member #2	Name _____ Company _____	CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____
Team Member #3	Name _____ Company _____	PHONE _____
Team Member #4	Name _____ Company _____	E-MAIL _____

Payment enclosed for _____ (# people) at \$85.00/person. \$ _____

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Total enclosed \$ _____

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MAINE WATER UTILITIES ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL CLAMBAKE
Thursday, August 8, 2019

- LOCATION:** THOMAS POINT BEACH, BRUNSWICK, MAINE
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:** 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM DOWNEAST CLAMBAKE (Reservations Required)
 Come before lunch, meet old friends, make new ones. Stop at the entrance gate and inform them that you are attending the MWUA Clambake. It is requested that the serving of alcoholic beverages stop for the remainder of the day when lunch is served.
- REGISTRATION:** Register by July 26, 2019 using the following options:
 1. online at: www.mwua.org
 2. or complete registration form and return to the address or fax # below

Scott Abbotoni
 President

Christopher Curtis, Program Committee Co-Chair
 Justin Richardson, Program Committee Co-Chair

MWUA Annual Clambake Registration
August 8, 2019 at Thomas Point Beach - Brunswick
Registration Deadline: July 26, 2019

- TIME:** 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM DOWNEAST CLAMBAKE (Reservations Required)
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___ One Lobster Dinner	@ \$45.00 per person \$ _____	@ \$55.00 per person \$ _____
___ Steak Dinner	@ \$47.00 per person \$ _____	@ \$57.00 per person \$ _____
___ Chicken Dinner	@ \$38.00 per person \$ _____	@ \$48.00 per person \$ _____
___ Veggie Burger Dinner	@ \$25.00 per person \$ _____	@ \$35.00 per person \$ _____
___ Hamburgers/Hotdogs/Chips	@ \$15.00 per person \$ _____	@ \$25.00 per person \$ _____
___ Hamburgers/Hotdogs/Chips (16 & Under Free)		
	TOTAL ENCLOSED:	\$ _____

Technical Session offered at MWUA Clambake 8:00 -10:00
 ~See Registration Form for Details~

Pipe Tapping Competition: A high-energy competition involving a race against time to drill into a cement-lined, ductile iron pipe while under pressure and install a corporation. This event is meant to be fun and provide entertainment for all in attendance. You will need to review the 2019 rules and complete the registration form and waiver available on the MWUA website; also available via e-mail. If you decide to enter a team, please carefully review these rules.

*Note: Pipe Tapping Competition begins at 10:15 after the Technical Session (Team meeting begins at 10:00).
 We are limiting registration to no more than 8 teams.*

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