

**Bangor Water District
Board of Trustees**

**Minutes of a
Board Workshop
February 27, 2020**

A Board workshop was held at 7:00 a.m. in the Hughes Building, 614 State Street. Present were: Trustees Foss, Hamilton, Hwalek, Palmer, Sypitkowski, and Wellington. Absent: Trustee Timpson. Also in attendance were General Manager Moriarty and Finance Manager Bailey. The clerk kept the minutes.

The single item on the workshop agenda was review of financials for the 2020 rate case which would continue to address infrastructure replacement.

Bailey presented several scenarios including increases of 0, 5, 6, and 7 percent as well as the impact of each on future rate cases. Additionally, she reviewed the current and projected debt service, and the balance in the capital reserve account as allowed by the Maine Public Utilities Commission.

Moriarty discussed the impact of each rate change on the minimum and average residential bills. Based on year-end financials (including water use that continues to decline), staff recommended a seven percent across-the-board increase. She noted a minimum user would see an increase of \$1.03 per month and an average user would see an increase of \$1.66 per month.

Board members discussed the financials, and a preference for smaller, more frequent rate changes rather than widely spaced large increases. It was the consensus of the majority of Board members to go forward with a 7 percent increase.

Moriarty reminded the Board that a meeting will be scheduled with City Councilors to update them on the rate case. The Board will also vote on whether to proceed with the rate case at its March meeting.

The workshop adjourned at 8:00 a.m.

Dan Wellington, clerk

Ralph Foss

Patty Hamilton

John Hwalek

Gerry Palmer

Robert Sypitkowski