

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
LEWISTON-AUBURN WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY**

The regular meeting of the Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority was held on Friday, February 14, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. at the Authority offices at 535 Lincoln St., Lewiston.

Directors Present:	Sid Hazelton Norm Lamie Pete Preble Mark Adams Dale Doughty Denis D'Auteuil
Absent:	Ralph Lenfestey Peter Crichton
Superintendent:	Clayton Richardson
Assistant Superintendent:	Travis Peaslee
Secretary:	Candace Taylor
Treasurer:	Absent

Mark Adams called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m.

Minutes

Norm Lamie made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 10, 2020 regular meeting. Denis D 'Auteuil seconded, all approved, and the minutes were placed on file.

Consent Agenda

Denis D 'Auteuil made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Norm Lamie seconded and the motion passed.

Financial Reports

After a quick review of the financial reports, Norm Lamie made a motion to accept the Financial Reports. Denis D 'Auteuil seconded and the motion passed.

Public Questions and Comments

Joe Gray, a local farmer looking for land for produce food was present to show his interest in leasing the Libson Property. The Board told him to have an outline of the project and a written request for the lease before the end of May and they would take it into consideration. Mac said he would be welcome to the soil testing we had already performed.

Presentation on Biosolids-

Gene Barker and John Leslie from Casella Organics were present to present a slide show of 2019 land application to the Board and to talk about the outlook for 2020. Would like to find new fields for spreading and try to get back to where we were before the PFAS issues. Possibly retest some of the fields and look at fields that were not previously tested for PFAS.

Old Business:

ACA Update: Closing out the biofilter project and work on a schedule to fill in and cap the biofilter. At this point still no word of any progress on the SEP, probably won't till spring. The biofilter closure project was budgeted to be funded from the Reserve for Replacement. SME estimated this project cost approximately \$200,000. After proposals were reviewed, staff contacted Dube Gravel to ensure they fully understood the scope of work. Chris Dube stated that he does understand the full scope, that they believe the work would only take 3 weeks, and that they have all the specified material needed allowing them to bid accordingly.

Norm motioned to approve the award of the Biofilter Closure project to Dube Gravel Co., Inc. for an amount of \$87,650. Denis D'Auteuil seconded and the motion passed.

PFAS and biosolids: Looking at the farm program and a decision needs to be made concerning how viable the program is in light of both public concern and perception of risks resulting from trace contaminants such as PFAS and stability of the farms themselves (many of our older farmers do not have anyone to succeed them). For the short term land applying as much class B material as possible makes sense. Concerning composting or landfilling, composting is both more environmentally responsible and less costly over a long term. Currently our application for a permanent CF license is 3 to 4 weeks from DEP. With a permanent DEP license we will need to update and consolidate our agreements with the City of Auburn. As of February 15 (tomorrow) our pilot license is done and all compost is out of the building. We cannot operate now as we have no valid DEP license. Our application is in to DEP and we are waiting. The Board agreed that we should move forward with the City of Auburn (Planning Board and City Council). Staff was also directed to reach out to the abutter who petitioned DEP to have our license heard by the Board of Environmental Protection.

CSO-Clean Water Act Master Plan: We are waiting to hear back from Mike Riley, Maine Dep CSO Coordinator, at this point. Mac believes that DEP is likely to respond that the storage tank planned for the area near structure B needs to be moved up on the schedule, but would likely accept having the siting, permitting and preliminary design done by the end of 2025. Curious to see what the appeal process would be if not happy with response. At this point just wait and hear from Mike Riley. A significant question aside from when additional wet weather storage is built, is how will it be paid for? It could be bonded through the SRF program and costs be apportioned to ASD & LPW using the current practice for LAWPCA projects.

Libson Property Lease- Does the board want to consider looking into the other possibilities and if so what's the procedure. With all the concerns with the compost facility we should continue the lease with Gauthier and clean up the life lease agreement. Roger does have a copy of a rough renewal but neither him nor LAWPCA has signed it yet it. Norm needs to speak with Roger regarding carving out the parcel of land for him moving forward.

Staffing issue with trucking material. We are shut down, material need to be sold. The 2 will come back here about 3-4 weeks while waiting on approval until we can start back up again. That will help for the meanwhile.

Solar Power- Maine Power options is actively looking into solar possibilities for their members, especially in the area of off-loading. Very little minimum advantage adding on with the City of Auburn. It looks like Maine Power options would be the best option at this time. Maybe ask ME power options to come to next Board meeting to present.

Superintendent Report

Nothing new to report, most discussion will be in Old Business

Report from Cities/Sewer Districts

Nothing new to report from the cities.

Other Business

Lewiston is being approached to support an upgrade in the classification for this section of the Androscoggin, from class C to Class B. There remains concerns if this would cause more stringent and costly effluent limits for the LAWPCA discharge.

Executive Session

Norm Lamie made a motion to move into Executive session. Sid Hazelton seconded and the motion passed.

Other Business

None.

Jeff Preble made a motion to adjourn. Sid Hazelton seconded and all approved.

Attest: Clayton M. Richardson
Clayton M. Richardson, Superintendent