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March 20, 2025

1. Bring Meeting to Order: Meeting brought to order at 7:07 p.m.

2. Board Members & Alternates Present:

Phil Bloomstein (Freedom)

Paige Zeigler (Montville)

Michael Berry (Thorndike)

Diana Hauser (Unity)

Jenny Tibbetts (Jackson)

Kip Penney (Knox)

Ross Nason (Dixmont)

Leigh Juskevici (Manager)

3. Board Members & Alternates Absent:

Beth Soucie (Absent)

Jeri Roberts (Jackson-ALT)

Rose Zoller (Troy)

Penny Stevens (Knox)

[Currently there are no Alternates representing the Towns of Unity, Thorndike, Freedom, Montville, Troy, Dixmont]

4. Agenda Adjustments:

The Board wants to thank Phil & Paige for arranging a speaker/representative from the Natural Resources Council speaking on the basics of the EPR (Extended Producer Responsibility) law requiring large corporations and manufacturers to help pay for the cost of recycling.

Thank You to Phil & Paige

Thank you to Vanessa Berry for her presentation.

Thank you to Mt. View Library for the use of its area.

5. Approve February 20, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes:

A Motion was Made, Seconded and Approved

6. Manager's report:

Manager's Report March 20, 2025

With warmer weather we've been playing catch-up. When the baler was down and then the fork lift, we got a bit behind with baling. Now things are looking much better. We shipped a load of OCC/mixed paper today - \$85/ton for OCC and \$25/ton for mixed paper - to Canada.

Snow has melted and the solar panels are once again producing power. We didn't generate any power for about 6 weeks.

CMP - We've submitted our load sheet to CMP. Now we're waiting on them for a visit with one of their engineers and a quote.

MRRA Trade Show is April 14-15 at the Samoset.

I'm meeting with a rep from BHBT on Monday to discuss what they can do for us.

Since we shifted our sales revenue funds from a standard savings account to a money market account in June, we've earned \$1285.45 in dividends.

BHBT (Bar Harbor Bank & Trust)

Maine's Wasted Food Summit is Friday, 4/18, 10 a.m. to noon via Zoom.

Traffic for the month: 310 patrons

In addition to the Manager's Report, there were questions about cost of living raises for Staff.

7. Committee Reports:

There were no committee meetings to report on.

There is a need for the Personnel Committee to meet and a meeting will be arranged soon to discuss staffing.

8. Budget vs Actual:

Printout is available

9. Town Meeting Updates:

Jackson, Freedom & Thorndike were 'uneventful' in regard to contract with the UARRC. Montville & Unity haven't met yet.

Dixmont passed contract agreement but placed it under control of public works department.

Knox's veto of contract with UARRC must follow the inter-local agreement in order to be valid. Discussion of the inter-local agreement followed. There will be informative meetings/discussions with the Town.

10. Adjournment:

A Motion was Made, Seconded and Approved to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

11. Minutes Submitted:

Diana Hauser (Unity) UARRC Secretary