

Water Resources Planning Committee
January 27, 2022
1:00 – 2:00 PM
Deering Building, Room 101
90 Blossom Lane, Augusta, Maine

Meeting Notes

Committee members in attendance: Bruce Berger, David Braley, Stephen Dickson, Mark Dubois, Ryan Gordon, Dirk Gouwens, Bert Kendall, Daniel Locke, Mark Margerum, Julie Ann Smith, Kate Warner. No members of the public were present.

Ryan Gordon called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

Stephen Dickson introduced himself as State Geologist and as a newly appointed member of the Committee to replace Robert Marvinney, who retired as State Geologist on July 1. Other attendees introduced themselves.

The Committee discussed elements of the draft Remote Participation Policy. The requirement, based on statute, to host members of the public at a physical location for all remote meetings was discussed, with some concerns about the technology available to include them in future meetings. Ryan Gordon, clerk of the Committee, stated that he will host members of the public in a meeting room on the Augusta East Campus, and that the location will be announced to the public in advance. Ryan will provide two-way video and audio communications technology for attendees physically present in the room. The Committee discussed the software platform that will be used for remote meetings; it will typically be Microsoft Teams. We will also include scheduled breaks in meetings that go for over one hour.

The Committee held a public hearing on the draft Remote Participation Policy. As there were no members of the public present, the hearing was closed without comment.

Bert Kendall moved to approve and adopt the Remote Participation Policy, David Braley seconded. The motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:40 pm.