

As voted by the Board of Trustees and in accordance with the notice of the meeting, the monthly Workshop Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Portland Water District was held in the Nixon Training Center at the general offices of the District, 225 Douglass Street, Portland, Maine, on Monday, June 17, 2024. In attendance from staff were S. Garrison, C. Crovo, P. Hunt, D. Kane, J. Wallace, D. Katsiaficas, M. Clements, M. Demers, and C. Cote. Attending from the public were Dr. Monique LaRocque, Dr. Steven Bridge, and Camilla Fecteau-Bridge from St. Joseph's College in Standish, ME.

All Trustees were present except Trustees Siviski and Crockett. President Lunt opened the workshop meeting at 6:37 p.m.

1. Indian Island

Dr. Steven Bridge, Professor of Theology at St. Joseph's College, provided an overview of his research activities since joining the college in 2000. His most recent field research on the land owned by the college led him to expand his search to the land currently owned by the Portland Water District.

Key points and highlights included:

- Who was on the land here before us and what did they leave behind, if anything? There are hundreds of land deeds for the area and there have been over 160 owners.
- Preliminary excavation has revealed thousands of artifacts, dating from the late 1600's to 1955
- The Inaugural button for George Washington in 1798 was found
- In 2016, Dr. Bridge published his book, *UnEarthed Storied Artifacts and Remarkable Predecessors of the Saint Joseph's College Campus*
- On a table he assembled for inspection a variety of artifacts he found in excavation conducted on PWD property
- He thanked the Board for allowing him to conduct his research

Dr. Bridge's presentation was recorded and will be made available.

2. Other Business

Mr. Garrison informed the Board that there will be an Executive Session at the June business meeting with Peter Bennet regarding the upcoming Union negotiations in July.

3. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Submitted by,

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