



Memorandum

DATE: June 24, 2021

TO: Chairman and Members of the Board

FROM: Kevin H. Roche, CEO/General Manager

SUBJECT: **Annual Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – June 17, 2021**

There was an **ecomaine** Board of Directors Meeting held on the date noted above. The meeting was held at Thompson's Point Pavilion in Portland, Maine.

Present: Dennis Abbott, Linda Boudreau, Christopher Branch, Bob Burns, Dave Durrell, Matthew Frank, Jamie Garvin, Caleb Hemphill, Gary Lamb, Jarrod Maxfield, Troy Moon, Rod Regier, Nathan Rudy, Bill Shane, Mike Shaw, Erik Street, Matthew Sturgis & Rob Wood

Guest Speaker: Melanie Loyzim, Commissioner – Department of Environmental Protection

Welcome

Kevin Roche welcomed **ecomaine's** Board of Directors, Guests & Staff. He recognized and congratulated each of the eco-Excellence award winners on their work and encouraged all to get the word out on the work of our eco-excellence champions.

Kevin shared **ecomaine's** commitment to the Mission Statement. He reflected on the downturn in the recycling market over the last year and noted that there have not been many glimpses of hope in the market reported. Kevin stated that through-out the market change and the pandemic, **ecomaine** has remained committed to staying the course in recycling and our continued commitment to the waste hierarchy.

He thanked all for the support on LD 57. He shared some insight on a recent report of "The Scientific Truth about Waste-to-Energy" and its importance in the reduction of greenhouse gases.

In closing he thanked the board, staff, and communities for their support of **ecomaine**.

Mike Shaw, Chairman called to order the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors. He began the meeting recognizing members who will be leaving the board and thank them for their commitment and support of the work of **ecomaine**.

Committee Reports

Finance & Audit Committee Report – Bill Shane, Chair

Bill Shane reported out the following highlights of the committee this year.

- The board accepted the Audit Report for FY 20. We received a clean opinion for FY 20 from our Auditors (RKO).
- The Five-year Capital Improvement Plan continues to move forward aggressively. We continue to invest in the plant yearly and have added leasing to our five-year plan.
- Strong returns from our reserve investments.
- Strong financial position overall.

Bill thanked the Finance Committee Members for their work this year. It was a challenging year for the committee and look forward to seeing you next year.

Outreach & Recycling Committee Report – Caleb Hemphill, Chair

Caleb Hemphill reported out on the following highlights of the Outreach & Recycling Committee:

- Staff provided outreach to more than 34,00 people. They increased public awareness in schools, business, community groups and other organizations. Some outreach was done virtually but was a valuable addition to our communities.
- The Recycling Tagging Education partnership with ecomaine communities continues. Additionally, Staff has launched the Master Recycler courses.
- **ecomaine** has appeared in several news stories focused on recycling and sustainability.
- **ecomaine** has had significant media and in person connections and online engagement for FY 21.
- Outreach programs awarded \$18,000 in recycling grants to ten schools. The committee selected Fiddlehead Center for the Arts as a winner this year of our Upcycle Challenge, with a grand prize of \$500.
- We presented nine eco-Excellence Awards this year to our communities for their efforts in sustainable waste management and their eco-friendly efforts.

Caleb thanked the Outreach & Recycling Committee and Staff for their work this year.

Nominating Committee Report – Linda Boudreau, Chair

Linda Boudreau thanked the Nominating Committee members, Matthew Frank, Troy Moon & Rod Regier.

Linda Boudreau reported out that the nominating committee met on May 10, 2021, to discuss nominations for FY 22. The committee is recommending that the following Officers continue in their current role for another year. They are as follows:

- Mike Shaw – Chair
- Erik Street – Vice Chair
- William Shane – Treasurer & Chair, Finance & Audit Committee
- Caleb Hemphill – Secretary & Chair, Outreach & Recycling Committee
- Jeff Amatrudo – Vice Chair, Outreach & Recycling Committee
- Matthew Frank – Past President

Approval of Officers & Committee Appointments and Minutes from April 15, 2021.

Mike Shaw asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. Seeing none he requested a motion from the floor to approve three items, the slate of officers, committees and Board Meeting minutes from April 15, 2021.

Matthew Frank motioned to approve the slate of officers & committee assignments and the minutes from the April 15, 2021, Full Board of Directors Meeting. Motion was second by Rod Regier. All in favor.

Keynote Address – Melanie Loyzim, Commissioner – Department of Environmental Protection

Kevin Roche provided an introduction of Commissioner Loyzim.

Commissioner Loyzim presented an overview of the State of Maine on MSW & Recycling, Solid Waste Facilities, 2021 Legislation, Management of PFAS and DEP's support of innovations.

Closing Remarks – Mike Shaw, Chairman of the Board of Directors

Mike Shaw thanked the Commissioner, Board of Directors, Guests and Staff for their participation in the **ecomaine** Annual Meeting.

Dave Durrell motioned to Adjourn. Motion was second by Linda Boudreau. All in favor.