

**GRAY WATER DISTRICT  
TRUSTEES MEETING  
September 19, 2022  
Location: 80 Shaker Rd**

Present: Mitch Berkowitz, Joe Murray, Mike MacDonald, John Roy and Superintendent Bill Gardner. Bruce arrived at 6:23. Mitch called meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**Superintendent's Report:**

1. Average gallons per day (AGD) for pumps 1&2 was 337,516. AGD for Pump 3 was 93,089. Both pumps were run for 31 days.
2. SCADA at Pump Station 3 has been up and running for a full month now and we are already seeing a substantial decrease in our CMP bill.
3. On August 24<sup>th</sup> we worked with Merrill Excavation to install a meter pit for 300 Shaker, a meter at 33 North Raymond and replace a service box at 179 Shaker. We are just about done with our service repairs list that dated back to 2016.
4. On August 26<sup>th</sup> we worked with Gerry Cyr of MSAD 15 to install a new meter and RPZ (backflow preventor) at Russell School. This was done as a part of their efforts to replace leaded parts in their plumbing.
5. On August 30<sup>th</sup> we met with Gorrill-Palmer Engineers (GPE) regarding the West Gray Rd project. They will be reengineering Two Rod Rd as it is currently being served via a 2 1/4" line that crosses private property. It will be replaced by a proper sized line installed in the right-of-way.
6. On September 1<sup>st</sup> we completed a service installation and tap on Colley Hill for Will Graiver. We had previously tried to do this job but were unable to once we opened the ground and found there was a 2 1/4" line instead of the 6" that our GIS system showed. This cost us \$1900 in excavation costs that we could not pass on to the customer.
7. On September 13<sup>th</sup> we worked with Merrill Excavation to uncover and raise a valve on Wayne Ave, replace a valve at 184 Shaker.
8. On September 14<sup>th</sup> Pete from Maine Rural Water Association (MRWA) helped us to locate valves on Liberty Ave that we previously couldn't find. We also tried to locate a service there and were unable to find it.
9. A leak was found while performing hydrant checks. We were able to stop the flow of water by shutting the hydrant valve. We will be fixing it next week.
10. All unmetered customers are now metered.
11. We had the garage door removed and a regular door framed in for the shop. This should save us on propane costs since we won't be opening an overhead door each time we enter the shop.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Landfill Test Well Results:**

We have not heard anything from the State after forwarding information about test results and lack of action by the Town to the Maine Drinking Water Program (MDWP)

**ACTION:** Superintendent Gardner to report back when he hears from them.

**TIF-Town Project Discussions:**

The Town had another meeting regarding the RT115 project. It is still moving forward but likely a couple years out.

**ACTION:** None

**Road Opening Permits:** This update is a Town initiative that will likely be deferred pending changes in the Public Works Department. The current rules are in place and being followed. No further action needed on our part.

**ACTION:** None.

**Turnpike Crossing / West Gray Rd Main Replacement Projects:**

We are planning to go out to bid this fall.

**ACTION:** Superintendent to report back when he has updates.

**PFAS:**

Nothing new to report.

**ACTION:** None.

**Purchasing Policy:**

Trustees discussed small changes to be made.

**Motion/Second** by Berkowitz/Murray to accept the most recent version of the Purchasing Policy with the addition and qualification of consulting services be the most responsible consulting service and that we take a look at that over the next calendar year but not any less than six months from now so that we can determine if there needs to be further amendments.

**ACTION:** Trustee Murray to make changes in the original document then send to Office Manager for implementation.

**Storm Water & Spill Prevention Plans:**

Superintendent Gardner met with Gray Public Works Director, Dodd, regarding the sampling requirement in the MOU. Director Dodd stated that he thought there was an addendum that said they didn't have to perform the sampling. Director Dodd also let Superintendent Gardner know that he has given a notice and is resigning his position. Trustees and Superintendent discussed that there is no addendum but that it's probably best to wait until a new Public Works Director is installed before we proceed. Mike reported that he has not completed the letter regarding non fire use of hydrants yet.

**ACTION:** Action on sampling will be deferred pending completion of changes in the Public Works Dept. Mike will continue work on the hydrant use letter as a separate issue. .

**Sodium Silicate Treatment:**

Superintendent Gardner is still waiting for the corrosivity index report from Sevee & Mahar Engineers (SME) for us to submit to the DWP.

**ACTION:** Superintendent will submit the requested info as soon as it's ready.

**MWUA Grant Writing Assistance:**

Trustees and Superintendent discussed at length projects that would be appropriate for us to include in our request for funding. It was decided that we would move forward with three maintenance projects as that's what's needed most right now. The three chosen were Shaker Rd, Lewiston Rd and Yarmouth Rd. If there ends up being grants available for projects other than maintenance, we have projects like a new tank on Libby Hill, a new loop feed up the bypass and developing a new water source with Yarmouth Water District or the State.

**ACTION:** Trustee Murray to set up zoom meeting with Tom Bahun who is under contract with Maine Water Utilities Association.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **YWD Well Pumping Test Site:**

Nothing new to report.

**ACTION:** None.

### **State Land Water Source:**

Trustees and Superintendent discussed the possibility of drawing water from the brook after the fish hatchery. This would alleviate concerns the State has about affecting the fishery. Trustee MacDonald mentioned the possibility of sampling the water just after the hatchery to find out the condition so we would at least have an idea what kind of treatment it would need. Superintendent Gardner reported that the gentleman who runs the daily operations at the hatchery offered to give him a tour of the springs up above. He could take him up on that offer and discuss sampling the water below while there.

**ACTION:** Superintendent Gardner to reach out to his contact at the hatchery when time allows.

## **OTHER:**

**Next scheduled regular meeting:** October 24, 2022 @ 6:00 PM.

**Adjournment:** 8:33 pm.

## **OUTSTANDING ITEMS:**

- Route 100 TIF (South)
- Planning for the future/CIP programming
- G.I.S.
- Search for new water source

Respectfully submitted,

Sudiek Lester, Office Manager