

**GRAY WATER DISTRICT  
TRUSTEES MEETING  
October 24, 2022  
Location: 80 Shaker Rd**

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

**Superintendent's Report:**

1. Average gallons per day (AGD) for pumps 1&2 was 266,967. AGD for Pump 3 was 81,990. Pumps were run 30 days, Pump 3 is now being run one day per week.
2. Monthly samples for September were absent of bacteria.
3. On 9/26 MDOT reported water bubbling up on Depot Rd while they were ditching. We asked them to stop work for the day, and planned to investigate on Monday. MRWA helped us with locating and listening equipment but we were still having a hard time pinpointing it. We decided to dig up the main and try to tap it for 179 Depot while we had it exposed to find the leak as they have been asking us for water service. The digging was very difficult. There's lots of ledge there and the main was almost 10' deep. Once the main was exposed the listening equipment was used directly on the pipe but nothing could be heard. No leak was found and we believe the water that was bubbling up is all ground water from the swampy area above. We came back a week later to finish the service install. In the end it was two full days of excavating for the leak investigation and new service install.
4. Gorham Fence completed the gate installation at our Pump Station 3 as well as the fencing around the power supply. The work looks great and neighbors have commented on how much better it looks. We just received the bill from Gorham Fence today. We will be submitting that bill so we can receive the grant money we were awarded by the State Revolving Fund.
5. The website is just about done. It should be up in the next couple weeks.
6. We've been busy with meter and MXU repairs. We have found a lot of Kornerhorns leaking recently. We've also been doing a lot of line locations for Dig Safe.

**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). Trustees and Superintendent discussed taking samples at the pond behind the landfill.

**ACTION:** Superintendent Gardner to contact the Superintendent of Schools to let them know we will be crossing school property to access the pond area for testing.

**TIF-Town Project Discussions:**

Nothing new to report.

**ACTION:** None

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

Because Congress has not passed a budget, we cannot count on the Susan Collins earmark money yet. They will be revisiting this on December 16<sup>th</sup> but it may get pushed out to next Spring. We were told that we should have two projects ready to go for when funding becomes available. This project will be number one and Lewiston Rd will be number two.

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

**PFAS:**

Mitch passed out an article for Trustee information. Trustees decided to remove this item from the agenda for now as we have completed our requirements for this year.

**ACTION:** None.

**Purchasing Policy:**

Trustees implemented this policy as of this meeting date, October 24<sup>th</sup> 2022.

**Motion/Second** by Berkowitz/Murray to adopt the policy as amended. Vote was unanimous.

**ACTION:** Office Manager to add implementation date to document. Item completed and will be removed from the agenda.

**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:**

Nothing new to Report

**ACTION:** Joe to summarize project list and priorities, review with Bill and set up Zoom meeting with MWUA contractor.

**YWD Well Pumping Test Site:**

Superintendent Gardner reported that he spoke with the Yarmouth Water District Superintendent about searching for funding together this winter.

**ACTION:** Superintendent Gardner will report back when he has new information to share.

**State Land Water Source:**

Trustees and Superintendent discussed an article that Trustee Murray found and sent to everyone. The article talked about a State initiative to build a large, centralized hatchery and close some existing facilities due to new phosphate discharge regulations that are expensive to remedy. If that happens Gray could be one of the hatcheries that is shut down and that would open the possibility of establishing a new public water supply source.

**ACTION:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Novel Energy:**

Superintendent Gardner presented Trustees with a packet of information from Novel Energy. This is a solar company that wants us to sign on with them and is promising a 15% savings on our electric bills. Trustees decided to postpone discussion of this item until next meeting to allow time to review the information.

**OTHER:**

**Next scheduled regular meeting:** November 28, 2022 @ 6:00 PM.

**Adjournment:** 6:52 pm.

**OUTSTANDING ITEMS:**

- 2022.04 Storm Water & Spill Prevention Plans
- Route 100 TIF (South)
- Planning for the future/CIP programming
- G.I.S.
- Search for new water source

Respectfully submitted,

Sudiek Lester, Office Manager