

**GRAY WATER DISTRICT
TRUSTEES MEETING
January 30, 2023
Location: 80 Shaker Rd**

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

Superintendent's Report:

1. Average gallons per day (AGD) for pumps 1&2 was 324,422. AGD for Pump 3 was 85,868.
2. Monthly samples for December were absent of bacteria.
3. On 1/12 we met with Will Haskell and Doug Reynolds of Gorrill-Palmer Engineers (GPE) regarding the Route 115 project. We have since met again for the same project.
4. On 1/19 we worked with Al Schaeffer, our GIS consultant, to capture the infrastructure in Gray Plaza and on Depot Rd on our GIS system.
5. On 1/20 Trustee Berkowitz and Superintendent Gardner met with Nate Rudy and Doug Webster of the Town of Gray to discuss future Town projects and cooperation between the Town and the Water District.
6. We have signed on to purchase another software module from Northern Data Systems (NDS), the company that we purchase our billing software. We will have much more versatility with work orders and inventory.
7. On 1/21 we met with the Fire Chief and RCM, the company that does their antenna work, to look over the site at Dry Mills Tank and do a signal survey.
8. On 1/22 we repaired the broken hydrant on Collyer Brook Rd. It cost us \$1284.00 out of our pocket unfortunately since we don't know who hit it.
9. EJP completed a count of our inventory earlier this month. This inventory is needed for our annual audit and is conducted at no cost by EJP
10. Superintendent Gardner has joined a legislative committee at the request of the Deputy Executive Director of Maine Rural Water Association (MRWA), Brad Sawyer. The committee meets once per month via zoom to keep abreast of legislation that affects our industry. Items will be discussed and then Brad will take the group opinions back to the legislature.
11. On 1/23 Pollard Electric was here to do work on our office. We have been running on an antiquated 60amp service. They are installing a new 200amp service needed to support our tools, equipment, and electronics safely and reliably.
12. Superintendent Gardner met with SME regarding test well sampling. They discussed our current issue with the landfill results as well as treatment of PFAS that will surely affect us in the near future. They are putting together a proposal for spring sampling of salt, and other contaminants.
13. Wright Ryan has been contacted for a building design for the pumphouse area at 80 Shaker Rd. We need to reconfigure the building and update the piping system to allow for accessible metering and injection systems. The work will be done in conjunction with water main replacement needed for the turnpike crossing project.

14. The owner of Busy Bee cabins contacted us regarding extending the water main on Portland Rd. He is looking into purchasing land to expand and build more cabins. He would like to serve them with public water.
15. Superintendent Gardner has been invited by the Superintendent of Yarmouth Water District to attend a workshop at their office facility about helping customers financially and a cost-of-service study. Trustees MacDonald and Murray will attend also.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee MacDonald reported that, in planning for the Rt 115 project, the Town wants us to abandon our 20-year-old 12" main on Yarmouth Rd. They have drainage they would like to install during the road reconstruction and our infrastructure is in the way. Our current plan is to add a second 12" main supporting the relatively new 12" main that is in use now. Abandoning existing new infrastructure is not something we would do. After much discussion, it was determined that abandoning the existing main would require a new 16" main be installed and tied in to the existing 16" in the village area. Our part of this project is already underfunded so the Town would have to provide additional funds to accomplish the work as they would like it.

OLD BUSINESS:

Landfill Test Well Results:

Superintendent Gardner is working with Ransom Engineering to help them compile water sampling data. He has reached out to Sevee & Maher Engineers (SME) and they are putting together some information to give to Ransom. During a conversation with SME, the possibility of problems with the cap for the landfill came up and they suggested we gain access to the closing documentation.

ACTION: Superintendent Gardner to ask Ransom to review all documentation regarding capping the landfill as part this project.

TIF-Town Project Discussions:

This item was covered under Trustee reports.

ACTION: None

Turnpike Crossing / West Gray Rd Main Replacement Projects:

Nothing new to report other than we are currently reaching out to Senator Susan Collins office guidance on timing and next steps. Superintendent did get a copy of the approved projects list and we are definitely on it.

ACTION: None.

Sodium Silicate Treatment:

Bill is installing some different equipment to change the way we do the injection process. We will be continuing Sodium Silicate treatment at Pump Station 3 for the foreseeable future.

ACTION: None at this time.

YWD Well Pumping Test Site:

Superintendent Gardner reported that the Superintendent of YWD will be conducting PFAS testing in the spring.

ACTION: None.

State Land Water Source:

Nothing new. Planned work is on hold till warmer weather.

ACTION: None.

Hydrant Policy:

Trustee MacDonald reported that spoke to the Fire Chief and he is content with the document as is.

ACTION: Trustee MacDonald will send out the latest draft to all.

Dry Mills Radio Tower:

RCM was at the site today conducting a site survey.

ACTION: None.

ARPA Grants:

Superintendent Gardner reported that he has submitted the application for 1.3 Million for replacing the main on Lewiston Rd.

ACTION: None.

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER:

Next scheduled regular meeting: February 27, 2023 @ 6:00 PM.

Adjournment: 7:00 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,

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