

**GRAY WATER DISTRICT  
TRUSTEES MEETING  
April 24, 2023  
Location: 80 Shaker Rd**

Present: Bruce Sawyer, Mitch Berkowitz, Joe Murray, Mike MacDonald, 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 376,258. AGD for Pump 3 was 85,926.
2. Monthly samples for March were absent of bacteria.
3. 3/21 Submitted grant application for the Lead & Copper inventory we have to complete. The grant is for \$4500 and will be used to pay a part time employee who is doing the work.
4. 3/24 We signed on for another year of VAS with E.J. Prescott. We have utilized their Value-Added Service program for many years.
5. 3/29 Superintendent Gardner met with Sevee & Maher Engineers (SME) regarding future sampling.
6. 4/5 Met with Mark Spinale, Municipal Assistance Section Chief at EPA regarding State Revolving Fund (SRF) grants.
7. The School Superintendents office will be getting a renewed meter setting. They are doing work in there and it is a very old setup so it's a good time to change it.
8. Met with Gray Public Works regarding a blow-off for washing trucks.
9. Met with Town Building & Grounds Director regarding a new service they would like to install inside the Pennell complex as well as the work that needs to be done at the fire barn.
10. Met with the Fire Chief regarding a hydrant for Angel's Way. The chief said we do not need to install a new one as he can use the hydrant at the end of Adler to service the two new homes on Angel's Way.
11. The owner of Maplewood Mobile Home Park visited the office to discuss the high usage at the park. We discussed the need for metering and leak detection as we have each time he has come in about his bill. Although he is being billed for all the water use there it could be a danger to our system as he does not have control or even knowledge of where he is losing water. We will write a letter explaining that he must get a handle on his system soon.
12. An ex-employee of Portland Water District was interviewed but not offered a position.
13. 4/11 Sevee & Maher Engineers (SME) came and sampled our sentry wells for arsenic, salt & PFAS. We are awaiting results.
14. 4/13 Attended the MWUA bi-monthly meeting in Auburn. A presentation was put on by Auburn Water & Sewer District. Also met with Weston & Sampson that day. They will be doing our pump checks again this year.

15. 4/14 A leak was reported at 185 Shaker. We think it is on their private line but after much digging it has not been found yet. The next step is for the homeowner to replace their line. We will update the curb stop at the same time.
16. 4/17 Another leak was reported, this time at 240 Shaker. We are confident this one is on our side and it is very loud. We will go back and dig and hopefully find it quickly right where we think it is.

**Superintendent Review:**

Trustee MacDonald reported that he completed an employee review with Superintendent Gardner.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Landfill Test Well Results:**

Superintendent Gardner reported that Ransom has not responded yet with landfill closure information that was requested.

**ACTION:** None.

**TIF-Town Project Discussions:**

Superintendent Gardner reported that Town Manager, Nate Rudy, had wanted to meet with us and MDOT but a meeting has not been scheduled. We did receive the \$495,000 in TIF funds. The funds have been put into a 52-week CD.

**ACTION:** None

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

Superintendent Gardner reported that he continues to take online classes. He also reported that with this grant money is a stipulation that we match 20% which would be around \$354,000. There is a waiver that we may qualify for but there is more work/research to be done before we know for sure. We have been moved to the top of the list of projects due to our readiness so we are going to bid and just ordered pipe. Gorrill-Palmer Engineers (GPE) is putting together the bidding materials for us.

**ACTION:** None.

**YWD Well Pumping Test Site:**

The Superintendent of Yarmouth Water District will be sampling at the site for PFAS this spring.

**ACTION:** None.

**State Land Water Source:**

The possibility of using the outflow as a source is still under consideration

**ACTION:** Trustee MacDonald to set up a meeting with hatchery management as time permits.

**ARPA Grants:**

We assume we were not selected to receive funds as the deadline has passed and they have not contacted us.

**ACTION:** None

**Gerald's Way Main Extension:**

Materials payment has been received from the contractor and materials are on order.

**John Merrill Project:**

Contractor is working with the Town on necessary permits.

**ACTION:** none

**Spill and Stormwater Plan reports:**

Reports have been received from the Town and given to Trustee Murray for review.

**ACTION:** Trustee Murray to review reports and report back.

**Income Survey:**

On 3/22 an application was submitted for a Capacity Development grant that will help pay for the survey. The amount awarded will be \$19,000.

**ACTION:** None

**Pineland Water System:**

On 3/27 Superintendent Gardner and Trustee MacDonald met with Yarmouth Water District and Pineland Farms. It was just a general conversation about the system. Pineland has two wells at 300GPM and 400 GPM yield. The conversation is ongoing.

**ACTION:** None

**Injection/Treatment Facility:**

On 3/23 an application was submitted for the State Revolving Fund (SRF) grant to be used for the new pumphouse building. We submitted for \$439,000 which is the whole project.

**ACTION:**

**Yarmouth Water District Solar Farm:**

YWD is still in the early planning stage. Nothing new to report.

**ACTION:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Update Master Plan:**

The master plan needs to be updated with our specific plans for water main replacement over the next few years. This will benefit us when applying for grants/loans for these projects.

**ACTION:** Superintendent to revise future plans page and email draft out to Trustees.

**USDA Grant: Shaker Rd:**

Superintendent Gardner reported that he has begun the process of applying for funding for replacement of water main along Shaker Rd. The entire project, which would be done in three phases, would total 3.1 million.

**Front Fencing/Parking Lot Design:**

Superintendent Gardner is getting quotes from Main Line Fence and Bowdoin Excavation to redesign the front lot and move the fencing back. Moving the fence will leave the front of the office open to customer traffic but still protect the remainder of our property including the wells.

**OTHER:**

**Next scheduled regular meeting:** May 22, 2023 @ 6:00 PM.

**Adjournment:** 8:30 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