

**GRAY WATER DISTRICT
TRUSTEES MEETING
June 26, 2023
Location: 80 Shaker Rd**

Present: Bruce Sawyer, Joe Murray, Mike MacDonald, John Roy, and Superintendent Bill Gardner. Doug Webster, Planning Director and Kurt Elkanich, Fire Chief for Town of Gray were here separately as guests. Bruce called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Election of Officers:

Bruce Sawyer was reelected to another 5-year term. He will remain President of the board. **Motion/Second** by Murray/MacDonald to keep current slate of officers; Bruce as president, Mitch as clerk. Vote to approve was unanimous.

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Doug Webster of Town of Gray presented information on the requirements and implementation of the new law. The Town Council has begun work on identifying an area where new and dense growth will occur. Doug gave Trustees maps showing a proposed village growth area that includes major portions of both wellhead 1 and wellhead 2 protection zones. The wellhead zoning has been in place for decades and is our single best tool for keeping the Town of Gray's drinking water safe. Trustees, the Superintendent and Doug discussed the proposal at length. Trustees made it clear that they do not support allowing more density on the wellhead as it presents an unnecessary danger to the aquifer. More people, buildings and vehicles etc. just increase the risk of harm to the drinking water source.

Town of Gray Fire Chief:

Chief Elkanich would like to attend our meetings on a regular basis, maybe quarterly, to check in and make sure we understand each other's needs and challenges. Trustees agreed that having good communication is important and that he is welcome to attend whenever he wishes. Chief, Trustees and Superintendent also discussed emergency management as Chief Elkanich is the Emergency Management Agency contact for Gray.

Superintendent's Report:

1. Average gallons per day (AGD) for pumps 1&2 was 460,419. AGD for Pump 3 was 137,663.
2. Monthly samples for May were absent of bacteria.
3. The new employee hired last month has been let go. He was not a good fit.
4. 5/24 A new service tap was completed at 23 Woodcock.
5. 5/25 Completed a curb stop repair at 325 Shaker.
6. 5/30 Weston & Sampson conducted a well inspection. This report recommended inspecting wells 1&2 pumps.

7. 5/31 The 2" tap and drill under road service was completed at 258 Shaker. This is the site of the Angel's Way project. Also on this day a service leak was discovered and repaired at 314 Shaker.
8. 5/11 the hydrant that was damaged by a motorist was replaced. The total cost was \$10,143. We will bill the insurance company.
9. 6/1 & 6/6 Superintendent attended EPA classes.
10. 6/2 Pollard Electric finished the new wiring project here in the office.
11. 6/7 The 2" tap and drill under road service was completed at 52 Lewiston Rd. This is the site of a two-home build.
12. 6/14 a Sanitary Survey was conducted by the Maine Drinking Water Program. Denise Douin, our public water system inspector, was very impressed with the progress made over the past three years.
13. 6/15 Work was done on the SCADA system. We had lost communication with pump 3. The problem was fixed and new SOPs were written.
14. 6/20 Mainline Fence was here to walk the property and update a prior fencing quote.
15. 6/20 Another leak was found at 325 Shaker Rd. This time it was on the private line. Homeowner notified of his responsibility for repairs
16. 6/21 We had a representative from Northern Data Systems (NDS), our billing software company, come to the office to do training on our new mobile work order system.
17. The cross connection found at the Public Safety building last month is not repaired yet. We are waiting on parts.
18. We interviewed a young man today and will interview another on Friday.
19. Denali is back to working full time.
20. A yard machine is needed for ease and safety of chemical delivery. It is difficult to get a semi-truck inside the fence and very hard to move 55-gallon drums by hand. Trustees and Superintendent discussed options. We can purchase a used machine from one of our contractors. Superintendent Gardner will check in to lease options and report back.

OLD BUSINESS:

Landfill Test Well Results:

Ransom has not responded yet with landfill closure information that was requested. We also have not received the 2022 Landfill Water Quality Monitoring report yet.

ACTION: Office manager to contact Town and request our copy of the report.

TIF-Town Project Discussions:

This item was covered during the discussion with Doug.

ACTION: None

Turnpike Crossing / West Gray Rd Main Replacement Projects:

Superintendent Gardner reported that he continues to take online classes with EPA for managing the project. He is still waiting to be assigned a grant officer. We have pipe for this project being delivered soon. We will store it at Weeks Hill standpipe.

ACTION: None.

YWD Well Pumping Test Site:

Nothing new to report

ACTION: None.

State Land Water Source:

Nothing new to report.

ACTION: None.

Gerald's Way Main Extension:

Nothing new to report.

ACTION: None.

Jon Merrill Project:

Nothing new to report.

ACTION: None.

Spill and Stormwater Plan reports:

Trustee Murray reports we received the correct report for the transfer station but the report submitted for the garage was for 2021. The 2022 report is due.

ACTION: Office Manager to request the 2022 report for the garage from the Town.

Income Survey:

The survey has not been scheduled yet but we are getting closer to having notices ready to mail.

ACTION: None

Injection/Treatment Facility:

Superintendent Gardner reported that new PFAS funds, up to 1 million per system, could cover the whole project. Unfortunately, we later found out that the parameters are very specific regarding contaminant levels and we do not qualify at this time. There are other grants, according to Sevee & Maher Engineers (SME), that we will check into. We will be meeting with Bruce Fowler of SME in July. Bruce also wants to talk about new water sources that his firm identified years ago.

ACTION: None

Yarmouth Water District (YWD) Solar Farm:

Trustee MacDonald reported that he has usage information to share with YWD.

ACTION: None

Update Master Plan:

Trustees and Superintendent discussed draft changes made by Superintendent. The replacement of 10" main on Yarmouth Rd will be separated out from the rest of Yarmouth Rd. A new generator and water filtration will also be added.

ACTION: Superintendent to make changes.

USDA Grant: Shaker Rd:

Superintendent Gardner reported that the application for funding for replacement of water main along Shaker Rd. has been submitted. We will need to schedule a public meeting.

ACTION: None

Front Fencing/Parking Lot Design:

We are still waiting for updated fencing quotes. We did receive quotes for paving and tree/site work. It's looking like this project will be around \$50,000. This is something we should defer to a later date as we have higher priority things to purchase.

ACTION: Item to be moved to the outstanding items list

NEW BUSINESS:

Purchasing Policy Review:

Trustee Murray suggested we revisit to ensure everyone is still comfortable with the spending limits that were set in the policy. Trustees and Superintendent discussed; everything will remain as it is for now.

ACTION: None Item complete

Receiving Non-Customer Payments:

The office Manager reported that the owner of Maplewood Trailer Park has purchased new meters for all the trailers. He is getting them installed for the purpose of billing his tenants for water. He asked if we would be willing to receive checks directly from his tenants to be deposited on his account. Trustees decided that this would not be appropriate on many levels and is most likely prohibited by the PUC. They also suggested that the owner contact the Public Utilities Commission to ensure his billing practices follow the rules.

ACTION: Office Manager to pass information on to trailer park owner.

10" Main on Yarmouth Rd:

Superintendent Gardner is working on a price to replace the approximately 1100' of 10" cement lined pipe located on Yarmouth Rd. This stretch of main is causing water quality issues. It was originally scheduled to be replaced with the Route 115 project but since that has been put off for a few years we may want to get that part done separately. This project also needs to be added to our System Infrastructure Needs Assessment document that gets submitted along with our PUC report.

ACTION: Superintendent to report back when pricing is complete.

OTHER:

Next scheduled regular meeting: July 17, 2023 @ 6:00 PM.

Adjournment: 9:08 pm.

OUTSTANDING ITEMS:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sudiek Lester, Office Manager