

**GRAY WATER DISTRICT
TRUSTEES MEETING
July 17, 2023
Location: 80 Shaker Rd**

Present: Bruce Sawyer, Joe Murray, Mike MacDonald, John Roy, and Superintendent Bill Gardner. Mitch Berkowitz attended via phone. Bruce called the meeting to order at 5:55 PM.

Bruce Fowler of Sevee & Maher Engineers (SME):

Trustees, Superintendent and Bruce discussed treatment options for dealing with PFAS as well as options for new water sources. They also discussed the PFAS contamination at the closed Gray Municipal Landfill. There are a few options for PFAS treatment and each option comes with a downside. Granulated Activated Carbon (GAC)/ION Exchange are the methods of choice so far. We will have to decide which is best for us. In the event that we have to install treatment, there are grants available that SME could help us with applying for. SME also has identified possible backup water sources in Gray in the past that we could look into. Also discussed Town proposal to include wellhead zones in areas being designated for high density development under LD 2003. Bruce was given a copy of the Town proposal and our response. We may need to access the technical expertise of Sevee & Maher to support our efforts to protect the Town water supply.

Superintendent's Report:

1. Average gallons per day (AGD) for pumps 1&2 was 382,233. AGD for Pump 3 was 103,523.
2. Monthly samples for June were absent of bacteria.
3. We hired a new employee for the operator position. He will start next month.
4. 7/11 An inspection of the Weeks Hill tank was done by Trident. They inserted a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) into the tank and were able to take video of the inside. We will get a full report in a few weeks but the initial view showed that the tank is in good condition.
5. We are waiting on parts for multiple projects but we are planning to get the 2" curb stop for the Snack Shack job done at the high school this week. We finally received the remaining parts for the 158 Shaker/Angel's Way project so it will be completed later this week. We also received parts for Central Fire Station and will complete that job in the next two weeks.
6. The yard machine we discussed purchasing last month is not available. The contractor that owns it does not want to sell it to us as it has more issues than he realized. Leasing options were looked into but there's just not much of that around here. We found a used machine in Connecticut for \$32,000 that looks really good.
Motion/Second by Murray/MacDonald to proceed with purchase of yard machine.

OLD BUSINESS:

Landfill Test Well Results:

Office Manager requested reports from Doug Webster of the Town of Gray. He will get back to us.

ACTION: None.

TIF-Town Project Discussions:

This work has been put off until 2028.

ACTION: Remove item from Agenda and add to open items list.

Turnpike Crossing / West Gray Rd Main Replacement Projects:

Superintendent Gardner reported that we should be going to bid in about two weeks.

ACTION: None.

YWD Well Pumping Test Site:

Nothing new to report

ACTION: None.

State Land Water Source:

Superintendent and Trustees discussed trying a new approach. Bruce Fowler noted that there are other water districts that are coexisting well with fish hatcheries. Maybe we should enlist the help of Sevee & Maher and approach someone higher up in the State with that data. Trustee MacDonald Stated he may be able to find out who to contact.

ACTION: Trustee MacDonald to research contacts and report back.

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:

Doug Webster of the Town of Gray is working on getting the garage report to us.

ACTION: None.

Income Survey:

This project is ongoing. Survey letters have been sent to households in our service area. Next step is the in-person survey of non-responding households.

ACTION: None

Injection/Treatment Facility:

Covered during SME discussion.

ACTION: None

Yarmouth Water District (YWD) Solar Farm:

Nothing new to report.

ACTION: None

USDA Grant: Shaker Rd:

Total project will cost about 3.5 million. Have not heard anything since submittal of application.

ACTION: Superintendent will check in with his contact for an update.

L.D.2003:

We received a response from Doug Webster after the email we sent to him, the Town Manager and all of the council members. He acknowledged our position. Trustees agreed that we need to make sure we stay aware of any movement on this.

ACTION: None.

10" Main on Yarmouth Rd:

Superintendent Gardner presented numbers for the replacement of the 10" portion of main that was going to be replaced during the, now postponed Yarmouth Rd project.

Superintendent and Trustees discussed funding options.

ACTION: Superintendent to apply to SRF.

NEW BUSINESS:

Woodcock Dr. Phase II:

Superintendent Gardner reported that it looks like phase II and III are going to happen. He met and discussed the project with the new Town Planner. He let her know that this project along with others nearby create a great opportunity for the looping of water mains. The developer should be contacting us soon so we can get materials ordered.

ACTION: None

OTHER:

Next scheduled regular meeting: August 21, 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
- TIF-Town Project Discussions

Respectfully submitted,

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