

**GRAY WATER DISTRICT  
TRUSTEES MEETING  
August 21, 2023  
Location: 80 Shaker Rd**

Present: Bruce Sawyer, Joe Murray, Mike MacDonald, John Roy, Mitch Berkowitz 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 388,677. AGD for Pump 3 was 92,595.
2. Monthly samples for July were absent of bacteria.
3. The new employee, Andrew Murphy, started on the 4<sup>th</sup>.
4. 7/19 we performed leak detection with the help of MRWA. We found a leak at the corner of Spruce Drive and Wanda Lane.
5. 7/21 we repaired the 2" valve at the high school.
6. 7/26 Completed GIS work with Northern Forests at the High School. All mains are on the GIS system now.
7. 7/27 we repaired the leak on Spruce Drive with Bowdoin Excavation.
8. 7/28 we installed the meter pit at Angel's Way, which is 158 Shaker Rd.
9. 7/31 had a meeting with the Town Manager here at the office. We had a good conversation and were able to get on the same page regarding projects.
10. 8/1 we repaired the leak at 185 Shaker with Merrill Excavation and installed new meter and RPZ and re-piping at Central Station with Warm Waters.
11. 8/2 we had Bare Bones Construction here to quote us on new porches for the office.
12. 8/4 We did the first part of OSHA training so our operators/laborers can get their 10-hour cards.
13. 8/8 performed leak detection with MRWA and found another leak at Spruce Drive and Chris Lane.
14. 8/10 we attended training for excavation and heat safety at the MWUA annual picnic.
15. We have sold the trench box to Bowdoin excavation for \$5000. We will put the proceeds towards a new box that is more manageable. We will use \$1400 in accumulated VAS points towards the \$12,800 purchase.
16. 8/16 attended a meeting at MDOT in Scarborough with the Gray Public Works Director. They will be doing an overlay on Depot Road. We will have to raise valve boxes. Bowdoin will do that work for us. There will also be paving done on North Raymond Rd from the Dry Mills intersection to Egypt road. We do not have much there. Also, on that day we completed a leak repair at 314 Shaker, the smaller mobile home park. We also repaired a service leak at 10 Spruce.
17. 8/21 had a meeting with Maine Emergency Management Agency. The 100% generator grant is no longer available. There is a Brick grant available. It opens on September 30<sup>th</sup> and is a 75/25 split with FEMA so we would pay 25%. We also started flushing and helped with the RPZ install at the high school.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Landfill Test Well Results:**

Office Manager to check in with Doug Webster of the Town of Gray on the landfill test well results.

**ACTION:** None.

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

We were assigned a grant officer from EPA.

**ACTION:** None.

### **YWD Well Pumping Test Site:**

Nothing new to report

**ACTION:** None.

### **State Land Water Source:**

Mike reported that the person he planned to contact is no longer there but he will be contacting someone else and report back.

**ACTION:** Trustee MacDonald to contact someone at the state.

### **Gerald's Way Main Extension:**

Nothing new to report.

**ACTION:** None.

### **Jon Merrill Project:**

This project will not be happening.

**ACTION:** Remove from agenda.

### **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 was completed August 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Five teams contacted over 160 households.

The average Median Household Income came in at \$55,000 which is well below the Town's MHI of \$90,000.

**ACTION:** None

### **Injection/Treatment Facility:**

Nothing new to report.

**ACTION:** None

**Yarmouth Water District (YWD) Solar Farm:**

Nothing new to report.

**ACTION:** Superintendent says he will try to set up a meeting with Eric @ YWD regarding the USDA stuff. Mike can attend as well to talk about the solar project.

**USDA Grant: Shaker Rd:**

Superintendent Gardner reported that he learned that he can apply for an SRF grant to help cover this project as well. The application will open 8/30. Both the SRF and the USDA grants are loan forgiveness grants which means they will forgive up to 45%.

**ACTION:** Superintendent will apply for the SRF in addition to the USDA that is already submitted.

**L.D.2003:**

During the meeting between Superintendent Gardner and Town Manager, Nate Rudy, LD2003 was discussed and the Town Manager made it clear that he has no intention of adding accessory dwelling zoning changes to Wellhead one or two. He was surprised at level of response to that idea in our letter and stated he didn't understand where that came from. Superintendent Gardner explained that it came from Doug Webster when he attended our June meeting. Nate didn't seem to have knowledge of Doug's presentation.

**ACTION:** None.

**10" Main on Yarmouth Rd:**

Superintendent Gardner reported that there is nothing new to report on this topic. He's suggesting that we should get on this again next year and apply for a water quality grant.

**ACTION:** Remove from agenda and add to open items list.

**Woodcock Dr. Phase II:**

Superintendent Gardner reported that this project has been postponed due to a hydrological study. It will probably happen next year.

**ACTION:** Remove from agenda and add to open items list.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Meadowview II:**

There has been some delay because a new engineer assigned to this project. The project will probably start next year.

**Lewiston Rd Project:**

Superintendent will apply to USDA for the loan forgiveness grant for this project.

**Hydrant Insurance:**

The office Manager reported that the insurance company updated us. They are still working to see how much property damage coverage the driver who hit our hydrant had. They will be in touch.

**Yard Machine:**

Superintendent Gardner reported that the used machine in Connecticut that was discussed last month was a scam. The dealer would not let us come look at it and wanted us to just wire the money. A call to the State of Connecticut revealed that they have been trying to prevent this dealer from doing business as he is not legitimate. They asked for and we sent all materials we received from him. On 8/3 Superintendent Gardner and Trustee Roy visited Alta Equipment Company in Lewiston. They looked at and tried out a couple machines and found two that would be appropriate for our use. Alta has a lease to buy program but we could also just borrow from Androscoggin Bank (ASB). ASB offered two lease/loan options; five years at 5.79% or seven years at 5.89%. At the end of the term, we would purchase the machine for a dollar. Superintendent Gardner recommends doing the five-year lease/loan with ASB.

**Motion/Second** by Berkowitz/Murray: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to move forward with the five-year term offered by ASB.

**OTHER:**

**Next scheduled regular meeting:** September 18, 2023 @ 6:00 PM.

**Adjournment:** 7:42 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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