

**GRAY WATER DISTRICT  
TRUSTEES MEETING  
January 27, 2025  
Location: 80 Shaker Rd**

Present: Bruce Sawyer, Joe Murray, Mike MacDonald, John Roy, Adam Wilkinson and Superintendent Bill Gardner. Al Ballestenos, Fran Monroe, Susan Fuller and Judy Simoneau were present to discuss ways they can support the District. Bruce called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion/Second** by Murray/MacDonald to accept December 16<sup>th</sup> draft 2 minutes as amended. Vote to approve was unanimous.

**Superintendent's Report:**

1. AGD for pump 1 was 295,677. Pump 3 was 51,524.
2. Bacteria samples came back absent of bacteria.
3. 12/24 we repaired a main break on Mayberry. This is the latest of many breaks in this area recently. We had Gorrill-Palmer Engineers (GPE) do a probable cost on replacing all the main on Mayberry totaling \$1,640,000. If we finished replacing main on North Raymond Rd as well it would be an additional cost of \$711,000 for a total project cost of 2.3 million. We sent this information to Rural Development and learned that they will not accept the income survey we did in Dry Mills a couple years ago. They will only accept a survey done of the whole Town.
4. 1/3 There was an irrigation leak at Walgreens that flooded their parking lot (this was originally reported to us by Public Works as a problem on West Gray Rd). We shut the service down and it didn't affect West Gray Rd at all.
5. 1/6 we continued our investigation of low pressure at 88 and 90 West Gray Rd. The service was dug up, flushed at the corporation and a new meter installed.
6. 1/8 we had a main break on Hancock St. The leak was repaired. We are just waiting for paving to be done as requested by Public Works.
7. 1/16 we repaired a leak at 149 Shaker. It was leaking at the corporation just like several others that we've repaired along Shaker Rd. We are expecting to find more of these in that area. We will be investigating the service at 179 Shaker tomorrow as the customer reported low pressure and a higher bill.
8. 1/20 we installed our new PH and Chlorine analyzer to monitor our wells at 80 Shaker Rd.
9. 1/24 we signed an agreement with Kamstrup for a new metering system with 100 free meters included. The cost is \$30,000. We will make a \$3000 down payment then have a payment arrangement for the remainder.
10. 1/24 DN Tanks was here to look at the Weeks Hill tank. The tank is in good condition.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

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

Nothing new to report.

**ACTION:** None

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

Nothing new to report.

**ACTION:** None.

**P.L. 2021, c. 672, entitled, An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions:** Nothing new to report. We are still waiting to hear back from Amy Arata.

**ACTION:** None

### **Lewiston Rd Project:**

We qualified for funding from SRF this year in the amount of 3.1 million. There is no loan forgiveness though so the entire amount would be a loan. The rate would be lower than what we get from the Bond Bank. We also learned that MDOT will be working on Lewiston Rd in 2028. Trustees and Superintendent Gardner discussed the financial benefits of waiting to do our project in conjunction with MDOT.

**ACTION:** Superintendent will look into other means to fund the project.

### **FEMA Grant (Hazard Mitigation):**

Working on transferring information to the newer grant.

**ACTION:** Continue working on application.

### **Weeks Hill Antenna Agreement:**

Nothing new to report.

**ACTION:** Office Manager to acquire needed signatures/copies for filing and distribution.

### **TIF Expenditures:**

Superintendent Gardner and Trustees discussed the Yarmouth Rd project and being ready for the bid process.

**Motion/Second** by MacDonald/Murray to move forward with the bidding process. Vote to approve was unanimous.

**ACTION:** Superintendent will begin the bid process with GPE.

### **Pump Two Motor:**

1/21 EIC & Hegarty wired up our new mag meter. We also installed our new PH and Chlorine analyzer into the SCADA system. We did the start-up of the new motor with Hegarty. Everything is running well, no problems.

**ACTION:** Remove item from agenda.

**Post-issuance Compliance Policy:**

Nothing new to report.

**ACTION:** Superintendent Gardner to invite our Bond Council to present at a future meeting.

**Boil Order:**

The boil order timeline/statement is ready to post.

**ACTION:** Office Manager to put statement on our website and Facebook.

**Private Solar Panel Ordinance:**

There will be another meeting on this on 2/19.

**ACTION:** Trustee Murray to attend the Planning Board meeting with at least one other Trustee.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ron Nevers:**

Mr. Nevers explained that he has purchased a piece of property off Yarmouth Rd that he wants to divide into two to four lots. The Town wants him to give them a right-of-way across his property to access Partridge Lane and then Yarmouth Rd. He is interested in getting public water service to these properties. Superintendent Gardner and Trustees discussed options of connecting to water off either Partridge Lane or Yarmouth Rd. We must ensure that the main extension is done in a way that doesn't leave the District liable for additional extension in the future.

**State Land Water Source (fish hatchery):**

Trustees and Superintendent discussed getting back to investigating this possible future source.

**ACTION:** Superintendent to reestablish permissions to drill test wells.

**OTHER:**

**Adjournment:** Motion/Second by Murray/MacDonald to adjourn 8:33 pm. Vote to approve was unanimous.

**Next scheduled regular meeting:** February 24, 2025 @ 6:00 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
- 10" Main on Yarmouth Rd
- Woodcock Dr. Phase II
- Revision Solar
- Injection/treatment facility
- Grover Pit Water Service
- Deer Brook Extension
- Fish Hatchery Main Ext.
- Shaker Rd Main Replacement Project

Respectfully submitted,

Sudiek Lester, Office Manager