

**GRAY WATER DISTRICT  
TRUSTEES' MEETING**

February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 (postponed from January 23<sup>rd</sup>)

Present: Bruce Sawyer, Steve Dunn, Susan Hathaway, Ellen Errington, Joe Murray, and Superintendent Jim Foster. Bruce called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Approve Minutes:**

**Joe made a motion to approve Draft 2 of the December Minutes as amended at meeting. Steve seconded, vote was unanimous.**

**New Gravel Pits – Town of Gray:**

Susan reported about her research into gravel pit rules. She spoke to Mark Stebbins of Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) and Mark informed her that MDEP that current regulations are adequate and that no further action is necessary to protect aquifers. Their stance is that gravel pits are not a hazard to aquifers as long as the MDEP regulations are followed. Trustees discussed that MDEP only takes environmental issues into consideration but do not address other types of issues or concerns that abutting landowners to gravel pits may have. The Town of Gray would have to put rules in place to protect residents' concerns. At this time the Town of Gray ordinance indicates that pits located within the town limits and that require permitting by the MDEP, are governed by MDEP regulations, not the local ordinance. Sand and Gravel Pits that do not require MDEP permits due to their size, shall still require permitting in the Town of Gray, and will be governed by the local ordinance. (There are provisions in the local ordinance which exclude certain pits from the permitting process if they meet specific guidelines designated by the ordinance.) The Town has not formally requested our input on the proposed Legrow Road gravel pit. No further action is required at this time.

**Superintendents Report:**

- a. December Bacteria tests were absent for total coliform and E-coli. A substantial amount of additional water quality testing was done as well and all test came back below detection limit (BDL).
- b. Average usage for December: 181 GPM
- c. Spring Meadows Subdivision: We received a notice to abutters from Doug Webster, Community Development Administrator for Town of Gray. The number of units has changed. Storm run-off drains down into pond near Wayne Avenue, it does not appear to have a negative effect on the wellhead zone.
- d. The Maine Water Utilities Association (MWUA) is holding their annual February Meeting and trade show. This is last call to sign up.
- e. The Water Quality Monitoring 2011 Report for the Gray Municipal Landfill was delivered today, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011. Steve is to take it home and read it and determine whether the test well that were supposed to be replaced have been. Steve will report back on that and any other important information he finds at the next meeting. We also received the Storm Water report for Gray Public Works, Joe is to review it and report back at the next meeting.

### **Additions to the Agenda:**

Jim reported that the Northbrook TIF is going through the process to change the length of the TIF from 20 years to 30 years. Gray Water District would have to sign off on this change for it to happen. We will have Bob Stevens of Curtis Thaxter Law Office look over the documents before we sign.

**Joe made a motion to authorize Jim and Bruce to sign off on the TIF amendment after legal counsel review. Steve seconded, vote was unanimous.**

### **GWD Water Storage:**

We had another leak at the Weeks Hill standpipe. Water was leaking at about 20 -30 GPM. It has been repaired to the best of our ability but there does seem to be a trickle still leaking at the repair site. This is the best it can be repaired until winter is over.

We received a copy of a letter sent to the Town of Gray by Gorrill & Palmer Consulting Engineers on our behalf. The letter is to request funding for new water storage through the Route 100 TIF. The Town will need to go to the State of Maine to get guidance on what to amend to allow funding for the new water storage.

### **Pump Station 3, East Gray:**

- a) **Wellhead Protection:** We are on the Gray Town Council meeting agenda for February 7, 2011 to make a presentation about the wellhead district. The presentation is to request that a wellhead 1 zoning district designation be applied to the new public water supply at Pump Station 3, East Gray on Yarmouth Rd. Jim, Bruce, Steve, Susan, and Ellen will be at the meeting. George Theborge AICP will be presenting the supporting information and GWD Trustees will be present to answer questions and provide any additional information needed.
- b) Jim reported that the issue with the floor grating he reported last month has been resolved to his satisfaction. Jim is now concerned that the design is not enough fresh air feeding the generator. He has contacted Will Bennett about this and Will is checking into it. Otherwise construction is going well.

### **Option Agreement:**

Trustees discussed that the option agreement with a Gray landowner is about to expire. Jim stated that he thought it would be a good idea to purchase the land for future water supply (20-30 years in the future) and for ease of access if we need to repair/replace the water main. Trustees requested more detailed information regarding quantity and quality of any water on the site. Additional time is needed to acquire the requested information.

**Joe made a motion to extend the Option Agreement for one year. Steve seconded. Vote was unanimous in favor with one Trustee abstaining due to possible conflict of interest.**

February meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2012.

**Joe made a motion to adjourn at 9:15 pm. Ellen seconded, vote was unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sudiek Lester