

**GRAY WATER DISTRICT
TRUSTEES' MEETING
February 27th, 2012**

Present: Bruce Sawyer, Steve Dunn, Susan Hathaway, Ellen Errington, Joe Murray, and Superintendent Jim Foster. Jim Manser, resident of Gray, was also present to observe. Bruce called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Approve Minutes:

Steve made a motion to approve Draft 2 of the February 2nd (postponed from January 23rd) Minutes as amended at meeting. Joe seconded, vote was unanimous.

Superintendents Report:

- a. Average usage for January: 188 GPM
- b. Spring Meadows Subdivision: Jim and Bruce received an email regarding the peer review the Town is doing on storm water run-off and subsurface ground water on this project. The town is giving us opportunity to give comments or voice concerns. Steve offered some questions: "Will they be salting?" "Where will the snow be stored?" "Where does the melting end up?" "Will it be captured?" These questions are to be forwarded to Doug Webster of the Town of Gray.
- c. We received a request for water service in North Yarmouth. Jim has spoken to the superintendent at Yarmouth Water District as it would be a cooperative effort between both districts to service this customer. Trustees stated that we would be open to discuss the idea and gave Jim the ok to pursue.
- d. The state of Maine will be doing a "fly over" this spring for base mapping. The Town of Gray will be paying for an upgrade in the mapping and Jim was told they may be asking us for a small donation toward this.
- e. Our revised Terms & Conditions are pending PUC review and approval. Our existing Terms & Conditions remain in effect until the revised ones are approved.

Trustee Reports:

Steve Dunn – Water Quality Monitoring 2011 Report for the Gray Municipal Landfill:

Steve reported that he did not see any issues. The wells that were scheduled to be replaced have been and have been tested for base line. The report indicated that contaminant trends are going down and acknowledges that this is in part because of the fact that the results from the new wells were not included.

Joe Murray – Storm Water Report for Gray Public works: Will report at next meeting after further review. **MWUA Annual Meeting:** Joe took a class on Asset Management Programs. Alex Wong from Maine Rural Water Association (MRWA) was also in the class. Alex will be working on updating our asset management system (GIS, etc.) so the training was very timely.

Bruce Sawyer – Northbrook TIF: Bruce reported that, after review by Bob Stevens of Curtis Thaxter, he signed the documents for the Town to change the length of the TIF from 20 to 30 years.

GWD Water Storage:

Jim reported that Al Palmer of Gorrill & Palmer Engineers is still working on the funding request for new water storage through the Route 100 TIF. Al did request some information from Jim because the State has questions. The information requested is from many years ago, Jim is to see if he can find anything relevant to help Al. Trustees discussed the new water storage project in general and where we are regarding design. Jim will invite Al to the next meeting to discuss.

Pump Station 3, East Gray:

The issue with the air flow for the generator is being addressed and Will Bennet is taking full responsibility for the design error and the expense of correction. Trustees discussed different solutions to the problem as the first solution proposed, going through the roof, was not something that Dan Marino or Jim thought was advisable.

Trustees also discussed the response George Thebarga gave to questions an abutter of the pump station property had. Most of the Trustees did not get a copy of the email and it was not immediately clear if those responses made it to the abutter or were just forwarded to the Town Manager. Bruce is to forward the email to the Trustees and they are to report back on whether they feel the abutters questions were satisfactorily answered. Jim is to look into it and find out if the abutter has been informed. Bruce stated that the planning board public hearing for the zoning change is scheduled for March 8th and second reading at the Town Counsel March 20th. He asked that Trustees attend these meeting if they are available.

Additions to the Agenda:

Steve asked how things are going with the website and asked that we keep it up to date with current minutes and dates of Trustee meetings. Joe discussed that he would like to add some links and MDEP info regarding new DEP regulations for home heating oil tanks within the well head districts. Joe is to gather the info he would like to add and give it to the office manager.

March meeting is scheduled for March 19th, 2012.

Joe made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm. Steve seconded, vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Sudiek Lester

