

**GRAY WATER DISTRICT
TRUSTEES' MEETING
March 18th, 2013**

Present: Bruce Sawyer, Steve Dunn, Joe Murray, Ellen Errington, Susan Hathaway and Superintendent Jim Foster. Al Palmer of Gorrill & Palmer Eng. was also present. Bruce called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Approve Minutes:

Joe made a motion to approve Draft 1 of the February 25th, 2013 Minutes with minor spelling corrections made at the meeting. Steve seconded, vote was unanimous.

Gray Water District Water Storage:

Al reported that he is still in negotiations with the attorney for Quality Investments about the temporary construction easement. Al has been going back and forth with them since the last meeting with counter offers to rent the property for the duration of the construction. Al suggested we try purchasing the land instead. The portion we would like to use during construction is about 1/3 acre. If we were able to purchase the piece of property for around what they paid for it, it would be preferable to spending about the same amount on rent and would allow construction of the tank further up the hill. Al has informed the attorney for Quality Investments that we are interested in purchasing the 1/3 acre. We should hear back from him within the next week. Al also provided copies of drawings of the tank construction area outlining the 1/3 acre.

Superintendents Report:

- a. February Bacteria tests were absent for total coliform and E-coli.
- b. Average usage for February: 239.2 GPM.
- c. We have received notice from Maine Municipal bond Bank (MMBB) that, due to recent issues in Washington, we may not be receiving the subsidy on the 2010 bonds. MMBB has informed that we are responsible whether the government pays their share or not.
- d. Jim handed out a letter from Maine Rural Water Association (MRWA). The letter was written by Kirsten Hebert and addressed to Senator Tuttle, Representative Luchini, and Members of the Veterans and Legal affairs Committee giving testimony in support of Section 174 of the proposed bill LD 239.

Trustee Reports:

Steve reported that he has reviewed the Water Quality Monitoring report for the Gray Landfill. There was no significant new information. The information does not show that there is anything to be concerned about. The two replacement wells are being tested but are not "trending" yet. Overall, tests show that levels are generally remaining steady from year to year.

Pump Station 3, East Gray:

We have received a draft copy of the record documents previously referred to as 'as-built' plans. Jim has them in print and digital form. Joe is to take home the printed plans to review and Steve will review the digital copies. Both Joe and Steve will report back at the next meeting.

Executive Session - Ref: Land:

Joe made a motion to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section §405(6)(C) to consider the acquisition of Real Property at 8:17 pm, Steve seconded. Vote: unanimous. Jack Erler of Curtis Thaxter joined the discussion via speaker phone.

Joe made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:16 pm. Steve seconded. Vote: unanimous.

Joe made a motion to direct the Superintendent to initiate the actions agreed upon in executive session. Steve seconded. Vote: 4-yes, 1 (Ellen Errington) -abstaining.

April meeting was scheduled for April 22nd.

Joe made a motion to adjourn at 9:19 pm. Steve seconded, vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Sudiek Lester