

**GRAY WATER DISTRICT  
TRUSTEES' MEETING  
April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013**

Present: Bruce Sawyer, Steve Dunn, Joe Murray, and Superintendent Jim Foster. Al Palmer of Gorrill & Palmer Eng. joined via speaker phone. Bruce called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

**Approve Minutes:**

**Joe made a motion to approve Draft 1 of the March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Minutes with corrections made at the meeting. Steve seconded, vote was unanimous.**

**Superintendents Report:**

- a. March Bacteria tests were absent for total coliform and E-coli.
- b. Average usage for March: 229.2 GPM.
- c. Volatile Organic Contaminants (VOC's) test results - below detection limits (BDL).
- d. The investment funds used for Pump Station #3 are in CD's with terms that are too long causing us to have to borrow from another investment account. We will be shortening the investment periods so that the money is available when bills for the pump station come due.
- e. The rules regarding Lead Free meters will be changing as of January 14<sup>th</sup> 2014. After that date when we take a meter out we may not be able to replace it with an in-stock meter but have to purchase a new Lead Free meter to install. This is a federal regulation being decided by the EPA.
- f. We signed up for the Value Added Service (VAS) program with E.J. Prescott again this year.

**Trustee Reports:**

Joe reported that he has reviewed the record drawings. He made a couple of comments. He sees where there are pin locations designating property lines show as "proposed". Joe wants to know if those, as well as the poles, have actually been located. Those questions will be answered by Sevee & Maher Engineers. Jim reported that A.H. Grover has hired Wayne Wood to survey all of this to be put on the plans. Mains, valves, hydrants and poles etc. will all have to be located and put into the plans. This work will not be at our expense. Joe is still waiting for electrical and architectural records to review.

**Joint Petition to Amend Service Territory Boundary**

Jim handed out a letter for Trustees to review. The letter, which is still in draft form, is to petition the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to allow Gray Water District to service a housing development in North Yarmouth. The Deer Brook Apartment project will be serviced by one water service at the street with a 2 ½ inch line running to the housing units. It will be measured by one meter and billed to the owner of the housing unit association. There will also be one hydrant at the street which is approximately 2000 ft from the housing units. The trustees expressed concern about the distance between the units and the hydrant as well as the size of the line. They are concerned that, in the instance of a fire, the 2 ½ line will not be sufficient to fight a fire. After discussion the Trustees agreed that they would like to either see a change in the size of the proposed water line or a clarification in the letter about fire protection expectations. A

clarification in the letter stating that it is a domestic service from the street to the housing units may be appropriate.

**Joe made a motion to authorize the Superintendent to proceed with finalizing the joint petition to amend service territory for Deer Brook Apartments in North Yarmouth. Steve seconded, vote was unanimous.**

**St Gregory Water Main:**

The new business manager for St Gregory's church has inquired as to why they need a hydrant. He's interested in removing the cost of the quarterly billing for the hydrant from the churches expenses. After some discussion Jim suggested Gray Water District takes over that portion of the main that is currently owned by the church if they are willing to give it to us and provide access in the form of an easement. We already own the portions of main on either side of their portion.

**Gray Water District Water Storage:**

- a. Al Palmer reported that Quality Investments Attorney has contacted him about the land sale. They would like to go ahead with a sale as opposed to a temporary construction easement. They are asking \$14,000 for the 1/3 acre that we need for construction of the new water storage tank. Al has been discussing the land sale with Jack Erler of Curtis & Thaxter. Jack would like to draw up a new right-of-way agreement with the abutter to replace the old one. This would be done in conjunction with one of the abutters as our proposed driveway will run through a portion of their land. Jack would like to replace the 1930 right-of-way with a formal/more defined right-of-way. The abutter is comfortable with the driveway/water main location and is in agreement with making a more formal right-of-way. Jack is ready to draw up the right-of-way and land sale documents as soon as he gets confirmation from Trustees.

**Joe made a motion to proceed with acquisition of land from Quality Investments for \$14,000. Steve seconded, vote was unanimous.**

**Joe made a motion to proceed with the exchange of the right-of-way with the abutter. Steve seconded, vote was unanimous.**

May meeting was scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Joe made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm. Steve seconded, vote was unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sudiek Lester

