

**GRAY WATER DISTRICT
TRUSTEES' MEETING
October 21st, 2013**

Present: Bruce Sawyer, Steve Dunn, Joe Murray, Ellen Errington and Superintendent Jim Foster. Al Palmer of Gorrill & Palmer was also present via Skype. Bruce called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Approve Minutes:

Steve made a motion to approve Draft 2 of the September 16th, 2013 Minutes. Ellen seconded, vote was unanimous.

Gray Water District Water Storage:

- a. **Al Palmer:** The SRF environmental review for SRF financing has determined that it is categorical exclusion which is the least impact project. A notice was published on October 10th in regard to that determination and the public has two weeks to comment to the Maine Drinking Water Program (MDWP). We have received approval from the Planning Board. The conditions are that we retain fencing and that a landscaping plan be submitted to the Planning Board. They will work with us on value engineering revisions and allow those to be reviewed by staff rather than going back to the planning board. We received two bids on the project. There is a little less than \$200,000 difference between the two. There are 3 bid alternates; the removal of the existing tank leaving the concrete foundation in place, the above ground section of the vault (building), and the installation of pads for future use by cell phone companies etc. Al suggests we leave the removal of the existing tank in the bid as the cost to do it as a part of the entire project will be less than doing it at a later date. Al spoke about removing the building from the project and replacing it with two man-holes for access to the piping. This would save money on the project but make it harder to access the piping. After doing some research Al found that up to a dozen pads would have to be built for just one cell phone carrier. The cost may not be worth it unless we had a company lined up to install their antennas. The pads could be added at a later time if we wish. We will award the contract at our next meeting on November 18th.
- b. If we are able to use the remaining 2010 bond funds towards this project there is no need to acquire SRF funding. Jim is to check with Bob Stevens of Curtis Thaxter as to whether or not we can do that.

Superintendents Report:

- a. September Bacteria tests were absent for total coliform and E-coli.
- b. Volatile Organic Contaminants (VOC's) test results - below detection limits (BDL).

- c. Bob MacKinnon of Yarmouth Water District contacted us; the Trustees there have expressed interest in a joint meeting between our board and theirs around November 4th.
- d. We received notice of purposed changes in the parameters of testing at the closed Gray Municipal Landfill. The desired changes include parameters that haven't changed in years. The letter was passed on to Sevee & Maher Engineers (SME) for their advice. SME agrees with the changes with the recommendation that Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) continue to be tested for the next decade at an interval of 3-5 years then discontinued if none are found after that period. We will send the Town a letter tomorrow stating that we agree with the recommendation and that we would like the VOCs to be tested at an interval of every 3 years.
- e. The leak survey that took place this summer has been completed. Leaks were found at services on shaker Rd. We would like to continue doing leak surveys every year.
- f. We have taken delivery of the new Water District work truck, it came earlier than expected.

Trustee Reports:

Bruce: The Gray Town council is asking for a joint workshop meeting on November 21st to discuss an ordinance or an amendment to an existing ordinance pertaining to public water/fire suppression.

November meeting was scheduled for Nov 18th.

Steve made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm. Joe seconded, vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Sudiek Lester