

**GRAY WATER DISTRICT
TRUSTEES' MEETING
May 19th, 2014**

Present: Bruce Sawyer, Joe Murray, Steve Dunn, Ellen Errington, Susan Hathaway, Superintendent Jim Foster, and Steve Levy of Maine Rural Water Association.
Bruce called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

Rate Increase:

Prior to the regular meeting, a public hearing was held regarding a proposed rate increase of 3.8% in the overall rate resulting in a 5% raise for regular metered customers and a .52% increase in public fire protection charges. A rate increase is necessary to meet continuing increases in operating costs and decreases in revenue. The public hearing was conducted by Steve Levy of Maine Rural Water Association (MRWA). There were no members of the public present and no comments had been received from the public prior to the hearing. Hearing was closed at 7:10pm.

Joe made a motion to proceed with the proposed rate increase as presented at the public hearing. Ellen seconded, vote was unanimous.

Joe made a motion to authorize the Superintendent to sign the Tariff Sheets required to proceed with the rate change. Steve seconded, vote was unanimous.

Approve Minutes:

Steve made a motion to approve Draft 1 of the April 28th, 2014 Minutes with minor changes made at the meeting. Ellen seconded, vote was unanimous.

Gray Water District Water Storage:

Trustees reviewed progress report on Water Tank Replacement project provided by Gorrill and Palmer Engineers (GPE).

- Project is on schedule and progressing well.
- Lists of work completed and upcoming two week schedule were reviewed.
- Requisition #3 has been reviewed and verified. GPE recommends payment with standard retainage.
- Landscape screening plan approved by Planning Board and referred to the contractor for pricing.
- Planning work continues on design and location of pressure reducing valve for the Dry Mills tank

Jim and Trustees discussed the update from AI including Pay Requisition #3 and retainage. Jim spoke about creating a standard in regard to retainage on future projects. Steve stated that what is appropriate for retainage on one project may not be for another and that it is best dealt with on a project by project basis. Trustees discussed the updates we are receiving from AI. A better schedule is needed whereby AI sends the latest update a week before the scheduled Trustee

meeting each month so that there is time to review it before coming into the meeting. Jim is to speak to Al about this in time for Trustees to get an update a week before the next meeting.

Superintendents Report:

- a. April Bacteria tests were absent for total coliform and E-coli.
- b. Average usage for April: 246 GPM
- c. Our leak survey is still ongoing. We will be concentrating on the area by Lakeview Mobile Home Park on Route 26 next week.
- d. Kevin Kimball request for a 2" line to his back lot has been changed. He has now decided he would like to do a water main extension.
- e. Discussions with Robert Beebe regarding the boundary survey have progressed. After speaking to Wayne Wood it is apparent that our two surveys essentially match. It is Dr. Beebe's Deed that is incorrect. At this point it is up to Dr. Beebe to go through the process to have his Deed amended. When that happens it will be brought back to the Trustees.

Route 26 Corridor Study:

Joe reported that he attended the Route 26 meeting at Newbegin Gym. There were 5 different scenarios dealing with land usage and traffic flow through the area. The intersection at North Raymond road has been designated a "failed intersection" by MDOT. Several options for fixing the intersection were presented. Final choice will be driven by actual traffic conditions and budget. Rt 26 is also scheduled for paving upgrade but not to the extent that has been completed further out. It is likely that the Dry Mills intersection will be improved at that time whether or not additional traffic changes are approved along the corridor.

June meeting was scheduled for June 16th.

Steve made a motion to adjourn at 8:17 pm. Joe seconded, vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Sudiek Lester

