

**GRAY WATER DISTRICT
TRUSTEES' MEETING
August 25th, 2014**

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

Approve Minutes:

Joe made a motion to approve Draft 2 of the July 21st, 2014 minutes. Steve seconded, vote was unanimous.

Gray Water District Water Storage:

Al Palmer of Gorrill & Palmer Engineers (GPE) gave a progress report on the Weeks Hill Water Tank Replacement project:

- Project is 95% complete and is on budget and on schedule.
- GWD is holding a significant amount of retainage on the project.
- Additional work to install pipe supports approved and material being ordered. Work to be completed prior to bringing tank online.
- A prefabricated fiberglass structure for the telemetry is being considered. The budget for this part of the project is about \$20,000. The structure's cost is \$10,800 and will take about 7 weeks to be delivered once ordered.
- It will likely be October when we switch over to the new tank.

Trustees and Jim discussed a "hot box" as another option for the Telemetry. Mike has had experience with them and has access to one that Jim and Al could go see and evaluate whether they think it would be better than the fiberglass structure. Jim and Al are to coordinate with Mike to view the hot box.

Al also gave an update on the Evaluation of Dry Mills Tank:

- After reviewing land options we found that a lot owned by a private party looks like a good option. It is a good location with good access and is at the desired elevation. The owner is willing to enter into negotiations with us. If the Trustees are interested the next step would be to send a letter of intent.

Jim is to contact Attorney Jack Erler and Al is to contact the landowner in regard to a letter of intent.

Joe made a motion to authorize Jim to proceed in contacting Jack Erler in reference to a real estate transaction for a new tank and to authorize Al to contact the landowner about the purchase price and potential options for preliminary earthwork.

Superintendents Report:

- a. July Bacteria tests were absent for total coliform and E-coli.
- b. Average usage for July: 304 GPM

- c. Maine Rural Water Association is redoing our personnel policy, we should have a draft by next month.
- d. We have received a letter from New England Utility Management Enterprises (NEUME), the organization who does our leak detecting, regarding the leak they found on Route 26.
- e. We received a letter from the Gray Fire Chief. They are reviewing the ISO rating and sent us a survey to fill out. Several survey questions relate to water storage capacity and hydrant flow information, both of which will improve when the new tank comes on line. Jim will contact the Fire Chief regarding delaying the survey until updated data can be acquired.

Liquid Engineering:

We have used this firm in the past for internal inspection of the water tank.. They have a diver go in, clean the bottom, inspect the inside of the tank and prepare a report. It is now too late in the season to have them inspect and clean the bottom of the tank with a diver. We could do a camera inspection this year and schedule the diver inspection in the spring.

September meeting was scheduled for Sep 15th.

Joe made a motion to adjourn at 8:47 pm. Steve seconded, vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Sudiek Lester