

**GRAY WATER DISTRICT
TRUSTEES' MEETING
April 25th, 2016**

Present: Bruce Sawyer, Steve Dunn, Joe Murray, Ellen Errington, Mike Lessard and Superintendent Jim Foster. Bruce called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Request for Water Service – Jack Merrill, George Perley Rd:

Jim presented the Trustees with a letter we received from Jack Merrill and a copy of Chapter 65: Water Main Extension and Service line Rule of the Maine Public Utilities Commission (MPUC). Trustees and Jim discussed the rule as it pertains to Mr. Merrill's situation. Trustees concluded that Jack would need to indemnify the Gray Water District (GWD) for any cost related to the main extension now and in the future by agreeing/accepting/paying for:

1. Right of way/permanent easement for private water line.
2. Test and accept existing service line.
3. Any GWD legal costs.
4. Renew/install service drop.
5. Accept liability for costs that could be imposed on GWD by the Maine Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) if, in the future, residents beyond your property request a water main extension. This could be up to 50% of the cost of a main extension from where it ends now to the center of your property frontage.
6. A private line installation agreement (recordable document that is attached to your property

Superintendents Report:

- a. Deer Brook water main extension is expected to start this week.
- b. MDOT is engineering for redevelopment on N. Raymond Rd. We should plan to replace water main in the route 26 intersection.
- c. There has been talk of changes at the Libby Hill Rd intersection. We have old mains there so something to keep an eye on.
- d. West Gray Rd will be getting improvements like what was done on Lewiston Rd last summer.
- e. We had a water main break April 18th on West Gray Road near Wheeler Road. We hired Scott Dugas Trucking & Excavating, Inc. to help with the repair as Skilling & Sons Excavating did not have a full crew available.
- f. A draft copy of the 2015 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) was presented to Trustees. It will be available on the website after it has been finalized.
- g. The District office is in need of a new roof. We should think about what kind of roofing and who we want to get prices from.
- h. After dealing with trying to field phone calls after hours during the April 18th water main break we think an answering service for after-hours emergencies would be a good idea.
- i. Jim Discussed with Trustees what needs to be done to get Pump Station 3 online.
- j. MOU with Gray Fire Department is still to be completed.

Trustee Reports:

Personnel Policy: Joe reported that progress is being made on the document.

Landfill water quality: Steve reported that, during a trip to the Transfer Station, he had a conversation with the Recycling and Solid Waste Director. Steve had noticed work being done near existing test wells for the closed landfill and asked about it. During the discussion Steve was informed that the test results from the 2015 samples showed an increase in contaminants at the well near where the GFD does training. We had not received those test results yet but received the report after Jim made a phone call to the engineer who prepares it each year. Steve reviewed it in preparation for this meeting and found that the information he was given by the Director was not in the report. Steve did state that the contaminant levels found in that well did not exceed maximums. Steve reported that there seems to be a change in the test results. For years contaminant levels have, over all, been trending down. The 2015 report seems to show them going up. Trustees and Jim discussed that there are wells that belong to us that we could sample. Jim suggested that we send the report to Sevee & Maher Engineers for review and ask them to advise us on what testing should be done and on which wells.

Joe asked about the SPCC & SWPPP reports from Gray Public Works & Recycling Center. Jim is to get them to Joe for review.

Steve showed Jim and Trustees a picture he took of a meter setting in a house that's for sale on route 26. It was a help in showing Trustees what exactly Jim is talking about in regard to the discussion about upgrading meter settings in the future.

May meeting was scheduled for May 16, 2016.

Joe made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm. Steve seconded, vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Sudiek Lester