

**GRAY WATER DISTRICT
TRUSTEES' MEETING
August 22nd, 2016**

Present: Joe Murray, Steve Dunn, Mike Lessard, Andrew Edson and Superintendent Jim Foster.
Joe called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Reuse of old Gray Post Office building:

Jim and Trustees left the office and went to the location of the old Post Office building at 8 Shaker Rd to walk the site and view the interior of the building. GWD has an opportunity to lease or buy this building for use as a new office. Trustees and Jim returned and decided that the building is worth continuing to explore options. Steve, with input from Jim and Trustees, put together a list of items we would want Liberty Family Foundation to improve/repair/replace on the building if we are to lease it. Jim and office manager are to draft a letter outlining this list and asking for prices for leasing as well as purchasing as is.

Superintendents Report:

- a. July Bacteria tests were absent for E-coli and total coliform.
- b. Average usage for July: 300 GPM.
- c. A second person on Landers Drive has inquired about water and we expect them to formally request it very soon. This complicates the situation as, it might have been possible to find a way for a single requestor to have water, the water main extension rules would not permit multiple private lines. Private property and shared access issues are also unresolved.
- d. We had an incident on 7/22 where On Target hit one of our mains. We did try to locate it but due to the type of pipe (Transite) it is very difficult. Their plan was to place the new pole right next to the existing one which seemed like a safe location. Unfortunately, the existing pole was sitting just a couple inches above our main. When they went to install the new one they dug a little deeper than the depth of the existing pole and crushed the main in that spot. This caused a major leak and we had to shut the main down. Because of this, Cole Farms restaurant had to close for most of the day. Cole Farms has since made a complaint against us which has been handed over to our insurance company to handle.
- e. Jim has received the 2014-2015 Ground & Surface water monitoring report for Spring Meadows. Steve is to review and report back at next meeting.

Purchase of land on Weymouth Rd:

Mike reported that he called to inquire about the land and was told the price is \$200,000 for 40 acres. The family seems firm on the price and said that they are not willing to break up the lot, they want to sell it as one piece. Trustees decided to table the issue until Bruce is present, probably the September meeting.

Town of Gray Impact Fee Ordinance:

Trustees reviewed a document provided by Steve. The document is titled "Chapter 408 Impact Fee Ordinance Town of Gray Maine" and is to Deb Cabana, Town Manager from Doug Webster, Community Development. After reading Trustees discussed that this proposed impact fee does

not take water infrastructure into account at all, only Town infrastructure, and also that we were not invited to any discussion or notified about this in any way. Steve stated that it may be appropriate for this to include buried utilities and that he tried to discuss it at a Town meeting but that they did not feel open to the idea of including GWD. Trustees discussed suggesting that fees are collected and dedicated to water improvements. Steve is to talk to one of the Town counselors and report back.

GDW Truck Replacement:

Jim reported that he got prices back from the truck bid he was included in with the Town. He is looking to replace the 2005 truck we have now. He received a price of \$43,700 for a one ton diesel with a plow, \$39,976 without the plow. He also asked for a price for just cab and chassis which he is waiting to hear back on. He would plan to purchase a utility body for this truck. Steve made a motion to authorize Jim to spend up to \$40,000 to replace the 2005 truck but the motion died for lack of a second.

Andrew made a motion to look at other options. Mike seconded. Jim stated that he'd like the Trustees to come up with a long term plan on how vehicles will be replaced. **Trustees voted: 3 in favor, 1 abstention.**

Trustee Reports:

Steve reported a conversation that he had with a firefighter, from another town, regarding sprinkler ordinances. Steve and trustees discussed sprinkler ordinances and how they get changed or removed when new town council members are elected. Some see it as a burden on the developers others do not. Trustees discussed continuing to talk to the Town about this issue, they'd like to see sprinklers be required for commercial, retail and industrial uses of significant size (perhaps 7,500 sf and larger) and strongly encouraged for some of the others.

September meeting was scheduled for Sept 19, 2016.

Steve made a motion to adjourn at 9:32 pm. Andrew seconded, vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Sudiek Lester