

**GRAY WATER DISTRICT
TRUSTEES' MEETING
January 8th, 2018**

Present: Bruce Sawyer, Joe Murray, Steve Dunn, Mike Lessard, Andrew Edson and Superintendent Jim Foster. Also present: Doug and Tomi Chipman. Bruce called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Doug Chipman: Chipman Farms expansion of farm stand and development of land:

Doug Chipman, owner of Chipman's Farm Stand located at 69 Shaker Rd, and his daughter Tomi presented their plans to expand their existing farm stand and add a seasonal "pumpkin patch" with animals and activities at the same location. Much of the area they propose to develop is located within Wellhead 2 with a small portion being within Wellhead 1. Tomi handed out packets to Trustees containing details of their plans and Trustees reviewed. Trustees voiced concerns regarding parking on wellhead 1 and requested that the proposed layout be changed so that parking would be as far away from wellhead 1 as possible. The Chipman's let us know that there are two meetings scheduled regarding this expansion and then left the meeting. Trustees discussed comments they will forward to the Town for consideration:

- Keep parking off wellhead 1
- Keep entrance to field where it is
- Limit number of days "pumpkin patch" activities are allowed

Trustees also discussed that we should send a letter to the landowner letting them know that we are still interested in purchasing the property if Chipman doesn't.

Reuse of old Gray Post Office Building:

Jim asked Trustees to be more specific as to what they mean by 'long term lease' regarding leasing the old Post Office building as an office. The gentleman who now owns it is trying to put together a proposal for us to consider. Trustees discussed that building would have to be completely redone inside and out and that 12-15 years would be appropriate to consider long term.

Superintendents Report:

- a. November bacteria tests were absent for E-coli and total coliform.
- b. We received a violation notice from our October sample taken on West Gray Rd. We should have taken the recheck at the pump house (source) but took it at the office instead. We will have to mail notices to all customers.
- c. Met with Doug Webster, Community Development Administrator for Town of Gray, and spoke about the new TIF for infrastructure. Also spoke about Gray Park/Wayne Ave area being residential only.

Additions to Agenda:

Andrew inquired about the 2005 GMC that is being taken out of service. Trustees discussed how we could go about selling it without causing a lot of traffic in the office or extra work for the office manager. Jim offered \$5000 for the truck as is.

Joe made a motion to accept Jim's bid of \$5000 for the 2005 GMC Truck as is. Steve seconded, vote was unanimous.

Trustee Reports:

Bruce handed out copies of the MOU between the Town and MDOT regarding the Route 26A bypass.

2018 Southern Maine Children's Water Festival:

Jim made Trustees aware of a request for donation and recommended we donate \$250. Trustees declined.

Salary review:

Office manager presented salary increase spreadsheets for salary increases of 2,3, and 4% to Bruce. Bruce asked Jim for his recommendation. Jim recommends a 3% increase for all employees except for one employee who will need a ;larger percentage of increase to bring him up to the new minimum wage amount of \$10 that went into effect January 1st.

Joe made a motion to increase wages 3% for all employees and to increase the wage of our one employee to \$10 as required by law. Steve seconded, vote was unanimous.

Joe made a motion to adjourn at 8:49 pm. Steve seconded, vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Sudiek Lester