

**GRAY WATER DISTRICT  
TRUSTEES' MEETING  
July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Present: Bruce Sawyer, Joe Murray, Steve Dunn, Andrew Edson, Mitch Berkowitz and Superintendent Jim Foster. Bruce called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Superintendents Report:**

- a. AGM: 301
- b. June and July bacteria tests were absent for E-coli and total coliform.
- c. We are continuing to work with MRWA on leak detection monthly. We recently found one by the State Police. We will dig that as soon as we can get it scheduled.
- d. We are continuing to work with Al Schaeffer on GIS/GPS weekly. We are almost done getting mains onto system.
- e. Our annual audit was completed last month.
- f. The Storm Water & Spill Prevention Report was given to Joe Murray for review.
- g. The site work up on Libby hill will be done soon.

**Andrew made a motion to enter executive session pursuant to M.R.S.A. Section § 405(6)(A) to discuss personnel matters at 7:31. Joe seconded, vote was unanimous.**

**Andrew made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:40 pm. Steve seconded, vote was unanimous.**

No action was taken as a result of discussion during executive session.

**Trustee Reports:**

Steve presented a draft letter regarding the Water Quality Report for the closed Gray Municipal Landfill to Trustees and Jim for review. The letter is to bring to the Town's attention items that may warrant further investigation regarding upward trends in wells. Trustees made very minor changes. Office manager is to put on letter head and send to Bruce for signature.

**Additions to the Agenda:**

Andrew questioned Jim about the former leak in the D/M standpipe and how it might pertain to the road work a neighbor to the tank is now performing due to erosion. Jim let Andrew know, and Trustees discussed, that the tank leak did not create that issue and that all road maintenance is the responsibility of that homeowner. There was a legal agreement entered into by us and the homeowner allowing the homeowner use and maintenance of the road at his expense.

**Route 26A Groundwater Monitoring: GWD Round 23 May 2017 (salt study):**

Jim stated that he had nothing new to report other than information in emails that have been circulating. Jim and Trustees discussed that Mike Abbott of the Maine Drinking Water Program (MDWP) seems to have passed off this issue to a woman who works under him named Susan Breau. Jim knows Susan as she previously worked for Maine Rural Water Association (MRWA). And that Mike Abbott has spoken to Dwight Doughty of Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT). Trustees and Jim also discussed the change in who is responsible for maintaining

Route 26A during the winter months and how using a different chemical for ice removal will hopefully help slow or stop the upward trend of sodium in our production well. Joe mentioned that signage alerting the public to the change may be a good idea and offered to draft a letter to the Town Manager.

**North Raymond Road MDOT Project STP-1876(600):**

Jim reported that we are still in the process of finalizing engineering plans for our portion of this project. It will go out to bid with rest of the project.

**Town of Gray Sidewalk and Storm Drain Upgrades on Rt 26:**

We are attempting to mark our water mains for this Town project. We are finding it difficult where there are two mains running together. The close proximity confuses the locating equipment.

**Acquisition of Real Property:**

Jim reported that he has spoken to the property owner and let him know that we are ok with the price previously discussed during executive session.

August meeting was scheduled for August 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Joe made a motion to adjourn at 8:13. Steve seconded, vote was unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sudiek Lester