

**GRAY WATER DISTRICT
TRUSTEES' MEETING
October 21st, 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: 259. This average includes a very large amount of water lost during a main break. Next month's average should be much lower.
- b. The main break was over at the old Turnpike Toll Plaza. We were able to isolate it and currently have it shut off completely as it does not serve any customers at this time. It was one of the biggest leaks we've ever had in that it drained both our tanks very quickly. Although it does not actively serve anyone, it is important because it serves as a secondary path serving West Gray. Trustees and Jim discussed and decided it is worth fixing. Jim is to get that repair scheduled.
- c. Bacteria tests for October were absent for E-coli and total coliform.
- d. The Town has been approached by a company interested in putting solar panel facility across the street on a piece of property between Route 26A and the Turnpike. They will be coming to the office for a meeting this week. Trustees discussed that it may be worth asking Sevee & Maher Engineers (SME) for their input to make sure there isn't anything about the solar panels that can be detrimental to our well.
- e. The Maine Rural Water Association (MRWA) Annual Conference is December 10th, 11th & 12th in Bangor.
- f. We have received the Spring Meadows Golf Course Annual Report. Steve brought it home to review.
- g. We have received a request for water service from someone who lives very near the well on Yarmouth Rd. He is requesting a line off our distribution line coming from the pump station. There is a piece of land owned by University of Maine Foundation (UMF) that would have to be crossed to make this happen. So they would have to be willing to give an easement to this homeowner. Trustees and Jim discussed briefly and decided to wait until they get that question answered before we spend much more time on the request. The work cannot be accomplished without an easement from UMF.
- h. Acquisition of Real Property update is that the bank decided they do want an appraisal of the property. The landowner is getting that piece done.
- i. The new water quality monitoring well near the 26/26A intersection has been installed. Sampling will be done on all the bypass monitoring wells before we get into winter and road salting.
- j. There is nothing new to report on the North Raymond project. It should be out to bid at this time.
- k. The possible new well source proposed by Will Boyle has come around again. We may need to send the Town the information we gave them last year. SME has evaluated the proposed site and stated that the yield at that location isn't high and it's unknown what the duration of any yield would be under long term pumping conditions based on the

limited watershed in that location. Mitch suggested that Jim just contact the Town Manager directly and tell her we're not interested.

1. Steve questioned Jim about the placement of a manure pile across the street. Jim stated that he hadn't noticed but he will go look then call the appropriate person if he feels it should be moved.

Trustee Reports:

Mitch reported that a customer approached him with a water quality complaint. The customer stated that he noticed a smell in the water sometime in early 2018 and that he thinks that was around the time our new well came online. He reported that flushing seemed to help last year but that the odor and staining are now returning. The customer believes his water quality issues are due to the water he is receiving from our new well. Mitch asked that water district employees create a plan to address this customer's complaint and report back to the Trustees in writing detailing what steps will be taken. Trustees and Jim discussed the history of this customer's water quality issue. Jim stated that he met with this customer and his plumber. The plumber stated that this is a known problem with PEX tubing, the kind of piping this customer has. He also recommended chlorinating the customer's water pipes as a solution. Jim stated that he's not sure if this customer ever took those steps recommended by his plumber but there were no more complaints until recently. Trustees and Jim discussed the age of the water line and that it only serves about a dozen people and so stagnant water could be an issue in that part of our system. They discussed flushing schedules and installing bleeders. Jim stated that this is an aesthetic issue and not a compliance issue. Jim is to have our Chief Operator create a plan, likely including flushing and testing, and execute it.

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

The Town of Gray is having a workshop meeting on October 28th and they have invited Gray Water District (GWD) to attend. The meeting will be to discuss two major projects. The first project is sidewalks and storm drainage on Shaker Road and the second project is sidewalks, storm drainage and road construction improvements on Yarmouth Road. After those projects are discussed Will Boyle has been invited to speak with the Council about his vision for the properties that he has recently purchased in Gray (Keith Harriman's shopping plaza at Main Street and the shopping plaza on the Gray flats, as well as, the old Town Office and Stimson Hall).

Town of Gray Executive Session Meeting with Council:

The Town of Gray has invited GWD to attend an executive session meeting on December 3rd to discuss the South Gray TIF.

November meeting was scheduled for November 25th.

Joe made a motion to adjourn at 8:28. Steve seconded, vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Sudiek Lester