

**GRAY WATER DISTRICT
TRUSTEES' MEETING
December 16th, 2019**

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

Superintendents Report:

- a. AGM: 237
- b. Bacteria tests for December were absent for E-coli and total coliform.

Trustee Reports:

Steve reported that he has reviewed the Spring Meadows Golf Course Annual Report. Nitrates are going down at 2 out of 3 test points of surface water. The one closest to us is an upward trend but still far below the federal and state drinking water standards. Pesticides are not a problem, there's just a little there.

PFAS Water Quality Sampling:

Jim reported that he spoke to Bruce Fowler of Sevee & Maher Engineers (SME) and Bruce thinks it's a good idea to proactively test. It would cost roughly \$1000 to test our 3 wells. Trustees discussed testing monitoring wells near the landfill if anything comes up at our production wells. Trustees directed Jim to go ahead and get the testing done.

Route 26A New Monitoring Well Installation:

Jim spoke to Bruce Fowler about whether or not we should install a new monitoring well beside the existing MDOT well that goes as deep as our wells. Bruce said he wouldn't recommend it at this time. We should wait to see what the spring testing shows after changing the road treatment chemicals this winter. Trustees discussed the details of the road treatment changes and were hopeful that all the important information that was discussed with the Gray Public Works Director, Steve Lavallee, was communicated to the incoming director.

Acquisition of Real Property:

Joe made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to M.R.S.A. Section 405 (6)(C) at 7:37 pm. Steve seconded, vote was unanimous.

Joe made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:55 pm. Steve seconded, vote was unanimous.

Joe made a motion to have the sub-committee pursue getting further information/specifics on cost etc. for parcel A as discussed in executive session. Steve seconded, vote was unanimous.

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

Jim stated that he doesn't have anything new to report since the last meeting. He hasn't heard yet whether or not the state has awarded a bid for the project. Jim is to check on the that and report back.

National Weather Service Forecast Office:

Jim reported that he did meet with the gentleman from the weather service. During their meeting they went over what the weather service does now and what they've done in the past in regards to maintaining their water system. The well they are using now only produces 3/10 of a gallon of water per minute which is not enough for their purposes. They end up running out of water often. They've installed additional wells and the best one produces 1/10 of a gallon per minute. They have tried to get on Pinelands system but that has not worked. The weather service owns their building and two acres of land. There is no way to serve them directly without going across October Groups land (Pineland). A water main extension down the road is probably the best option. It is approximately 1.3 miles. Gorrill Palmer is going to price it out. We will still have the issue of going through the Town of New Gloucester. We will do the pricing first then go from there.

Route 100 TIF:

Andrew made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to M.R.S.A. Section 405 (6)(E) at 8:14 pm. Joe seconded, vote was unanimous.

Joe made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:41 pm. Steve seconded, vote was unanimous.

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

Salary Review:

Trustees review proposed salary spreadsheets with 2%, 3%, and 4% increase of pay for most employees. On call was added as a new item for the Chief Operator and part time labor per our Personnel Policy.

Joe made a motion to raise pay by 3%. Steve seconded. Trustees discussed whether or not the Chief Operator should be included in the 3% increase or not. **Steve amended the motion to include the Chief Operator in the 3% increase after he received his Class II Treatment license. Joe seconded.** Trustees had additional discussion regarding availability of test dates and quality of study material available. **Trustees voted on the amendment to the original motion, to include the Chief Operator in the 3% increase after he receives his Class II Treatment license. Vote was 3 for, 1 against. Trustees then voted on the original motion, vote was unanimous.**

Planning for the Future:

Trustees continued a discussion started last month on the Planning for the Future document. It was decided to go over some operation questions:

“How does our current systems' locations (distribution) relate to current and future projected demands/growth?”

Steve stated that, in regard for need for water, the Town keeps shifting where they want to have growth so it's hard to prepare for it. Joe brought up that we have discussed that fact in an earlier question. Steve continued to say that we are not able to expand the system ahead of demand anyway. Joe stated some facts about our water main size in the hub of our system and that it is adequate for now. Right now, our hub and spoke distribution relates well although there is a definite need to develop some loop-fed capability to give us more flexibility during main breaks and maintenance work.

“Are we part of the Town’s Comprehensive Plan Committee updating process? If so, who attends and if not why not?”

Bruce stated that we are probably not an active part of the committee but the Town is willing to keep us informed. Trustees discussed sending a Trustee to the meeting. Andrew was mentioned as option, as well as Mitch. We may be too late to actually be on the committee but we could attend. Andrew agreed to check out the next meeting.

January meeting was scheduled for January 27th.

Steve made a motion to adjourn at 9:23. Joe seconded, vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Sudiek Lester