

**GRAY WATER DISTRICT  
TRUSTEES MEETING  
May 17, 2021**

Present: Bruce Sawyer, Steve Dunn, Mike MacDonald, Mitch Berkowitz, Andrew Edson and Superintendent Bill Gardner. Bruce called meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**Motion/Second** by Dunn/Berkowitz to approve April minutes. Vote to approve was unanimous.

**Superintendent's Report:**

1. Average gallons per day (AGD) for pumps 1&2 was 295,000. Pump 3 average was 121,850.
2. We had a main break on West Gray Rd last Friday. The main broke under Thayer Brook. We tried to just dial back the pressure to keep those folks in water until we could make a plan to repair. By Saturday morning it was clear we could not keep up with the water loss and so had to shut water off completely to that portion of the system. We worked all day Saturday with Bowdoin Excavation to install temporary above ground water to the affected customers. The temporary fix was a success and customers had water back by Saturday evening. We will be hiring a drilling company to help with the permanent repair. This should happen in the next week or so. Also had a meeting with the Fire Chief and the Public Works Director to inform them of what happened and the limitations for fire suppression while the temporary fix is in place.
3. We completed the stub install at the intersection of Shaker and Sunset View on May 5th. We had to close the road to complete the work. The job cost about \$14,000.
4. A service install for 229 Portland Rd was completed.
5. On May 11<sup>th</sup> a gate valve was installed in the main going to the Dry Mills tank. This is necessary to keep that side of town in water while the Dry Mills tank is down. With parts and the digging the cost was about \$11,000.
6. Two services were relocated on May 13<sup>th</sup>, one on Shaker and one on Pine Cove Rd. The Shaker service had to be moved due to the sidewalk widening. The Pine cove service was seized up and had to be replaced.
7. The cleaning of the Dry Mills tank went great. The inspection happened earlier today. An altitude valve was ordered, we will install that ourselves.
8. We should be receiving SCADA equipment this week.
9. During a conversation with Code Enforcement regarding a new service at 47 Mayberry it came to light that no permits had been taken out on the job. Code Enforcement stated that there should not be pressurized water to the outbuilding. We will not be moving forward with any service installation until we hear from the Town that it's ok.
10. Our part time help, Tyler Credit, has decided to stay on with us for another year or so while he continues to pursue his degree. Tyler has been meeting with Al, our GIS consultant, to clean up the labeling in our GIS to make it easier to understand.
11. Maine Rural Water Association (MRWA) is working on our Terms & Conditions.

**Trustee Reports:**

Steve reviewed the latest Landfill report. Steve read parts of the report aloud. Once again there are many upward trends, exceedances of US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) maximum contaminant levels and levels that fall out of range with Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) recommendations. Trustees discussed that we still have not received any feedback from the Town regarding these findings.

**ACTION:** Steve is to renew letter that has been sent to the Town in the past couple years asking why this is happening.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Landfill Test Well Results:**

Nothing new to report.

**ACTION:** None

**MDOT Route 100 Work:**

Nothing new to report

**ACTION:** None

**NOAA Request for Service:**

Haven't heard from them in a week and a half. Nothing new to report.

**ACTION:** None

**Dry Mills Standpipe:**

Covered under Superintendents report.

**ACTION:** None

**Bypass Solar Farm:**

Superintendent met with surveyors to get our test wells into the GIS.

**ACTION:** None

**MDOT Highway Preservation Paving Project Rt 115 Gray**

Nothing new to report.

**ACTION:** Superintendent to call Anson of MDOT to check on this.

**Stillwater Pines Subdivision (Woodcock Dr):**

Nothing new to report.

**ACTION:** None

**Terms & Conditions: update document:**

Covered under Superintendents report.

**ACTION:** None

**SCADA:**

Covered under Superintendents report.

**ACTION:** None

**TIF-Town Project Discussions:**

Nothing new to report.

**ACTION:** None.

**Other projects that may be "shovel worthy" and can be coordinated with the Town and their financing under future fed/state "Cares Act":**

Mitch reported that the CARES Act is evolving into the American Rescue Plan (ARP). We should check into grant writing assistance from one of the Engineering firms we deal with. A well-done application could make it more likely for GWD to receive funds.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A.R.P. Grant:**

Mitch wanted to ensure everyone knows this is out there. He will keep us updated.

**Rate Case:**

If we want rates to go into effect June 1<sup>st</sup> of next year we should get started now.

**ACTION:** Superintendent to reach out to our contact at MRWA to find out the timeline necessary to have rates in effect June 2022.

**OTHER:**

**Next scheduled regular meeting:** June 14, 2021 @ 6:00 PM

**Adjournment:** Motion/Second by MacDonald/Berkowitz to adjourn at 8:53 pm. Vote to approve was unanimous.

**OUTSTANDING ITEMS:**

- Route 100 TIF (South)
- Planning for the future/CIP programming
- G.I.S.
- Search for new water source

Respectfully submitted,

Sudiek Lester, Office Manager