

**GRAY WATER DISTRICT
TRUSTEES MEETING
July 18, 2022
Location: 80 Shaker Rd**

Present: Bruce Sawyer, Joe Murray, Mitch Berkowitz, Mike MacDonald and Superintendent Bill Gardner. Bruce called meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Superintendent's Report:

1. Average gallons per day (AGD) for pumps 1&2 was 294,977. Pump 3 was run for 30 days for an average of 127,019.
2. Monthly samples for June were absent of bacteria.
3. The flushing has been completed for the current cycle.
4. SCADA is up and running at Pump Station 3 in East Gray. We now have remote control over when the pumps turn on and off. This will save the staff and other costs associated with having to handle switching manually on a remote site. .
5. The hydrant at 161 Shaker Rd that was hit by a motorist on June 24th was replaced on July 8th. During inspection it was found that the damage was so severe that it needed to be replaced immediately to avoid complete main failure/shutdown and the possibility of severe road damage to Route 26. Although we only planned to inspect that day, we were fortunate to already have a whole crew and flaggers present and were able to do the complete replacement. Total cost will be billed to the driver's insurance.
6. Russell school testing showed some high lead numbers a few months ago. They are in the process of changing old leaded plumbing fixtures to alleviate the problem. We have purchased a new meter for them and will provide a new backflow preventor (RPZ) at their cost. We will work with their plumber Jerry to install the new meter and RPZ.
7. Painting of the Dry Mills tank is completed. The final cost was \$31,500 which was \$3,000 under the original proposal. We will focus on inspecting the Weeks Hill tank next.
8. The fencing and gate for Pump Station 3 will be installed the last week of August.
9. In our ongoing effort to get all customers metered, we plan to install meter pits at the 300 and 296A Shaker road addresses this week.
10. We still have 4 more curb stops to repair.
11. We are having Bean Data redesign the website for a more professional look and to make it easier for us to post public information directly to the site.
12. We reached out to the Superintendent of the Wildlife Park regarding the possibility of developing a new source on State owned property. His initial response was not favorable but said he would reach out to his Department in Augusta and speak with them about it.

OLD BUSINESS:

Landfill Test Well Results:

The Town has contracted an Engineering firm to consolidate all available test well data and create an inventory as basis for developing a plan of action. We believe that work is underway at this time.

ACTION: Continue to wait.

NOAA Request for Service:

While flushing we were unable to get water out of the blow-off in the area of the proposed NOAA water main extension and service. We moved onto the hydrant at George Perley Rd and it immediately impacted the residents in that area. When this was reported to our engineer, they suggested we do a new flow test as it seems the condition of the water main has deteriorated even more since a test was done last year. A flow test was performed with Gorrill-Palmer Engineers (GPE). The results show that it is doubtful that we will be able to supply the minimum 20 lbs. pressure required at the NOAA location without complete replacement of the existing Depot Rd main. Additionally, bacteria could be an issue in such a long length of main with minimal projected water flow. These findings have significant cost implications for NOAA and could possibly halt the project.

ACTION: Bill to contact NOAA with this information and estimated cost increase to determine if they want to proceed

TIF-Town Project Discussions:

Nothing new to report.

ACTION: None

Road Opening Permits:

Nothing new to report.

ACTION: None.

Legislative Updates:

Nothing new to report.

ACTION: None

Turnpike Crossing / West Gray Rd Main Replacement Projects:

CCB Inc. has been contacted to redesign the pump building for the new 12" main that will be installed as well as house the injection point and correct the confined space issue associated with this pumphouse. The estimated cost of design is \$5,000.

ACTION: Superintendent to report back when design is finished.

PFAS:

Due to vacations and other commitments, Mitch wasn't able to speak with Sandy Carder or Nate Rudy regarding recent PFAS results from landfill tests.

ACTION: Mitch will continue efforts to speak with Town officials.

Rate Case:

Work continues on finalizing information letters to public attendees on their questions regarding senior discount rates, etc.

ACTION: Superintendent and Office manager finalizing letters.

Purchasing Policy:

Mitch provided samples from two additional Water Districts to Joe. No further progress this month.

ACTION: Joe to report any progress next meeting.

Storm Water & Spill Prevention Plans:

Due to emergencies and workload, Bill wasn't able to get together with Public Works regarding the testing required by the garage project MOU with the Town.

ACTION: Superintendent to meet with Town as workload permits.

Vacant Trustee Position:

Bruce reported that he is still investigating our options. The person he is working with at the Town is waiting for some information from the Secretary of State's office. They are trying to get a decision on whether the write ins from the June election will stand or if we will need to be included on the November ballot.

ACTION: Bruce to report back after speaking with Town officials.

Sodium Silicate Treatment:

Nothing new to report this month.

ACTION: Superintendent will respond to questions as soon as he is able.

MWUA Grant Writing Assistance:

Joe reported that he spoke to the company that is under contract with MWUA to provide free assistance with finding funding sources and grant writing. They say they can definitely help with the project(s) we have in mind. They would like us to have a fairly specific scope of work and rough ballpark estimate to set up a Zoom call and get started.

ACTION: Bill, Joe and Mike will meet to develop project scope and then get ballpark estimates.

NEW BUSINESS:

None at this time

OTHER:

Next scheduled regular meeting: August 15, 2022 @ 6:00 PM.

Adjournment: 7:12 pm.

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