

**GRAY WATER DISTRICT  
TRUSTEES MEETING  
April 22, 2024  
Location: 80 Shaker Rd**

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

**Superintendent's Report:**

1. 3/27 Superintendent Gardner and President Sawyer met with MPUC.
2. 4/1 Gorham Sand & Gravel hit the 8" AC main in front of the office while they were doing a tie-in. Later that morning the main at the Dry Mills tank broke and washed out the road that we share with one resident of Mayberry Rd. Then the main on N Raymond Rd along the lake just before Mayberry Rd let go. We found that the main is 9' down and is too close to the lake to be dug as the lake will wash out N Raymond Rd. We worked until 3:00 the next morning to install a valve at 38 N Raymond Rd to isolate the leak. This got more than half of N Raymond Rd customers back in water. The remaining customers went without water overnight. With a huge snowstorm coming we worked as quickly as we could to get those folks back in water before snow started. We were able to run hose from house to house so they could at least have some water while we worked on a more permanent solution. In the end customers on both Mayberry and N Raymond Rd's went without water and were under boil orders for a time but we were able to supply them through the storm and then installed more permanent temporary main that will stay in place until we install a new section of water main in this area.
3. 4/5 Superintendent Gardner met with MRWA. They discussed social outreach, program and available grants as well as bylaws.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Landfill Test Well Results:**

Nothing new to report.

**ACTION:** Ask former Trustee, Steve Dunn to review the 2022 report for us.

**Turnpike Crossing / West Gray Rd Main Replacement Projects:**

The project is in progress. Work on Shaker is complete aside from paving. On 4/1 the old main under the Turnpike was shut down and we went live with the new main. The crew is now over on West Gray Rd for the second part of the project. The drilling contractor ended up hitting the main causing an outage on West Gray Rd. Because the temporary main was not completely installed, we had to repair the main to get customers back in water. The drilling will be completed when the temporary main is fully installed and operational. Temporary water should be completed by tomorrow and then we can shut down that main and start installing new 12" ductile iron water main.

**ACTION:** None

**Gerald's Way Main Extension:**

Nothing new to report.

**ACTION:** None.

**P.L. 2021, c. 672, entitled, An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions:**

Trustees discussed the letter Trustee MacDonald drafted to be sent to our representatives. Trustee Murray had some edits he would like to incorporate before it is sent out.

**ACTION:** Trustee Murray to create a second draft and send it out to Trustees for review.

**Meadowview II:**

We are planning to do this project at the end of May.

**ACTION:** None

**Lewiston Rd Project:**

Superintendent Gardner reported that he is still working on funding for this project and we may be able to start work next spring.

**ACTION:** None

**Antenna MOU Dry Mills Standpipe:**

The document is complete now with signatures from our President and the Town Manager.

**ACTION:** None.

**FEMA Grant (BRICS):**

Superintendent Gardner reported that he took two classes on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. There are five more grants to apply for.

**ACTION:** None

**2024 Bond:**

Superintendent Gardner reported that the final documents will be on May 13<sup>th</sup> and closing is on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**ACTION:** None

**Rate Increase:**

On 3/21 Superintendent Gardner and Trustee MacDonald met with Cathy Robinson. We are still getting documents to her.

**ACTION:** None

**Water Tap for Water Transport Trucks:**

Superintendent Gardner discussed his plan for a loading station and ordered parts. It was determined that we should have a written agreement with any commercial vendors purchasing water from us. The agreement needs to address access, advance notice, fee structure and payment structure as a minimum. Fee structure for farmers and others

wishing to fill small tanks for personal use needs to be determined and will probably need to be cash-and-carry.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **N. Raymond Rd – New Water Main:**

Superintendent Gardner reported that he has reached out to Rural Development for help in funding the new water main that will have to be installed after the break on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Because the break was right next to the lake, and the main is nine feet down, four feet below the level of Crystal Lake, it is not something we can just dig and repair. The main will have to be rerouted to the opposite side of North Raymond Rd and the project must be done by winter as we have several customers on temporary, above ground water. Superintendent is authorized to proceed with emergency procurement.

**ACTION:** Superintendent to solicit emergency proposals from one or more responsive contractors for review/approval by the Board.

### **Personnel Policy Update:**

Trustee Murray outlined changes that need to be made to the Personnel Policy to reflect recent changes in pay structure. Trustees discussed and agreed with the changes. Changes will be officially adopted at the next meeting.

**ACTION:** Office Manager to update Personnel Policy.

## **OTHER:**

**Next scheduled regular meeting:** May 20, 2024 @ 6:00 PM.

## **OUTSTANDING ITEMS:**

- Route 100 TIF (South)
- Planning for the future/CIP programming
- G.I.S.
- Search for new water source
- Pineland System
- Front fencing/parking
- TIF-Town Project Discussions
- 10" Main on Yarmouth Rd

- Woodcock Dr. Phase II
- State Land Water Source (fish hatchery)
- Revision Solar
- Injection/treatment facility
- Grover Pit Water Service
- Deer Brook Extension
- Fish Hatchery Main Ext.
- Shaker Rd Main Replacement Project

Respectfully submitted,

Sudiek Lester, Office Manager