

**GRAY WATER DISTRICT
TRUSTEES MEETING
June 17, 2024
Location: 80 Shaker Rd**

Present: Bruce Sawyer, Joe Murray, Mike MacDonald, John Roy, Adam Wilkinson and Superintendent Bill Gardner. Bruce called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Election of Officers:

Adam Wilkinson was elected to a 5-year term replacing Mitchell Berkowitz.

Bruce Sawyer will remain President of the board. Michael MacDonald will be clerk.

Motion/Second by Murray/Wilkinson to keep Bruce as president, and Mike will now be clerk. Vote to approve was unanimous.

Superintendent's Report:

1. AGD for pumps 1&2 was 394,387. The AGD for pump 3 was 87,129.
2. Bacteria samples came back absent of bacteria.
3. System flushing is complete. We flushed 451,400 gallons of water.
4. In regard to the state land water source that we've been discussing, there is another hurdle we didn't think about previously. There is no three phase power in that area so a pump station there would have very costly electric bills. We may not want to pursue this water source in the Weymouth Rd area because of that. We could possibly discuss doing a test well closer to Shaker Rd where there is three phase power available with them.
5. The Superintendent has honored a request to operate the water system at West Paris Water District.

OLD BUSINESS:

Landfill Test Well Results:

Nothing new to report.

ACTION: None

Turnpike Crossing / West Gray Rd Main Replacement Projects:

There was a leak today that held things up but otherwise the project is going well. The Liberty Ave crossing is done. They will be starting on Wheeler Rd very soon which will help alleviate traffic congestion on West Gray Rd.

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:

The letter is complete and will be ready for Trustee signatures on Thursday when we meet for the Rate Case Public Hearing.

ACTION: Office Manager to send letters out to recipients after signing.

Meadowview II:

We are just about ready to do our work on this project. We are waiting on the contractor.

ACTION: None

Lewiston Rd Project:

Superintendent Gardner reported that we are still on track to go to bid on this project this fall.

ACTION: None

FEMA Grant (BRICS):

Superintendent Gardner reported that we should find out if we will get this grant on June 28th.

ACTION: None

2024 Bond:

Superintendent Gardner reported that we have received the grant funds in our operating account.

ACTION: None

Rate Increase:

We are still on track to have the public hearing on June 20th. Once we have the meeting the Superintendent will sign the tariff sheets and submit them with the minutes from the meeting. If there is no petition, the effective date will be August 1st.

ACTION: None

Water Tap for Water Transport Trucks:

Superintendent Gardner reported that we have sold a couple loads so far and everything went well.

ACTION: None

N. Raymond Rd – New Water Main:

Superintendent Gardner reported that Gorrill-Palmer Engineers are working on the paperwork, and we are still planning to do this project this Fall.

Weeks Hill Antenna Agreement:

Trustee Murray reported that the document is in progress.

NEW BUSINESS:

TIF Expenditures:

Town Manager, Michael Foley, met with Superintendent Gardner and Trustees MacDonald and Sawyer here at the office regarding the proposed rates. Mr. Foley expressed that the rate increase will be hardship on the Town as they were expecting much less of an increase. Their budget is done for the year and so it can't be put into the budget until next year. Trustees, Superintendent and Mr. Foley discussed why this happened and how we can avoid a surprise like this in the future. In the end an idea came to light to help the town cover their water costs for this year. The Town transferred \$495,000 from the Village TIF to us last year. The money is the portion of the TIF that must be used for water infrastructure. The plan was for us to hold it until the Town is ready to fix the hill on Yarmouth Rd. At that time, we would use the funds to repair/replace our infrastructure with \$95,000 of it to be used for engineering. The idea is to transfer those funds back to the Town less the interest earned and the engineering costs we've already incurred. That way they can earn interest on it which they can use to pay their water bills. They would continue to hold the funds until the Yarmouth Rd project commences. Mr. Foley was accepting of this idea and offered to have the Town lawyer draw up a legal document. Once we receive a draft document we will send it to our lawyer for review. The funds are currently in a CD that comes due in October. They will stay there until a legal agreement is finalized.

Enercon:

Superintendent Gardner informed Trustees that Enercon has complained a couple times about how things are going with the staging area they graciously donated to us for the Turnpike Crossing/West Gray Rd project. We greatly appreciate their help with this project and should come up with an appropriate way to say thank you.

ACTION: Trustees and GWD staff to brainstorm ideas for the next meeting.

OTHER:

Adjournment: Motion/Second by MacDonald/Murray to adjourn 7:29 pm.

Next scheduled regular meeting: July 15, 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