

Trustees of the Belfast Water District met on Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. at the Little River Station office. The following Trustees were in attendance: Stephen Hall, Bruce Osgood, Henry Chalmers, Kenneth Colby Horne, Eileen Dubinett, and Keith Pooler, the Superintendent.

Stephen Hall, the Chairman, opened the meeting by welcoming Wayne Tripp of W. C. Tripp Forest Products to present his opinion of managing the Belfast Water District properties as well as meeting the District's objectives. Mr. Tripp reviewed the District's parcels one at a time and explained each property as to the quality of the timber and its estimated value. After Mr. Tripp's presentation, the Board discussed the benefits of having the District's property under forestry management. Keith expressed to the Board the importance of having a plan in place to manage our land due to the aquifer underneath the areas of the Smart Road and Jackson Pit well sites. The Board authorized Keith to request a written proposal from W. C. Tripp Forest Products.

VOTED: On a motion made by Henry Chalmers, seconded by Eileen Dubinett and unanimously approved to accept the Minutes of the August 14, 2017, board meeting.

The Board discussed the date of the next board meeting and agreed upon Tuesday, October 10, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.

Keith Pooler, the Superintendent, reported to the Board on the following:

Every month the Maine Drinking Water Program (MDWP) requires the Belfast Water District to do six mandatory compliance samples to be taken to prove our disinfection procedures are working properly. The MDWP does not allow all six samples in the same day, therefore, the routine is two sets of three samples in a separate calendar week. For August, the second round of samples was not done by the end of the month. The missed samples were discovered on Friday, September 8th and immediately reported to our Public Water System Inspector, Denise Douin, of the Maine Drinking Water Program. Ms. Douin advised us to take the late samples and deliver them to the lab. She stated the District would receive a notice from the MDWP of the missed deadline and instructions to rectify the situation in addition to declaring the oversight in our 2017 Consumer Confidence Report. Keith informed the Board that on Saturday morning he took disinfection samples at all three sites that were missed and reported that all the levels were good. Keith assured the Board that while this is a serious infraction, at no time was the safety of the water ever compromised for any customer in our water system. He also expressed that measures have been added to ensure meeting the deadline in the future.

The Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) tabletop exercise for the Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for the Lower and Upper Reservoir Dams, took place yesterday at 1:00 p.m. here at the Little River Station office. In attendance along with the Belfast Water District were the representatives from the Maine Emergency Management Agency, Maine Department of Transportation, National Weather Service, City of Belfast Fire Department and Public Works, Belfast First Responders, Waldo County Communications and Belfast Police Dispatch. There were a few changes made to the EAP which will be updated and distributed later this fall.

Keith updated the Board on the Goose River Crossing Project stating that considerable progress was made since last month. The crew assisted with the water main shutdown, and Ranger Contracting, Inc. did an excellent job in getting the water back online within an eight-hour period. The main under the river bed itself is now complete, and today Ranger Contracting is connecting the two sides.

Woodward's Law office prepared a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Kenney property on the Back Searsport Road. The District issued a check for \$1,000 to the Kenney Trust Account at Woodward's office. The District's engineer, Tim Sawtelle, will be contacted this afternoon to continue with the plan of improvements on the Back Searsport Road Tank Project for this fall.

As mentioned last month, Insurance Services Office (ISO) will be here tomorrow.

The new owner of the old MacLeod's Trailer Park on Lower Congress Street, Michael Oneglia of Connecticut Property LLC, wants to install new mains and new water services within the existing mobile home park and each mobile home to have its own meter. Keith stated he has conversed with Thomas Fowler, Mr. Oneglia's Civil Engineer, about the District's specifications for water mains, services, meter boxes, etc. This project may take place this fall. The District's terms and conditions allow individual metering within a multi-unit complex and the water mains and services will remain privately owned and maintained by the owner of the complex. Individual metering will increase revenue for the District.

Keith was pleased to report to the Board that the Lead and Copper test results for 2017 for all 20 sites were well below the maximum contaminant level (MCL). The aforementioned proves our treatment for Lead and Copper is working very well. Keith explained the sampling process and what is involved in the testing. He commended the crew for working diligently on our water treatment and Tammy Morse for doing an efficient job of organizing the Lead and Copper testing requirement.

Keith reviewed the highlights since last month's board meeting:

- The crew cut trees here at Little River Station parking area.
- Two new services were installed; a 3/4" service at 72 Court Street and a 1" service at 58 Searsport Avenue.
- The Back Searsport Road Tank fence was vandalized again and was reported to the police; now we have surveillance.
- The crew cleaned the debris from the Upper Dam.
- The District received an \$842 dividend check from Maine Municipal Association Workers Compensation Fund as a result of our good loss experience and loss prevention programs.

VOTED; On a motion made by Henry Chalmers, seconded by Bruce Osgood and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m.



Eileen Dubinett
Eileen Dubinett, Secretary