

The Board of Trustees held a special meeting on Monday, April 27, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. remotely via Zoom teleconferencing due to the State of Maine 'stay at home' order during the COVID-19 Pandemic. In attendance were Trustees Stephen Hall, Bruce Osgood, Henry Chalmers, Kenneth Colby Horne, Eileen Dubinett, and the Superintendent, Keith Pooler, and his Administrative Assistant, Tammy Morse.

The Chairman, Stephen Hall, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Request to enter into Executive Session to discuss a real estate matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405(6)C.

VOTED: On a motion made by Eileen Dubinett, seconded by Henry Chalmers and unanimously approved, to enter into Executive Session at 1:01 p.m. to discuss a real estate matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405(6)C.

VOTED: On a motion made by Henry Chalmers, seconded by Eileen Dubinett and unanimously approved, to adjourn from Executive Session on a real estate matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405(6)C at 1:25 p.m.

The discussion in Executive Session required a vote.

VOTED: On a motion made by Bruce Osgood, seconded by Eileen Dubinett and unanimously approved, to authorize Keith Pooler, Superintendent, to consult with the District's legal counsel, Andrew Hamilton and Sarah Reinhart of Eaton Peabody, to address a real estate matter.

Superintendent Keith Pooler informed the Trustees that the Belfast Water District was placed on the 2020 DWSRF Primary Project List to connect the Talbot Well into our water system with a total budget of \$2,023,535. Keith expressed that because of Nordic Aquafarms (NAF) recent request to extend their term beyond July 30, 2020, having the Talbot Well on-line is not necessary this year. NAF's building phase will not start until the Spring of 2021, which means no water usage until 2022. Due to these changes, Keith stated that he called William Dawson, Chief Engineer of the Maine Drinking Water Program (DWP), to ask if a portion of the total budget could be used for a water main replacement in the section of the Maine Department of Transportation Culvert Replacement Project. This project is on Searsport Avenue at the Goose River Bridge and scheduled to start this year. The District's cost will be \$250,000 or more. The District continues to incur costs associated with the Talbot Well at approximately \$150,000, which includes engineering and preparing plans to be readily available to tie the Talbot Well into the system. Therefore, the estimated amount needed in 2020 is \$400,000, and the remaining balance of \$1,623,535 will be funded in 2021. If the DWP approves this revision, a new approval letter will be issued. After a brief discussion, the Board concurred that we should contact the DWP and request a revision to include the water main replacement at the Goose River Bridge on Searsport Avenue.

VOTED: On a motion made by Bruce Osgood, seconded by Henry Chalmers and unanimously approved, to contact the Maine Drinking Water Program and request a revision to the Belfast Water District project placed on the 2020 DWSRF Primary Project List titled 'Water System Improvements to Connect the Talbot Well' to include the 'Route 1 Goose River Bridge Water Main Replacement Project' on Searsport Avenue.

VOTED: On a motion made by Bruce Osgood, seconded by Eileen Dubinett and unanimously approved, to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 p.m.



Eileen Dubinett, Secretary