

Trustees of the Belfast Water District met on Monday, July 10, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. at the Little River Station Office. The following Trustees were in attendance: Stephen Hall, Bruce Osgood, Henry Chalmers, Eileen Dubinett, Kenneth Colby Horne, and Keith Pooler, the Superintendent.

Stephen Hall, the Chairman, called the meeting to order.

VOTED: On a motion made by Eileen Dubinett, seconded by Henry Chalmers and unanimously approved to accept the Minutes of the June 12, 2017, board meeting.

The Board discussed the date of the next board meeting and agreed upon Monday, August 14, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.

Keith Pooler, the Superintendent, reported on the following:

Henry Chalmers has been reappointed to another five-year term as a trustee of the Belfast Water District and was recently sworn in at City Hall.

Keith informed the Board that the Goose River Crossing Project contract signing and preconstruction meeting took place Thursday, July 6, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. Along with Keith, those in attendance were the District's Engineer, Tim Sawtelle, Bill Sanborn and Nicholas Lizotte from Ranger Contracting, Inc., and Mckenzie Parker from the Maine Drinking Water Program. The project will begin on Monday, July 17, 2017, and expect to finish within 30 days. Ranger Contracting will prepare in advance to make sure all materials fit and work properly before they cut into the main on both sides of the river. A twenty-four-hour notice of the shutdown will be given to residents from Holmes' Greenhouse to the Back Searsport Road.

Keith updated the Board on a conversation that took place with one of the City Councilors asking if the land would be sold along with the dam and about the District's timeline. Keith told the Councilor that the land would be sold with the dam and there is no timeline but that is subject to change.

Coastal Mountains Land Trust has provided the District with the Legal Description Corridor to finish the Recreation Trail Easement along with the map of GPS coordinates. The District will sign the easement deed so Coastal Mountains Land Trust can record it at the Waldo County Registry of Deeds.

The crew is preparing the grounds for the pavement work here at Little River Station where the CMP pole was removed then relocated. The preparation also includes the parking area in front of the office to remedy the water runoff issue. Two of the three contractors responded to our request for a quote for paving the area. Wellman Paving from Hampden gave their quote of \$9,200.00 and will be available on August 1, 2017. F. Cameron Paving from Searsport gave their quote of \$10,200.00 and is available to pave next week. Both meet the criteria of 3 inches of 12.5 mm mix pavement with 2-1/2" compacted final grade. The Board agreed to grant permission to Keith to decide on the quote he feels is suitable for the District.

This Thursday, Scott Kelley from Utility Service Company, Inc. will provide the District with a quote for the Back Searsport Road Tank pax mixer, a safety cable system for the ladder, and an extension for the overflow pipe. The tank was built in 1956, now the overflow pipe needs updating to run from the top of the tank down to two feet above ground level. The Maine Drinking Water Program has inspected all four tanks, two of which are in compliance and the two that will need updating.

Keith stated that as far as the Back Searsport Road Tank negotiations with the abutting property owners, he is recommending to the Board that we remain patient, while assuring the Board that it will happen, perhaps not this year, but in the near future. The access doors were ordered for the Back Searsport Road tank and Patrick Scribner, Doak's Machine Shop, will install them. If it is necessary to replace the altitude valve this year, we can still change it out as it stands in the easement.

Keith reported to the Board that Archie J. Gaul received his State of Maine Flag that was flown at the Maine State Capitol on June 14, 2017, Flag Day, at the request of State Senate President Michael Thibodeau to honor Archie for his forty-two years of service to the Belfast Water District Board of Directors. Archie J. Gaul's sentiments will be framed and displayed here at the office.

In speaking with Richard McElhaney, Superintendent of the Northport Village Corporation (NVC), Mr. McElhaney expressed that NVC would like to add a hydrant on their system at Maple Street and Sea Street in the village of Bayside, Northport. Tim Sawtelle, Dirigo Engineering, wrote a letter to NVC stating the capacity and that it would not affect the Belfast Water District customers. The meter vault has a 4" meter which allows 1,000 gallons per minute (GPM). The flow test done on June 8, 2017, calculated the available flow at a possible future hydrant of 750 GPM for fire protection. Our fire flows tripled after the water main upgrade on Northport Avenue in 2009.

Keith reported to the Board that the crew has been busy changing water meters and is happy to report there are twenty-eight water meters left in the system to replace with radio read meters. While changing meters in meter pits, leaks were found and repaired. In addition, they have replaced inoperable shutoff valves and curb boxes. Also as mentioned above, preparing the grounds for pavement here at Little River Station. In between these tasks, they have trimmed around the fire hydrants.

Keith updated the Board that the Little River Apparel building in the Industrial Park sold to Ducktrap River of Maine. Their intentions are to expand their operations.

Upcoming projects for this summer are three new service installations. A 1" domestic service off Old Searsport Avenue for John Mullen, a 3/4" domestic service on Jackson Avenue for Charles Hall, and a 2" domestic service for Trillium Caterers in the Industrial Park. The crew will be very much involved in the Goose River Crossing Project doing the standard work of delivering the notices, flushing lines, water samples, turning valves, etc.

Henry Chalmers asked how the crew is doing. Keith answered that Don Hahn is doing very well from his shoulder injury/surgery although his range of motion is a bit less. Suzette Harford has recovered from her concussion and is doing extremely well and is a very hard worker.

VOTED: On a motion made by Bruce Osgood, seconded by Henry Chalmers and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 1:35 p.m.



Eileen Dubinett, Secretary