

Trustees of the Belfast Water District met on Monday, July 9, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. at the Little River Station office. The following Trustees were in attendance: Stephen Hall, Kenneth Colby Horne, Henry Chalmers, Bruce Osgood, Eileen Dubinett, and the Superintendent, Keith Pooler.

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

**VOTED:** On a motion made by Henry Chalmers seconded by Bruce Osgood and unanimously approved, to accept the Minutes of the regularly scheduled board meeting of June 13, 2018.

The Board discussed the date of the next board meeting and agreed upon, Monday, August 6, 2018, at 1:00 p.m.

The Superintendent, Keith Pooler, reported on the following:

The City Council reappointed Bruce Osgood to serve a five-year term (2018 – 2023) as a Trustee of the Belfast Water District.

Keith reviewed with the Board the survey done by Daniel Small for the Peaslee property and the District (formerly Kenney) property on the Back Searsport Road. Mr. Peaslee wants frontage to build a garage; we need land to the Back Searsport Road Tank. The vault in the existing easement will be removed and a new vault will be built on the new property. A new utility pole will be set on the opposite side of the former Kenney property to replace the existing utility pole that has overhead wires crossing the land we are transferring to Mr. Peaslee. The crew removed the old fence surrounding the tank to prepare for a new fence. They also removed the septic tank from the former Kenney property; the discontinued water service line will remain in the ground. They have also been clearing the former Kenney property for an access road. The land from Mr. Peaslee will allow us to drive to the tank along with heavy equipment to the back property. We are awaiting the delivery of the pax mixer before we drain the tank, then it will be off-line for about two weeks.

As authorized at last month's board meeting, Keith reported that the District's sealed bid for the tax-acquired land on the Baker Road was hand delivered to the City of Belfast on July 3, 2018. The bid opening is scheduled for Tuesday, July 17, 2018, at 7 p.m. at the Belfast City Council meeting.

Keith provided to the Board a letter dated June 27, 2018, from Joanne and Morten Moesswilde.

**VOTED:** On a motion made by Henry Chalmers seconded by Bruce Osgood and unanimously approved, to enter into executive session at 1:10 p.m. to discuss a real estate matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405 (6)C.

**VOTED:** On a motion made by Bruce Osgood seconded by Henry Chalmers and unanimously approved, to adjourn from the executive session on a real estate matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405 (6)C at 1:20 p.m. and return to the regular board meeting.

Returned to the regularly scheduled board meeting.

The Board of Trustees instructed Keith to respond to the Moesswilde's letter dated June 27, 2018, and let them know that the Trustees decided not to take any action on the letter until such time the sale of the Lower Reservoir is complete, and the destination of the District's office and garages is known for certain.

Keith was happy to tell the Board that our newest employee, Dustin Howes, has been with the Belfast Water District for six months as of June 26, 2018. Dustin is doing an excellent job and is studying for his water distribution and treatment licenses. He is also running the heavy equipment and doing well.

Keith was also proud to inform the Board that as of March 20, 2018, Harold Dyer, our long-time employee, has been with the Belfast Water District for 40 years. Harold will be 65 years old in February 2019, so we will help him with what he needs to prepare for his retirement. Harold has not chosen a retirement date.

Our engineer, Tim Sawtelle of Dirigo Engineering, has prepared a basic drawing for the water main replacement at the Goose River Crossing/Route 1 during the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) Culvert Replacement Project in 2019. The main was located in preparation for two isolation valves to be installed this fall. Before the MDOT culvert replacement starts, a hydrant for temporary water and fire protection will be installed. We will use 14 inch HDPE water main across the Goose River and 12 inch ductile iron on both sides of the river for the permanent connection after the culvert work is complete.

The highlights since last month's board meeting are as follows:

- The crew finished the routine flushing of the mains on June 18, 2018.
- Filled the City Park Pool
- Harold is very efficient in reading the meters. Again, he read the meters in less than 12 hours.
- The new service installation for 161 High Street was a tough one, but the crew did a great job.
- Continue with the Back Searsport Road Tank Project
- Prepare for the Searsport/Belfast Interconnect upgrade
- Pressure tested the Unified Courts water line on Church Street

Keith reported to the Board that a beaver dam was discovered in the culvert at the Achorn Road, so the crew immediately removed it. Water samples were taken, and as a safeguard, we flushed the system. Keith assured the Board that this issue did not have an adverse effect on our customers.

**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



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I, Bruce Osgood, do swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of this State as long as I shall continue a citizen thereof. So help me God.

I do swear that I will perform all the duties incumbent upon me as a

Member of the Water District Trustees, to serve a term due to expire July 1, 2023

for the City of Belfast, Maine according to the Constitution and laws of the State of Maine. So help me God.

  
Signature

STATE OF MAINE  
COUNTY OF WALDO, SS

6/29/18  
Date

I, Amy I. Flood, hereby certify that Bruce Osgood on this day appeared before me and took the foregoing oath.

  
Amy I. Flood, City Clerk

Date appointed: June 19, 2018

