

Trustees of the Belfast Water District met on Monday, June 10, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. at the Little River Station office. The following Trustees were in attendance: Stephen Hall, Kenneth Colby Horne, Bruce Osgood, Henry Chalmers, 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 Eileen Dubinett and unanimously approved, to accept the Minutes of the regularly scheduled board meeting of May 13, 2019.

The Board discussed the date of the next board meeting and agreed upon, Monday, July 8, 2019, at 1:00 p.m.

The Superintendent, Keith Pooler, presented his report to the Trustees on the following:

John Faulkingham did a great job removing the buildings and debris from 86 Smart Road and filling in the cellar hole. Now we are waiting for the ground to settle so we can bring in fill, grade the site, seed, and hay mulch.

This past month, a new 1-inch domestic service tap was cut at the corner of Pearl Street and Church Street. Keith commented that he has done hundreds of new service taps over the years, and this one was the most miserable tap that we have ever encountered. There was a lot of extra work that was unforeseen, and the excavator hammer attachment saved us. Keith thanked the Board for voting to buy equipment that helps us get a tough job done promptly. We do our best to stay within our quote to the customer for their new service installation even when unforeseen events happen, which makes for better relations for future jobs.

Because the Belfast Water District is named in the Daniels/Broderick lawsuit against the City of Belfast and Nordic Aquafarms Inc. relating to zoning, the District's legal counsel, Patrick Lyons of Eaton Peabody reviewed and filed a motion merely stating that the District supports the City's position.

Our materials and supplies vendor, Maine Water Works, informed us that they are closing their business in Oakland, Maine, on June 14, 2019. Maine Water Works carries the Mueller brass, which is our brand of choice. Mueller brass is available from vendors in southern Maine, but our hope is someone in Bangor will carry the Mueller brand.

Keith provided the Board with a list of the District's top ten users with Penobscot McCrum being number one. Their usage for 2018 was 240,750 cubic feet (1,800,810 gallons), and their bills cover about 5% of our revenue. Amongst the top ten users are Northport Village Corporation, Waldo County General Hospital, Athenahealth, and Ducktrap River Fish Farm. Nordic Aquafarms could potentially use the full 262 million gallons of water annually as stated in the Water Supply and Purchase Agreement dated January 29, 2018; this is 21.8 million gallons per month or 2,918,895 cubic feet. The potential revenue for this amount based on the District's current rates is just over \$60,000 per month. Nordic's minimum usage purchase is 100 million gallons per year; this is 8.3 million gallons per month or 1,114,082 cubic feet; the revenue is about \$25,000 per month.

The standby generators have been an issue this past month. At Lincolnville Avenue Booster Station the oil seal leaked costing \$1,340 to repair. Jackson Pit generator lost all of its water out of the radiator and needs a new water pump. This was found during a routine check this past Friday.

We are keeping our eyes open for land just in case the Crocker Road land from the City of Belfast falls through. Luanne Adams, Realty of Maine, stated she would ask the State of Maine Armory if they would be willing to sell a parcel of that land. She also mentioned the 10-acre parcel of land beside Napa Auto Parts on Route 1 that is for sale for \$175,000 (assessed at \$167,000), the back piece of this land on Lower Congress Street is not buildable, but there is still access from Route 1.

Keith informed the Board that in 2020 the Windows 7 Operating System would not be supported on 3 out of 4 of the District's computers at the office. The SCADA system at Lincolnville Avenue Booster Station is working very well with Windows 7. Keith expressed his concern about upgrading this station and will consult with Harlan Pease of Industrial Instruments who created our SCADA system.

The District's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary centennial pins (1919-2019) as a commemoration will be here this week.

This past month the crew:

- Flushed the mains and hydrants at night
- Assisted John Faulkingham with the removal of the buildings at 86 Smart Road
- Repaired lawns from the leaks over the winter
- Attended a Vacuum Excavator class at the Bangor Water District. The vacuum excavator is used to remove dirt from a curb stop when there is a leak on a service. Only a one-foot diameter is needed to do the repair which eliminates the need to contact Dig Safe. For a demo, Keith recommended viewing the online videos called "potholing" or "hydro vac."
- Monitored the culverts by Smart Road Well where the beavers are trying to make their home. Our foreman, Frank Short, is also a registered trapper and can safely remove them.

Shipmasters Condos behind Perry's Nut House on the Shipmasters Cove Road has an 8-inch private water main. The main has not passed a pressure test due to a manufacturer problem with the installed gate valve. The District provided them with a new gate valve, and the water main will be pressure tested again later this month.

This month the crew will finish flushing mains and hydrants, grading the lot at 86 Smart Road, and installing new taps. We received the application for a 1-inch service installation for 4 Blacks Landing, but have not received the prepayment of the estimate.

**VOTED:** On a motion made by Bruce Osgood seconded by Kenneth Colby Horne and unanimously approved, to adjourn the meeting at 1:38 p.m.



Eileen Dubinett, Secretary

\* Correction: 4-inch GD