

Trustees of the Belfast Water District met on Monday, November 9, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. at the Little River Station office. The following Trustees were in attendance: Chairman Stephen Hall, Vice Chairman Bruce Osgood, Treasurer Henry Chalmers, Secretary Eileen Dubinett, Trustee Kenneth Colby Horne, and the Superintendent, Keith Pooler and Office Assistant, Suzette Harford.

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 October 19, 2020.

The Board discussed the next board meeting date and agreed upon Monday, December 14, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

Keith Pooler presented his Superintendent's report to the Board of Trustees.

Keith shared with the Trustees the written proposal dated November 6, 2020, from Thomas Fowler, P.E. Civil Engineer, to provide site planning and permit application preparation services for the Belfast Water District's new location off the Crocker Road for the estimated cost of \$27,430. Keith reminded the Board that closing the Little River Property sale to Nordic Aquafarms is due to occur by January 31, 2021. Keith recommended waiting until after the closing to start this process. The Board reviewed Mr. Fowler's proposal and agreed with Keith's recommendation not to proceed until after closing. In the meantime, Keith stated he would continue to actively look at other options to move the Belfast Water District facilities. There are no new updates regarding Nordic Aquafarms.

Keith informed the Board that the SCADA system indicates a leak within the system, losing 100 gallons per minute. Keith said he has been searching for the leak and hopefully will find it soon.

The Charles Street Water Main Extension Project is complete. The entire project went smoothly, and our crew did a great job. In March 2020, Keith's original estimate to complete the project without labor costs was \$45,000. The District, to date, has spent \$45,320, which includes the crew's labor of \$14,000, material costs of \$16,000, hiring Faulkingham Inc. for \$13,000, and \$2,100 to rent a roller from Eagle Rental. The crew laid 571 feet of the 6-inch ductile iron pipe. The final per foot cost will be determined once we receive the bills for paving and gravel.

At the MDOT Goose River Bridge Project on Searsport Avenue, the contractor hit the old 10-inch water main. Keith requested that Northeast Paving/Eurovia install the water main before the sewer main. The contractor has laid 100 feet of 12-inch ductile iron pipe and installed a valve cluster. Keith commented that their work looks good as they continue to progress at a moderate pace.

Since the last meeting, the crew:

- Finished the Charles Street 6-inch water main extension, connected services into the new main, then graded and paved the street.
- Dug test holes for the MDOT Goose River Project
- The crew repaired the 22-year old standby generators at the wells with the hope of keeping them in service for a few more years. One of them had a water leak, and the other the crew rebuilt with an oil cooler.
- Drained all the fire hydrants in the system and started the second round of winterizing.

Upcoming this month, the crew will:

- Continue the second round of draining all the fire hydrants
- Continue maintenance at the wells
- Find and repair the 100-gallon per minute leak in the system
- Continue with the MDOT Goose River Project; the goal is to lay 400 feet of new 12-inch water main this fall

Bruce Osgood mentioned that the Town of Swanville plans to purchase the Swan Lake Dam for \$150,000, contingent on getting the approval from Swanville voters. To assist Swanville, Keith stated he contacted the First Selectman and offered our river flow information that we record each month. The Belfast Water District considers this dam of somewhat importance.

Stephen Hall inquired about the appropriate time to discuss role changes within the Board of Trustees. Keith suggested discussing the changes at the December 14th board meeting.

With the news of his retirement next year, Keith stated it is appropriate to start searching for his replacement as Superintendent. He told the Trustees that he would present more information at the next board meeting.

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