

Belfast Water District Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2021

The Belfast Water District Board of Trustees met at the Little River Station office on Monday, October 18, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.

Bruce Osgood, the Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

A roll call of attendees was as follows: Chairman Bruce Osgood, Vice-Chairman Kenneth Colby Horne, Treasurer Henry Chalmers, Secretary Jill Goodwin, Trustee Stephen Hall, Superintendent Keith Pooler, and his Administrative Assistant, Tammy Morse.

**VOTED:** On a motion made by Henry Chalmers, seconded by Stephen Hall and unanimously approved 5-0, to accept the minutes of the regularly scheduled board meeting of September 20, 2021.

The Board discussed the next board meeting date and agreed upon Monday, November 8, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. at the Little River Station office.

Keith Pooler presented his report to the Board of Trustees.

The Talbot Well pump test was completed by DL Maher the week of September 20th. The test went very well. The final cost for the redevelopment was \$6,085, which is \$1,030 less than their quote. DL Maher videoed inside the well, then lowered the surge equipment and the pump into the well to clean the casing and the screen to perform the test. The test revealed minimal iron deposits and no sand. When the well was drilled in 2005, numerous compliance tests were done for water quality with favorable results. The next step is to contact the Maine Drinking Water Program for any required water quality testing and permits needed now to be in compliance before the well can be placed online. Rick Pershken of Dirigo Engineering is contacting the MDWP.

As approved at the meeting last month, Keith informed the Board that he purchased a new dump trailer from Big Tex Trailer World in Winslow for \$15,236.05 and a new utility trailer from Greg's Auto Sales in Searsport at the cost of \$3,900. Within a few days, all three of the old utility trailers were sold for a total of \$2,900.

All water utilities in the State of Maine must perform PFAS tests by December 31, 2022. PFAS (Perfluoroalkyl substances), known as the 'forever chemical,' is a large group of man-made chemicals used worldwide in industry and consumer products since the 1950s. Some examples are farms that spread sludge and items that have fire retardants in them. PFAS do not occur naturally but are widespread in the environment. Keith informed the Board that he will do the PFAS testing at Smart Road Well and Jackson Pit Well next week. The Armory facility on Route One also provided their PFAS test results to the District for our records.

The Goose River Bridge Project cost to date is \$53,000, including labor. We are still awaiting the Maine Department of Transportation bill for the water main portion of the project before submitting Pay Request # 2 for the Maine Drinking Water Program S.R.F. loan. Also, the Talbot Well cost to date is \$63,000, including labor, with more work to do before submitting Pay Request # 2.

This past month, the crew:

- Insulated the 3/4-inch water service at 18 Back Searsport Road
- Attended a Chemical Feed Pump Zoom Class
- Replaced the 3/4-inch galvanized service at 26 Grove Street with a new 1-inch tap due to distance and access
- Paved trenches
- Vacuumed curb boxes and performed necessary repairs
- Started to winterize the 256 hydrants in the system

Upcoming this month, the crew will:

- Finish winterizing the hydrants in the system
- Prepare buildings for the cold temperatures
- Get the vehicles ready for winter
- Finish paving

**VOTED:** On a motion made by Jill Goodwin, seconded by Stephen Hall and unanimously approved 5-0, to enter into Executive Session for a Real Estate Matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S. Section 405 (6)C at 1:34 p.m.

**VOTED:** On a motion made by Henry Chalmers, seconded by Jill Goodwin and unanimously approved 5-0, to adjourn from Executive Session for a Real Estate Matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S. Section 405 (6)C at 2:00 p.m.

No further discussion.

**VOTED:** On a motion made by Henry Chalmers, seconded by Stephen Hall and unanimously approved 5-0, to adjourn the meeting at 2:04 p.m.



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Jill B. Goodwin, Secretary/Clerk