

The Belfast Water District Board of Trustees met on Monday, September 30, 2024, at the 41 Wight Street office.

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

**Roll Call:** The attendees present for the roll call were Chairman Bruce Osgood, Vice-Chairman Kenneth Colby Horne, Treasurer Stephen Hall, Secretary Jill Goodwin, and Superintendent Frank Short. Trustee Chad Otis and Administrator Tammy Morse were absent from the meeting.

**VOTED:** On a motion by Stephen Hall, seconded by Kenneth Colby Horne and unanimously approved 4-0, to accept the minutes of the regularly scheduled board meeting of September 9, 2024.

**Next Meeting Date:** The Board discussed and agreed on the next meeting date of Monday, November 4, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at the Belfast Water District office located at 41 Wight Street in Belfast, Maine.

No members of the public were in attendance.

Frank Short presented his Superintendent's report to the Board of Trustees.

**Water District Property 41 Wight Street:** Frank stated that the crew would begin the subsurface detention pond project this month, which will provide the Belfast Water District with much-needed parking. The front steps ordered from American Concrete have been installed, and JR Lapham will finish the project by installing the railings. Frank will also check into purchasing a flagpole from Nor'East Flagpole in Waldoboro to place in front of our office as approved by the Trustees at our August 12th Board Meeting.

**Crocker Road Tank Site:** The garage door, ordered from Viking Lumber, has been installed in the new storage building at the site, and Davey Small of Arc Electric LLC has finished the electrical work. Now that the lay-down area is complete, a pipe rack can be built. The final task for this project is to replace the fence. Frank informed the Board that he is applying for the 2024 Asset Security Grant through the Maine Drinking Water Program to cover the cost of the fence, which requires three estimates.

**Jackson Pit Transmission Line:** Frank has been planning for the clearing of the new water main right of way on the Hutchins' property in Swanville. He met with Derek Davis of Davis Dirt Works and received an estimate of \$180,000 to clear both approaches to Goose River, and to level the right of way. Frank will also meet with Wayne Tripp to schedule cutting the wood off the right of way. Tim Sawtelle, the Belfast Water District's Engineer, is working on obtaining any shoreland permits that may be required before any work near the Goose River.

**Lead Service Inventory Survey:** The Lead Service Inventory Survey will be completed this month. The deadline to have the survey submitted to the Maine Drinking Water Program is October 16th.

**UCMR5 Samples:** The results from the June 2024 Fifth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR5) including PFAS samples were within the Federal EPA standards; another set of samples will need to be taken this coming December.

**Maine Water Utilities Association Bimonthly Meeting:** Maine Water Utilities invited Frank to give a brief presentation about the Belfast Water District at their bimonthly meeting on October 10th at the City of Belfast Boat House. He also will participate in a panel discussion about making water more affordable to our customers.

**Service Line Leak 194 Swan Lake Avenue:** The crew repaired a leak on the District's side of the service line at 194 Swan Lake Avenue. The repair was delayed by a week because outside flaggers needed to be hired in order to ensure the crew's safety while working on the line, which was located at a sharp corner of a busy road. It is estimated that 648,000 gallons of water were lost due to the leak.

**New Service Tap Installations:** The crew installed a 1-inch domestic service for a new residence at 305 High Street, a 1-inch domestic service line for a proposed home at 191 Congress Street, and a seasonal 1-inch domestic service at the Cornerspring Montessori School (Hoop House) on Lower Congress Street.

**Galvanized Service Line 51 Bayview Street:** The crew discovered a galvanized water service at 51 Bayview Street while conducting the Lead Service Survey. According to the Belfast Water District's policy, galvanized services are to be replaced upon discovery. The District replaced its side of the service; however, the customer's side was in such poor condition that a proper connection could not be made. To ensure the customer had water, a temporary water line was installed. The owner quickly arranged for their side to be replaced.

**Upper Dam:** The crew removed debris from a gate valve at the Upper Dam. In order to hold water levels down, keeping the valve clear is required.

This past month, the crew:

- Installed the steps at 41 Wight Street.
- Continued work at the Crocker Road Tank Site.
- Installed new services.
- Worked at the Upper Dam.
- Renewed a water service at 51 Bayview Street.
- Repaired a service leak at 194 Swan Lake Avenue.

Next month, the crew will:

- Paint and perform maintenance of fire hydrants.
- Finish up and move parts and equipment to the Crocker Road Tank Site.
- Begin work required to fill in the detention pond at 41 Wight Street to provide more parking.
- Install any new services that may arise.
- Install the flagpole at our 41 Wight Street Office.

**VOTED:** On a motion by Jill Goodwin, seconded by Stephen Hall and unanimously approved 4-0 to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 p.m.



Jill B. Goodwin, Secretary/Clerk