

Trustees of the Belfast Water District met at 2:00 p.m. at the Little River Station office. The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Archie Gaul. The following were in attendance: Henry Chalmers, Archie Gaul, Stephen Hall, Eileen Dubinett, Bruce Osgood and Superintendent, Keith Pooler.

VOTED: On motion by Henry Chalmers, seconded by Eileen Dubinett and unanimously approved to accept the Minutes of the July 11, 2016 meeting.

The trustees set the date of Monday, September 12, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. for the next board meeting.

The Superintendent, Keith Pooler reported on the following:

Referring to the maps of the Front Street project, Keith reviewed with the board the progress that Maine Earth has made this past month. Blasting will start on or about August 22nd and the plan is to finish the water main by the end of September or beginning of October.

Keith updated the board about the Front Street Project Pay Request #4 being over estimate by \$16,000 on line item #83 "Removal/Disposal of AC Water Pipe". The quantity of 2.5 tons should have been 22.50 tons. The unit price for the difference was renegotiated with Maine Earth and a pay request change order was done. Keith stated there should be no more AC water main to be removed, but if any remains, it will be filled and left in place. On the good side, we are well under the estimate on line item #69 "Excavation of Contaminated Materials" as we have not had any to date. Keith and the board continued to discuss the pay request. The balance available to finish the Front Street Project is \$173,517.18; therefore, we are doing fine.

Keith informed the board that in order to avoid shutting down Penobscot McCrum during the project, the decision was made to move a 12" valve up Pierce Street 150 feet or so towards their plant during their shutdown between August 19th and September 2nd.

Keith updated the Board that Dana Keene, as agreed, paid the \$3,000 to discontinue the 8" main on the Old Robbins Road which is scheduled for tomorrow. The balance of \$1,700 will be paid by Dana Keene this fall.

Keith reported to the board that we had four main breaks this past week, one on Washington Street and three on Mayo Street within a 24 hour period. On Mayo Street alone, there have been four main breaks this year. Keith recommended to the board that this fall we should replace 500 feet of 2 ¼" cast iron water main with 4" water main. To replace the water main, six services and restore the street will be an estimated cost of \$38,300 (\$76.60 per foot). A valve will be installed at the end of the main for the possibility

of a future main extension. Keith advised there will be people beyond the 500 feet to be replaced that will likely ask for water service. Keith wanted to remind the board that the water district does not participate in water main extensions as it is written in our Terms and Conditions.

VOTED: On a motion by Stephen Hall, seconded by Bruce Osgood and unanimously approved; to replace 500 feet of 2 ¼" cast iron water main on Mayo Street with 4" water main at an estimated cost of \$38,300.

Keith updated the board that the final determination and vote of approval for the Durham Lot land sale will take place at the Maine Public Utilities Commission meeting on August 9, 2016. The District's attorney is preparing the deed for closing.

Bruce Osgood asked the status of the easements for the Goose River Crossing water main project and Keith stated they are not completed as of yet. The construction will continue in 2017.

Keith reported to the board that the last two weeks have shown that we are in a bit of a drought. Jackson Pit is 4 feet below normal but still has 25 feet of water over the screen in the well. Smart Road is 18 inches down from normal. This means the water tables are down but there is still plenty of water.

Keith stated that the Coastal Mountains Land Trust proposal has been sent to our attorney for review but no final paperwork has been received.

Keith updated the board on Don's shoulder surgery. At Don's follow up appointment last week, the doctor said he had a severe tear and is expected to be out 4-5 months.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.



Eileen Dubinett, Secretary