

Trustees of the Belfast Water District met 1:20 p.m. at the Little River Station office directly after the public hearing held at the same location at 1:00 p.m. The following were in attendance: Archie Gaul, Eileen Dubinett, Stephen Hall, Henry Chalmers, 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 May 9, 2016 meeting.

The trustees set the date of Monday, July 11, 2016, for the next board meeting.

Keith informed the Board about the water leak on the Smart Road that occurred on June 8th. The call came in at 3 p.m. and the decision was made to wait until the next day in order to get the right materials needed to repair the leak. The plan was to get materials and start working on the repair at 6 am the next morning. A neighbor wanted the leak fixed that night and it was repaired that night. The crew worked from 3 p.m. to midnight. It was necessary to meet up halfway from Gardiner with the salesman from the supply company to get a repair part. The leak was caused by a service saddle on the 14" water main that was leaking. After digging up at the service it was found that there were two service saddles and both had to be replaced. Most of the water lost was from flushing the main. Not a lot of lost water, but quite a bit of overtime.

The transmission in the 2003 GMC truck had to be replaced. After checking with several garages K & K Auto & Truck was able to get the truck in for repair quickly. The transmission could be rebuilt for \$1,800; a used one could be installed for \$1,200 with no warranty, or put in a rebuilt transmission with a warranty for a total cost installed of \$3,600. Keith indicated that the truck is worth having the warrantied transmission installed and the truck will be good for another five years.

The District's engineer, Tim Sawtelle, has all the required permits for the Goose River Crossing project and the necessary easements are being drawn up by the attorney. One of the properties involved has a \$10,000 lien on the store that burned, however, the District's attorney, Lee Woodward, was not concerned about it and recommended to go ahead with the easements. Keith indicated that he advised the attorney to continue preparing the easements. The District's engineer, Tim Sawtelle, is working on getting quotes from three or four contractors for the Goose River Crossing Project. Because this is a small project, Tim was able to obtain approval from the Maine Drinking Water Program to not have to go through a formal and expensive bid process.

To date, the Front Street water main project has, 850' of 12" main installed, 3 – 12" valves, 2 – 8" valves, 3 – 6" valves, 2 new hydrants and 8 new water services consisting of 1 – 8", 4 – 6", 2 – 2" and 1 – 1". At the last pay requisition meeting it was discussed that there will be a lay-off of installing new water mains for a couple of weeks to allow the contractor to finish the first portion of Front St. from Main St. to the waste water treatment plant. When work starts up again on the water main it will begin at the waste water treatment plant and go north toward Pierce Street.

Quotes were requested from three contractors and two quotes were submitted for the rehabilitation work at the Jackson Pit pump station building. Northeast Equipment & Supply Co. and Thorough Building Co. submitted quotes for the job. The work will consist of a new flat roof, siding, insulation and a new door. Northeast Equipment quote is \$26,968.00 and Thorough Building quote is \$27,500.00. Keith recommended awarding the job to Northeast Equipment & Supply Co. the job.

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VOTED: On motion by Stephen Hall, seconded by Henry Chalmers and unanimously approved; to accept the bid from Northeast Equipment & Supply Co. in the amount of \$26,968.00 for the rehabilitation work at the Jackson Pit pump station building.

Reviewed the letter from attorney Jeremy Marden of Mailloux & Marden, P.A., regarding Dana Keene asking to negotiate with the water district to discontinue a piece of water main that was on the old Robbins Road. The water main runs behind Lowell Keene's property from Route 1 and comes out on Robbins Road. Mr. Keene states it is hindering the sale of the property and the city is willing to discontinue that road if the district is willing to discontinue the water main. Keith informed the Board that he told Dana Keene that it would not be fair to the rates payers to bear the cost of discontinuing this water main for his benefit. Keith recommended to the board that he investigate how much it will cost to discontinue the water main and also discuss with the district's engineer to find out if there is any advantage to keeping this water main.

Discussed the trail proposal on the McLellan/Poor Preserve in Northport located on the south side of the Little River Reservoir. Representatives from the organization plan to attend the July board meeting to propose the District work with them on setting up a trail along that side of the reservoir.

Over the past month the crew has been repairing lawns and hot topping at places that were excavated over the winter for repairs. Rebuilt the hydroxide system at Jackson Pit station. Three of the men attended a chemical feed pump school for continuing education. On May 16th the crew repaired a 10" water main break on Searsport Avenue. It was necessary to replace a 10 ½' section of water main and had to do a lot of flushing of the main. Meter reading now takes about 22 hours compared to 90 hours before we replaced many of the water meters with new radio read meters. This allows the crew to get a lot more other work done in the system. The crew has been working on the hydrant flushing program this spring and is almost finished. The crew has been working on upgrading the parking lot at Little River Station.

Reported that District employee Don Hahn has been diagnosed with a torn rotator cuff as a result of his injury on the job in March and will have to have surgery.

Informed the Board the new employee, Kyle Payson, is doing very well. He is anxious to learn and has been attending quite a few classes. The new office assistant, Suzette Harford, has been on the job for three weeks and is doing quite well so far.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.



Eileen Dubinett, Secretary