

Trustees of the Belfast Water District met at 1:00 p.m. at the Little River Station office. The following were in attendance: Bruce Osgood, Henry Chalmers, Eileen Dubinett, Archie Gaul, Stephen Hall and Superintendent Keith Pooler.

The District's accountant, Nick Henry of Horton, McFarland & Veysey, LLC, presented the trustees with the 2015 Financial Statements. Nick informed the Board the audit did not find any non-compliance with laws, regulation or agreements. There were no deficiencies with internal controls and no material weaknesses. He indicated that no red flags were found or identified when he went through the financial statement or the audit.

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

The trustees set the date of Monday, June 13, 2016, for the next board meeting.

Keith reported on the Front Street water main project. The temporary water service line for the whole street has been laid out. The contractor has done the 12 x 12 tap in Main Street and laid 40 feet of water main until they encountered ledge in front of the Purple Baboon, which they are now considering whether to blast or hoe ram the ledge. The ledge was not found by the ledge borings that the engineering firm did this spring and was not on the plans. The contractor, Maine Earth, sent a letter asking for more money for ledge removal. Keith indicated that the District's engineer, Tim Sawtelle, is working on the estimated 96 cubic yards of ledge the contractor anticipates needing to be removed. He is going to re-measure it and has been conferring with Mandy Olver of Olver Associates to come up out of that ledge if the city is willing to wiggle a little bit on the storm drainage by raising them up, that would bring the water up out of the ledge. Everyone has agreed that this can be done; it would make it closer to 50 cubic yard of ledge to be removed. The first pay requisition from Maine Earth was \$71,000.00 mostly for materials on hand and traffic control, corrosion control and temporary water services. The contractor has set back just north of the treatment plan and started laying 12" water main towards Main Street and have put in 170 feet of 12" main, two 12" valve, one 8" valve and two 6" valves. We have added 3 services to the project as customers have come forward after we sent out letter to all abutters on Front Street. There will be an 8" put in for the proposed building #6 for the Front Street Shipyard, a 6" for three lots owned by Jim Rose across from the proposed building #6 and a 1" service for a lot that was just purchased across from the old sardine factory. These water services will be paid for in advance by the property owners. Keith indicated that he expects the main and services will be done from Main Street to the treatment plant by next meeting.

Keith informed the Board that the City of Belfast sent the District a letter rejecting first refusal of purchasing the Durham lot. This letter was forwarded on to the Maine Public Utilities Commission (MPUC). The next step is to notify all the water district customers in writing of the sale and hold a public hearing. The hearing is scheduled for Monday, June 13, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. here at the office. The District has not heard of any opposition to this sale from anyone at this time. If there is opposition to the sale, within 30 days of the meeting, 15% or approximately 750 signatures from the customers of the

water district could file a petition with the District and with the MPUC demanding a review of the District's decision to proceed with the sale. If there is not petition filed, the MPUC should act on it and hopefully by sometime in the middle of August the property should be sold.

Keith updated the Board on the rehab of the Jackson Pit Well building. Northeast Equipment has provided a quote of \$26,968.00 to put a new flat roof on the building, steel siding, replace the main entrance door. Keith indicated that he is planning to get a few more quotes from other contractors.

The easements for the Goose River project are being drawn up by the District's attorney, Lee Woodward. Tim Sawtelle is drawing up the plans to get the project out to bid.

The crew will start flushing hydrants in the water system on May 16th and should have it completed by the end of June or early July. To reduce disruption, some of this work is done at night, but the majority of this work is done during the day.

Keith reported that he and Kyle have been out conducting the annual leak detection survey by listening to about 130 of the 257 hydrants in the system and did not find any leaks. The rest of the hydrants will be done in the next week or so.

The new employee for the office assistant position is Suzette Harford. Her first day on the job will be May 16th.

A third work station has been prepared for the office for the future to facilitate using the computer by the crew for inventory, asset management, etc.

The CUPS asset management program is being set up by RCAP and will satisfy the requirements of the drinking water program and the Maine municipal bond bank SRF program.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.



Eileen Dubinett
Eileen Dubinett, Secretary