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

The Chairman, Archie Gaul, called the meeting to order.

**VOTED:** On motion by Henry Chalmers, seconded by Eileen Dubinett and unanimously approved; to accept the Minutes of April 13, 2015 board meeting.

**VOTED:** On motion by Stephen Hall, seconded by Eileen Dubinett and unanimously approved; to commit to the Treasurer the water user rates for the period beginning April 1, 2015 and ending April 30, 2015.

The Board discussed the date for the next meeting and agreed upon Monday, June 8, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

The superintendent, Keith Pooler, reviewed the proposed improvements to the water system as reported in the Water System Improvements Plan updated by Dirigo Engineering, February 11, 2015. The improvements are rated by priority 1 to 4, with most of them being water main upgrades which the District has been working at consistently for the past fifteen years.

Keith informed the Board on the following:

The contract for the water main replacement for Phase 1 Front Street from Main to Miller has been put out for bids. The bids will be open May 19th at 2:00 p.m. at the Little River Station office. It is hoped construction will start June 1<sup>st</sup> and be completed before the third week in July.

Recently we were called to do a locate at 28 Spring Street for the sewer service to be excavated for repair. This location was in the scope of work that Eastwood Contractors did in 2014 on Spring, Cross and Miller Streets. It was found that the six inch sewer service was not hooked up after the 8" water main was installed. Eastwood Contractors was informed that he would be billed for the costs the owner of 28 Spring Street incurred for the repair of the sewer service.

Discussed replacing the lawn tractor with a new model. Quotes were obtained and the best price was from Greenway Equipment of \$4,365.00.

**VOTED:** On motion by Stephen Hall, seconded by Henry Chalmers and unanimously approved to authorize the purchase of the lawn tractor from Greenway Equipment in the amount of \$4,365.00.

Since the last meeting the leak on the 4" main at the corner of Cedar and Franklin Streets has been repaired, all the hydrant flags have been removed, spring maintenance on all the motorized equipment has been completed, the annual upgrades to the chemical lines and pumps have been completed, rebuilt/renewed seals on the chlorine injections systems at both wells, all the yards are cleaned up and

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ready for the mowing season, repaired a water leak on the 1" service at the Belfast Trailer Park, and numerous water services for seasonal customers have been turned on.

In the coming month Keith indicated that he will be doing the annual leak survey and hopefully will be starting the construction project by the end of May.

The crew will be replacing a fire hydrant on Perkins Road that was hit by a car this past winter, repair a leak on the water service at 49 Bayview Street, flush mains and hydrants in the system and repair trenches from winter leaks and freeze ups.

Keith informed the Board that he just received word that representatives from the Environmental Development Administration will be in Belfast on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. to look at the project area on Front Street from Main Street to Pierce Street.

The Belfast Water District has been chosen as one of twenty three water utilities in Maine to participate in the 2015 USEPA National Needs Survey and Assessment. Data from the Needs Survey is used to substantiate Maine's share of the annual federal appropriation for the Drinking Water State Revolving (DWSRF) Funds. The information is critical to substantiate information for future DWSRF grants.

The Revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR) will become effective April 1, 2016. The RTCR requires all water systems to update sample siting plans to include system specific information per sampling locations and schedules. Reduced monitoring for Total Coliform may be an option depending on system type and size, compliance history, source water protection status and other operational characteristics. The Drinking Water Program will be holding classes to introduce changes and train water system samplers about the RTCR.

Keith informed the Board about the free on-line course Training for Drinking Water Boards that is available through New England Water Works Association web site.

Keith reported that the new employee, Dustin Cunningham, is doing very well and is very interested and quite intrigued about everything that is going on.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.



Eileen Dubinett, Secretary