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Trustees of the Belfast Water District met on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at the Little River Station office. The following were in attendance; Stephen Hall, Henry Chalmers, Eileen Dubinett, Archie Gaul, Bruce Osgood and superintendent Keith Pooler.

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

The board members discussed the date for the next meeting and agreed upon November 9, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

**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 September 1, 2015 and ending September 30, 2015.

Cindy Clements informed the Board that once the October 2015 water user rates are committed to the Treasurer, committing the water user rates will no longer be required for a lien to be legal.

The superintendent reviewed the District's water main replacement project on Front Street from Miller Street to Main Street. The contractor, Ranger Construction, is progressing quite well and has reached Main Street. At this point it looks like there will be about \$50,000 left over after Ranger has completed their contract. It would be good to continue replacing additional water main up Main Street up to the intersection of Cross Street. The cost for to install an additional 275 feet of ductile iron pipe is \$35,000 which does not include valves, services, etc. If the contractor can get the initial project cleaned up and weather permits the additional work could be done this fall. Two concerns at this time is the possibility of the temporary services freezing and being able to obtain pavement. Keith indicated that he has talked to Rychel McKenzie of the Drinking Water Program, and she said the District can keep going with more water main installation to spend the rest of the funds. Rychel said if we don't spend all the money this year, it will be up to Norm Lamie of the Drinking Water SRF Program that would have to inform the District. At this time we are waiting to hear from him if the project could be completed next spring if necessary.

Keith recommended to the board we get as far as we can on Main Street to get rid of the old water pipe. The total cost will probably amount to more than \$50,000, but not by not very much more. With the agreement of the Board, Keith indicated that he will ask the District's engineer, Tim Sawtelle, to negotiate with Ranger Contracting to continue replacing the water main on Main Street up to the intersection of Cross Street in order to get it done while the contractor is still here and if not ask them if they will come back in the spring. The Board concurred with this plan and Keith indicated he will inform them what will take place.

The new manway door for the 500,000 gallon storage tank on Lincolnville Avenue is ready to be installed. The installation will be done by Doak's Machine Shop on October 14<sup>th</sup>. The storage tank is drained and the crew is cleaning out the bottom of it and will be ready to do the installation of the Pax Mixer. The storage tank will be filled just above the mixer and Utility Service Company will come to test

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the Pax Mixer to make sure it is operating properly. The storage tank is expected to be back on line around October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Two representatives from Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) conducted a site inspection looked of the Upper Reservoir Dam on Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. Keith indicated that he informed them about the upcoming board meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> and they were welcome to attend and they declined to attend. The Board reviewed and discussed the site inspection report from MEMA. Steve Hall commented on the information from the Bureau of Land & Water, Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) about regulation of dams that allows owners of dams to petition the DEP for release from dam ownership or water level maintenance. Steve Hall commented that the process described in the DEP information seems to be pretty easy to do. If the District doesn't want the responsibility of maintaining the dam it can just walk away from it. It doesn't seem any sense to put money into the dam if the reservoir is not being used as a water source of supply. Keith indicated that he informed the MEMA representative that the reservoirs are no longer the source of supply and the Board is not interested in spending a lot of money on the dams. At this point the District has made sure the gates are operational and at the present time the gate is still open and the reservoir level is lowered. Keith recommended to the Board, do nothing else with the dam at this time. The Board concurred with this recommendation.

The two isolation gate valves on Washington Street were installed last week by Maine Water Works. The gate valves are fully functional and ready for the remediation work that will be done in that area by Central Maine Power Company. As part of the project, they will put in 160 ft. of new water main and a new fire hydrant.

The crew has installed two new water service taps and there have been several more estimates that have been provided for inquiries about new services.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.



Eileen Dubinett  
Eileen Dubinett, Secretary