

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

The meeting commenced with the review of the proposed water main improvement project scheduled for 2014 on Cross Street and Spring Street. This water main project will be included with the City's project scheduled for the same streets to improve the sewer line, storm sewer and rebuild the roadway. Legal notice was posted September 12, 2013 informing the public of the District's consideration to authorize the issuance of revenue bonds or notes for the purpose of financing this project for improvements to the water system. It was noted no one from the public was in attendance. Keith informed the Board that the District's engineering firm, Dirigo Engineering has estimated the water main project to be \$320,000 and has completed the application for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loan to finance the work and is ready to submit the application before the September 27th deadline. Sometime in November the District will know if the project has been placed on the DWSRF list for funding and we should know around the first of the year if we have been put on the primary list or secondary list. The interest rate is expected to be 1% to 1 ½% with a 20 year term. If the District's project does not make the list, we will have to look at other places for financing such as the Maine Municipal Bond Bank, USDA Rural Development or even a private institution if needed.

Stephen Hall questioned what happens if the actual costs exceed \$320,000. Keith indicated he did not expect that it will but hopes the District can do more than the estimated 1,400 feet of water main. If the costs came in more than \$320,000 we would shorten up the footage we were going to do.

VOTED: On motion by Stephen Hall, seconded by Alton Kenney, unanimously approved; 1) to proceed with the Cross Street and Spring Street water main improvement project and; 2) to authorize the submission of the application to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for funding of the project in the amount not to exceed \$320,000.

VOTED: On motion by Henry Chalmers, seconded by Eileen Dubinett and unanimously approved the Minutes of the August 26, 2013 Board of Trustees meeting.

The Board proceeded to authorize commitment to the Treasurer, Alton Kenney, the Certificate of Commitment of Water District User Rates.

VOTED: On motion by Stephen Hall, seconded by Henry Chalmers, unanimously approved; to commit to the Treasurer the water rates for the period beginning 8/1/2013 and ending 8/30/2013.

Keith reported on the following:

The City's grant application for the Front Street reconstruction project has been completed and submitted to the Economic Development Administration (EDA). The Front Street reconstruction project also includes the work the District will do to upgrade the water main on Front Street. The city's

economic development director, Thomas Kittredge indicated a decision by the EDA can be expected sometime in October. Mr. Kittredge thanked the District for its part in the process.

Keith commented to the Board that there is a possibility the road on Front Street is going to be 'overbuilt' for weight limits, mainly for the Front Street Ship Yard. So far there has not been any suggestion that the water main has to be overbuilt in that area. Keith explained the District's water main specifications call for Class 52 Ductile Iron pipe and told the Board that he feels if the District is asked to put in a heavier pipe, the rate payers should not be footing the bill for extra strength water main pipe for one entity. The Board concurred with Keith's statement that the rate payers should not be responsible for the cost of extra strength water main pipe for Front Street.

The new variable frequency drive (VFD) has been installed by Stultz Electric and it works perfectly with CMP and the standby generator power. The issue with the automatic transfer switch has been repaired and is working correctly. To date we have spent \$7,800 of the \$10,000 estimated to complete the project. The next step is to have Harlan Pease of Industrial Instruments tie-in the SCADA system into the VFD to allow us remote control of the pump speed and monitor other systems at the well. The cost for Harlan's work is estimated at \$1,300.

Negotiations for the Bessey property located next to the Jackson Pit well property are still in discussions. Keith indicated to the Board that he feels the property is of importance to the protection of all the wells because of its proximity to Goose River. Because the property does not lie in the 200 day time of travel area, it is not critical to control the land and recommends the District stay firm with the offer of \$750 per acre for the land. Archie questioned if the District should hire someone to survey the corner of the property that is in question as to its proper location. Keith indicated it is something that needs to be addressed. Archie asked if there is anything else that can be done to protect the Jackson Pit wellhead area. Keith indicated that a portion of the area is protected by shoreland zoning and the District could contact the town of Swanville about a zoning ordinance to protect the Jackson Pit wellhead area.

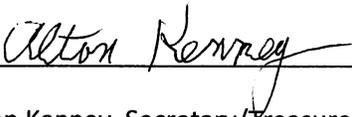
The 2003 John Deere Backhoe has had to have quite a lot of repair work and it is time to consider trading it for a new backhoe or excavator. In the past year we have spent \$3,500 on parts and labor to replace numerous hydraulic lines and there have been several problems with the electrical system. Keith informed the Board that he is starting to get prices for new backhoes and is also considering a rubber tired excavator instead of a backhoe. An excavator has a greater swing range than a backhoe and reduces the amount of space needed at the job site which improves traffic flow and makes the work area safer for the crew. Keith also explained to the Board because of the new Tier 4 emissions related to off road machines that takes effect in 2014, will increase the cost of the equipment. To achieve cleaner emissions is done by burning and filtering the fuel that will possibly might require the machine to shut down periodically to clean it. Keith informed the Board that it might be best to trade the backhoe and informed the Board that he will be getting more information and quotes for the next board meeting.

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Keith reported to the Board that during the last month the crew washed all the standpipes except for the Crocker Road standpipe that was done last year; installed two 1" water services; changed out several meters to radio read meters; replaced two gate valves; and assisted Perry's Quick Stop with their repair of the service line.

In the coming month there are a couple more new services to be installed; continue changing out meters to radio reads; repack two gate valves; do two bore jobs for Searsport Water District; clean up two pine trees that were recently taken down across Little River; bush hogging and bush cutting along the south side of the dam at Little River; replace a hydrant on Searsport Avenue and start to drain and winterize fire hydrants.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.



Alton Kenney, Secretary/Treasurer

