

Tri-Town Water District No. 1

Commission Meeting

JULY 17, 2025

Chairman Darwin Pratt called meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Commissioners present were: Steve Kayhart, Larry Simino, Drexel Wheeler, Ernest Audet, Lance Wood and Scott Douglas.

Also present was: Dwayne Roberts, Aaron Ouellette and Tricia Gordon from Tri-Town Water.

No amendments to the June 2025 meeting minutes.

No Tap-Ons: Lucinda Belanger and Jeffrey Mack were present to discuss the tap on at 127 Keyes Rd in Bridport. This is a 2" dead end line on Keyes road. The customer has a shared agreement for a pit to be shared with the neighboring property which is family owned. They would like to put a new pit in (currently the meter is just on the ground) with two meters; one for her Lucinda's property and one for the neighboring family owned property. Per Lucinda the deed/agreement covers that fact that if it was sold from the family it would still cover/allow the shared pit agreement. After a brief discussion Ernest Audet made a motion to grant permission for the customer to tap into the ¾ existing line with one pit and two meters; seconded by Larry Simino. The motion passed.

GL Lyons presentation was given by Mike Lyons who explained that once water gets to the end of a dead line it goes bad and discussed how flushing the lines would be beneficial for providing better water at those dead end lines. Tri-Town Water has 51 dead end lines in our system. There are manual and automatic flushing devices that can both be effective however the automatic devices can be programmed and will flush on their own giving more man power for other projects. A great amount of discussion by the board and Mr. Lyons on which would be best and more effective for the cost. Dwayne thinks the permanent automatic flushing device (\$4,000 each) would be the best option for our two sample sites that we have recently failed the HAA5 disinfectant byproducts test. The board decided they needed to discuss further. Mr. Lyons did offer the use of the manual flushing box to try out in August before our next test date in September, all agreed to perform the trial.

Budget Update; Jenn was unable to attend therefore it was decided it'd be more beneficial for her to discuss with board therefore tabled until the next board meeting.

New truck quotes: Dwayne explained we received quotes for a new F150 or Ford Ranger and for a Chevy Silverado and a Colorado. We currently have a 2019 F350 with 75,400 miles, a 2021 F150 with 84,342 miles and a 2022 F150 with 80,264 miles. The one ton is for plowing and hauling. It was discussed as to whether we would be keeping four men and was another truck necessary as Kevin won't be taking the 4C licensing test due to future endeavors. The board discussed and suggested options; buy a new truck now and sell one later on or simply putting off the purchase of a new truck at this time. Steve Kayhart made a motion that we hold off on the purchase of a new truck for the foreseeable future; seconded by Lance Wood. The motion passed.

Water rate discussion: Lance Wood moves to table the water rate discussion until our treasurer is present; seconded by Drexel Wheeler. The motion passed. The board would like some more information put together by our treasurer; how much it costs to produce water, process and pump water as well as how much larger use customers are using and what each tier is making per cost etc.

Rules and Regulations amendments: this was tabled from last month's meeting. Darwin started by discussing the item on page 3 of increased GPD usage and how to keep track of that as we are real close to the max amount the plant can pump a day. The board isn't in favor of making customers come ask for an increase in usage. Steve made a motion to table the R&R until next month; seconded by Larry Simino. The motion passed.

Tricia Gordon reported on the delinquent accounts list; Final notices are being hung the list is still being worked on with a shut off date of 7/23/2025.

Superintendent's report: A cracked pipe on a 3" main on Crown Point Rd in Bridport was repaired as well as a rotted saddle on Witherall Road in Shoreham. A couple curb stop repairs have been completed. Dwayne discussed the filters at the water plant again stating that they have exceeded their life span at this point and its of major importance to get these refurbished sooner than later. It also could be some of the issue with the failed halo acetic acid tests, not for sure, but if the filters aren't working properly to clean out the water to start therefore causing damage once the water reaches the end of the line. Dwayne feels this should be done this fall/winter. It was briefly discussed that the refurbishing of the 3 filters was included in the scope of our project narrative from our engineer Robert Clark. Drexel feels we should get in touch with Robert and the refurbishing project started in order to benefit from cleaner water to start with out of the plant. Drexel Wheeler made a motion to start the process of making the old filters new again by refurbishing; seconded by Lance Wood. The motion passed.

There is land on Crown Point Road in Bridport that is for sale and Dwayne was contacted by a realtor to obtain a quote on the cost of extending the water line to that property and potentially extending the line to Lake Street. Dwayne needs to meet with Randy Provencher to finish the quote; therefore he will gather more information and discuss more next month.

Other Business: Lance thinks it's best that we send a notice/letter regarding the halo acetic acid test letting the customers know what we are doing to resolve the problem. Dwayne suggest drafting up a blurb to include with the letter from that state that we are required to send out by August 17th as our last test failed. Discussed a lot about how to tell customers what happened and what we are doing to hopefully resolve the problem. It was mentioned to have either our attorney or engineer draft the letter to include with HAA5 letter from the state.

Personnel: no business

There being no further business, Chairman Pratt adjourned the meeting at 8:13 pm.

Kindest Regards, *Tricia Gordon*-Tricia Gordon-Clerk/Office Manager