

Approved 5/10/21

Board of Public Works
Meeting Minutes

Date: April 20, 2021

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: New DPW Building Conference Room
965 Plain Street Zoom Meeting

In attendance for all or part of the meeting were the following:

John Cusick	Chairman
Dave Carriere	Vice Chairman
Robert Shaughnessy	Member
Tom Reynolds	Superintendent – <i>not present</i>
Dan Bowen	Assistant Superintendent
Rod Procaccino	Town Engineer
Paul Tomkavage	P.E.-Project Manager
James Kent	Deputy Superintendent of Operations
Ann Marie Sacchetti	Board of Public Works Secretary

The meeting convened at 6:05 p.m.

John Cusick motioned to open the meeting and reviewed the agenda which included action items, items for discussion and Superintendent's report.

Seconded by Dave Carriere

Roll Call Vote: Robert Shaughnessy yes Dave Carriere yes John Cusick yes

Unanimous

Dave Carriere requested to have action item number ii be moved to be discussed first. Chairman Cusick agreed.

I. Action Items:

ii. Reconsider Vote-Town Declaration of Emergency Policy

Dave indicated that he has reviewed the policy along with the information the ethics board has put out and as a result he cannot support trying to re-consider at this time. It may be an item we can use subsequent to Annual Town Meeting particularly if we receive the vote on the auditing qualifications. John and Dave proposed an amendment to the policy rather than reconsidering the vote. The amendment would include language such as it would have to be the willingness of the employee to volunteer and the option to opt out. Prior to sending the proposed amendment to the Board of Selectmen it was suggested to send to Town Counsel to review the language.

Bob Shaughnessy stated that he will have to revisit the policy we voted on before going to an amendment. We need to have a written definition of what an employee volunteer is. Dave referred to the Town Charter and the language that states protocol, at which we have been bi-passed on this. 99.99 percent of the time we would act appropriately for the good of the Town any way.

i. Approval of Open Meeting Minutes for 3/8/21 & 3/22/21

MOTION: John Cusick motioned to accept open meeting minutes of 3/8/21.

Seconded: Dave Carriere

Roll Call Vote: Robert Shaughnessy yes Dave Carriere yes John Cusick yes

Unanimous

MOTION: Dave Carriere motioned to accept open meeting minutes of 3/22/21.

Seconded: John Cusick

Roll Call Vote: Robert Shaughnessy yes Dave Carriere yes John Cusick yes

Unanimous

iii. Fee Recommendation for Mattress Recycling

Paul Tomkavage provided a memo for Board members regarding Mattress Recycling. Summary: he has investigated the logistics and set-up of the program including a zoom meeting with the DEP Municipal Assistance Coordinator. All of the FAC90 vendors have been individually contacted, and pricing confirmed. Program costs previously provided are estimates. Futons, lounge sofas and items with "fluff" recyclable are excluded because they are constructed differently. Mattress recyclers use specialized machinery and/or manual labor to "fillet" a mattress into its recyclable components. The other items are not suited for this machinery. Fee recommendation for Marshfield would be \$20/residential unit, \$60/commercial unit. A unit is a mattress or box spring of any size. Residential means a unit is brought in by a resident; commercial means the unit is on a cleanout truck. This is consistent with many of our neighboring Towns. The Transfer Station continues to be inundated with commercial mattresses. Bob Shaughnessy stated that his position would be, whatever the cost the vendor is going to charge us is the cost we should be charging the residents. He is in favor of a deterrent cost for commercial entities. Paul stated that in his conversations with the various vendors, is that, their cost is driven by their travel time and distance in getting to their source of origin. The closest vendor is Green Mattress and they are in Millbury, 50-60 miles away. Other locations are in Gardner, Warwick Rhode Island or Lawrence MA. According to DEP a mattress and box spring are considered two (2) separate items, \$20 for each item. Bob is ok with the proposed residential and commercial fee associated with the mattress disposal. Dave indicated that we will have to have certain rules prepared particularly dealing with the commercial haulers. The rules have to be iron clad. He would like to see the commercial fee to be at \$75. Bob agrees with Dave. Paul will look into how soon a plan can begin. Dave suggested having the commercial fee and its requirements to begin as soon as possible and for the residents who have already paid for all of their utility bills, it should begin at the start of the fiscal year. Paul stated that beginning in October it will become a requirement to recycle the mattresses per DEP.

MOTION: Dave Carriere motioned that the commercial rate to be at \$75 on June 1, 2021 and the residential rate to be at \$20 beginning on July 1, 2021.

Seconded: John Cusick

Bob Shaughnessy amended the vote to state the residential rate to begin on July 1, 2021 at a rate that is no cost to the Town from the vendor.

MOTION with amendment: Dave Carriere motioned that we will be implementing a net zero cost to the operations of solid waste for residential unit mattresses delivered to the site by the resident or by arrangement at curb side pickup of \$20 to take effect on July 1, 2021 and the \$75 commercial unit rate to take effect on June 1, 2021.

Seconded: John Cusick

Roll Call Vote: Robert Shaughnessy yes Dave Carriere yes John Cusick yes

Unanimous

Discussion:

i. Update on 965 Plain Street

Dave gave the update along with Jimmy Kent the update on the work going on in the area where the new building will be constructed. We have had a meeting with the public last Wednesday. At that

time additional details of the building were discussed. Solar panels will be installed on the equipment garage of the new building along with car ports that will be constructed in the current paved area where storage for all our vehicles and temporary trailers are. There will be discussion tomorrow proposing where the transformer and battery bank will be relocated to where we currently have our temporary office trailer. Specifications for bids for construction for the new building are expected to be out by June. Jimmy Kent stated that excavating and grading operations are on-going. Bi-weekly meetings are taking place. Bob Shaughnessy stated that Dave and whole crew are doing a great job. All Board members agree.

ii. Marshfield Hills Sidewalk Status

Dave gave an update. Environmental Partners have presented the final plans. We are going forward with them. Barnes Tree Company surveyed the tree work that will be part of the project. They will give their assessment to the Superintendent. We are going forward with the contractor we have regarding the work associated with the sidewalk project. We are moving forward with tree removal first, then the demo of existing sidewalks.

iii. Ocean Bluff Rip Rap Update

Rod gave an update. We have not heard yet from EEA in regard to the grant application we had filed in late February. GEI did respond to the questions that were submitted to them from the Ocean Bluff Association members. The basic questions were related to the "shelf" configuration as related to the slope. The shelf would provide access for equipment to conduct repairs. It would be too costly to rent equipment for that process. Tom sent the responses on Friday. Dave Miller of the association zoomed into the meeting thanking the Board for their efforts and asked for clarification on funding. He referred to the STM Article #4 of the Warrant that is asking to change the funds for the design to emergency repairs to the revetment; and also, what happens if the state doesn't approve funds for the design. Where would we stand regarding available funds for the design if Article #4 is agreed upon; would we have to go back to Town Meeting; would the funds still be available for design or locked into repairs. Rod indicated that we have money authorized for seawalls and at this time it is for Brant Rock for the repairs from the Riley Storm damage. There are two million dollars that haven't been borrowed and is slated for Brant Rock. We had submitted a grant application for construction for Brant Rock Phase II with the potential funding to be from the Federal Government. He does not know when the awards will be announced. He does not know at this time about the change in funding for the design being moved. It wasn't his decision. Dave indicated that if the funds are not used and the grant does not come through, in the fall STM it could be re-dedicated if needed. It is determined by Town Meeting vote. Rod indicated that work on the Foster Ave seawall project has not yet been closed out. When it is closed out he will check to see if there are available funds left for use. Board members will stay in touch with the association members on updates.

Superintendent's Report:

Jimmy Kent gave an update: Catch basins are being cleaned; Street sweeping being done; Pruning trees; grave activity; pot holes being filled; fields in preparation for use

Dave asked for an update on the pay-as-you throw bags revenue to be reviewed for a future meeting.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 26, 2021 at Town Meeting

At this time John Cusick **motioned** to adjourn.

Seconded: by Dave Carriere

Roll Call Vote: Robert Shaughnessy yes Dave Carriere yes John Cusick yes
Unanimous

The open meeting of the Board of Public Works for April 20, 2021 adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Marie Sacchetti,
Board of Public Works Secretary