

Approved 2-28-22

**Board of Public Works  
Meeting Minutes**

**Date: January 10, 2022**

**Time: 6:00 p.m.**

**Place: Library Program Room  
Library Plaza**

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

Robert Shaughnessy	Chairman
Dave Carriere	Vice Chairman
John Cusick	Member
Tom Reynolds	Superintendent
Dan Bowen	Assistant Superintendent
Rod Procaccino	Town Engineer – <i>not present</i>
Paul DuRoss	Water Supervisor
Gary Russell	Board of Health Director
Ann Marie Sacchetti	Board of Public Works Secretary

The meeting convened at 6:00 p.m.

Robert Shaughnessy motioned to open the meeting and reviewed the agenda with one appointment, action items, and items for discussion, minutes and Superintendent's report.

**Seconded** by Dave Carriere

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

**APPOINTMENT**

6:15 P.M. Gary Russell Board of Health Director

Bob stated that he wanted to have a meeting with the Health Director and the Board of Public Works to have a discussion regarding PFAS. The subject is a public health issue and we need guidance being the Water supplier of Marshfield, from the Board of Health, as they are the prime, responsible party to communicate risk in the Town of Marshfield if there is a risk. He indicated that there are six (6) chemicals, which have minimum concentration levels. PFAS is a family of chemicals. Bob stated that he wants the Town to know we do not have a problem. We are somewhat prepared if there were an issue. We have had all our wells tested and we do not have a problem. Some communities do but we do not. He wanted to bring up the subject as it has been in the public eye. The Board of Public Works is working with the Board of Health and others in the Town to ensure we do not have a problem in the future. He indicated that the Interstate Technology Regulatory Council has published a document that describes the many PFAS that there are. Paul DuRoss, the Water Superintendent, provided testing information as related to our water supply. We have 16 well sites and there are no issues with PFAS. Bob stated that more information will be included in the annual CCR report. **Dave Carriere addressed Mr. Russell acknowledging that the Board of Health has plenary authority in matters of health but that the BOPW as Water Commissioners does have the authority to take actions with regard to water protection.** He then provided information he had researched on-line on the PFAS issue. Bob stated we need the guidance from the Board of Health who has the authority and responsibility for health related issues, any communication we issue, as a Board needs to be in concert with the Board of Health. Gary Russell stated that the Board of Health prefers to wait until DEP provides one set of rules and they will follow their recommendations. John Cusick stated that PFAS is

everywhere and it is good that we are addressing it and that it is not in our wells. He is a plumber and indicated that Teflon tape and Teflon joint compound has been used used not knowing about PFAS in the product. Bob stated, we need to talk in one voice; we need to have guidance and be careful about sending multiple messages. Whatever we do, we do as a Town with the appropriate voice. Tom said that possibly we could work with the Board of Health to put some educational information on the web page, the CCR report, and provide letters to the abutters of our well sites.

In closing, Bob stated Marshfield does not have a problem but we do need to have communication provided to the public. We will put it in our CCR report and would ask that the BOH help with that. Gary Russell indicated that they would work with the BPW and not mislead anyone.

### ACTION ITEMS

#### 1) Brant Rock Improvements –Design-Environmental Partners

Tom Reynolds addressed the project; we went to Town Meeting in October to obtain funding to complete the design of the Brant Rock final design acceptance. We have given Environmental Partners (EP) the project. This is a task we have added to our program we have with them now. The total for the design is \$89,200, which was voted at the STM in October. Task 1-Preliminary Design-EP will use the survey base plan from 2015 for the project. Supplemental topographic survey will be collected at the southern corner of Ocean Street at Island Street intersection for approximately 100 feet from the intersection. EP will perform a site walk to identify any noticeable changed conditions since the base plan was originally prepared. Board members are in agreement.

**MOTION:** Robert Shaughnessy motioned to accept Environmental Partners proposal on the Agreement for Engineering and Supplemental Services in connection with Brant Rock Improvements in the amount of \$89,200 and authorize the Superintendent of Public Works to sign the documents for the Board of Public Works.

**Seconded:** Dave Carriere

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

#### 2) Abatement Issue Response Document

Tom explained about the issue. He reached out to Town Counsel to confirm if we could go into executive session to discuss an abatement, and Town Counsel indicated that we could. He has provided us a motion to use in such a situation. Dan Bowen provided a draft letter, which will need to be updated, based on the information regarding executive session as provided by Town Counsel.

### BOARD DISCUSSION

#### 1) Complete Streets-Environmental Partners

Tom Reynolds addressed the issue. Currently we are working on **Tier 1**; consists of the municipality adopting a Complete Streets Policy that provides their anticipated general practice for considering Complete Streets measures during future operations where realistic and feasible. We submit that policy to the BOS, then it is sent to MassDOT for their approval. Once that approval is achieved we will then move on to Tier 2; involves the preparation of a Prioritization Plan that takes a view of the municipality's multi-modal accommodations, prioritizes needed projects, and determines their approximate construction costs. Under this program, municipalities are reimbursed up to \$38,000 to retain the services of a consultant to prepare their Tier2 Prioritization Plan. He will ask at the April Town Meeting for \$50,000 to prepare the Prioritization Plan and to apply for the Tier 3; which is implementing and construction from Tier 2. The Town may be reimbursed up to \$4000k every three

fiscal years for Tier 3 construction under this program. This would help with the funding for Brant Rock.

VOTE TO ACCEPT MINUTES – 12/13/2021 Open Minutes

**MOTION:** Robert Shaughnessy motioned to accept open minutes of 12/13/2021.

**Seconded:** Dave Carriere

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1) Snow Plowing Town Roads for Upcoming Season

John Cusick referenced Dan Bowen's letter regarding clarification within the Indirect Policy regarding the labor cost as in incurred through snow and ice events during regular working hours. He would like to submit a warrant article regarding this issue. He had an article prepared which read; will the Town vote that when plowing, sanding, and pre-treating of roads is accomplished by any Enterprise Fund employees during regular hours and overtime hours, the total cost of this work, including Town employee benefits are to be paid to the individual Enterprise Fund budgets from the Town's Snow and Ice budget. The Treasure Collector will furnish the BPW a budget line item and shall assist the DPW in the budget transfer from the Town's snow budget. Bob we can put a placeholder for Town Meeting. Bob asked Board members if they are in support of the article. Dave had concerned on whether the BOS may not put it in the warrant. Bob indicated that he and Dave support the article but both he and Dave suggested putting it as a citizen's petition article as well. John will send his draft article in preparation for the warrant to Tom.

**MOTION:** Robert Shaughnessy motioned to support John Cusicks initiative on the labor portion of Enterprise employees as being funded by the snow budget.

**Seconded:** Dave Carriere

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

Concerning the letter, Bob stated that we would bring the letter to the next meeting and then send it to the BOS at that point.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1) Snow Plowing Town Roads for Upcoming Season – *previously discussed*

Tom gave an update on the seawall; they have demolished about 50 feet of the seawall; they are building the berm as they move along. They have about 116 feet of sheet piles of 150 feet needed for this section. They are moving right ahead. Hoping to have most of the demo done within the next few weeks.

NEXT MEETING – January 24, 2022

At this time, Robert Shaughnessy **motioned** to adjourn the open meeting of the Board of Public Works for January 10, 2022 at 7:16 p.m.

**Seconded:** John Cusick

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

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