

Approved 10-17-2022

**Board of Public Works
Meeting Minutes**

Date: September 12, 2022

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Library Program Room, Library Plaza

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

Dave Carriere	Chairman
John Cusick	Vice Chairman
Robert Shaughnessy	Member
Tom Reynolds	Superintendent
Rod Procaccino	Town Engineer
Ann Marie Sacchetti	Board of Public Works Secretary

The meeting convened at 6:00 p.m.

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

Seconded by John Cusick All in favor.

ACTION

1) Low Income Household Water Assistant Program

Dave addressed the subject. The South Shore Community Action Council is offering a low-income household water assistance program. The program allows residents who meet eligibility requirements to receive funds to help with overdue water and sewer bills. This is similar to the fuel assistance program available to low-income households. This is not an abatement but a policy similar to our annual hardship abatement vote. He accepts, with review of our own hardship criteria in a memo.

MOTION: Dave Carriere motioned to agree with the low-income household water assistance program for water and sewer.

Seconded: John Cusick All in favor.

2) New Septage Hauler's Permit -- Waste Water Services

Dave indicated Skyla Richardson of Waste Water Services Inc. has applied for the septage hauler permit. Tom stated that he spoke to Clint and Bobby Guthrie regarding the permit. They have concerns regarding the fact that they are a large septage hauling company. They would like to limit them to three trucks per day. They have twenty trucks and they could inundate us and keep many of our current haulers out if we meet capacity. We should start off with a limit and re-address it in the future.

MOTION: Dave Carriere motioned to approve the Septage Hauler Permit for Waste Water Services with the number of trucks restricted as advised by our Chief Operator, Clint Stetson.

Seconded: John Cusick All in favor.

3) Drinking Water Policy

Dave addressed the issue. Tom said that on May 2, 2005 vote at Town Meeting, covers many of our discussions. The only thing lacking are the restricted uses as indicated under item E) automatic/manual irrigation systems. The installation of irrigations system, automatic or manual is prohibited on Town owned lands. Bob Shaughnessy stated that the 2005 Town Meeting bylaw was based on Mass Dep regulations. John Cusick said that the Harbormaster is using irrigation. Tom stated that he has been

told to shut it off, Dave indicated that irrigation is a prohibited use on all islands in Town. John takes exception to that citing that he (Dave) is going after the Veterans. Dave disagreed and said John can take whatever position he wants.

MOTION: Dave Carriere motioned that we accept the restricted use language and reaffirm the language.

Seconded: Robert Shaughnessy John Cusick opposed.

Motion passed; 2 in favor

4) Award Design of Plymouth Pump Station

Rod was present to provide details of the contract. Description; the Plymouth Ave. Pump Station handles approximately 8000,000 gallons per day of 2/3 of the Town's sewerage wastewater flow and pumps it to the Wastewater Treatment Facility. The Plymouth Ave. Pump station was constructed in the late 70's and is in need of substantial rehabilitation including; wet well concrete restoration, replacement of pumps and piping, replacement of emergency generator, replacement of HVAC, replacement of motor control center and electrical systems, replacement of odor control system, roof replacement and flood control barrier. Staff recommendation: design will take approximately 8 months and is likely that the project would be bid in May or June after Town Meeting in the spring of 2023 if we give notice to proceed in September. Based on the SRF Loan Application submittal and preliminary cost estimate the total project is estimated to be \$8.1M including construction, oversight, OPM, and 40% contingency, 10% time to bid price contingency. Staff recommends awarding the design work to Environmental Partners.

MOTION: Robert Shaughnessy motioned to award Contract 2023-03 Design of Plymouth Ave. Pump Station Rehabilitation to Environmental Partners of Quincy, MA, in the amount of \$514,625 and the chairman or designee is authorized to sign the contract when the documents are prepared.

Seconded: Dave Carriere All in favor.

5) Willow Street Bridge / Additional Design – *passed over*

DISCUSSION

1) STM Articles

Tom addressed the articles; **Capital requests** are; Item #1- DPW-purchase of bridge crane, Item #2- Engineering- storm water mapping, Item #3-Engineering-final design for Brant Rock pedestrian and traffic safety improvements. Water; Item #1-Utility truck and vehicle #184, Item #2-water mapping, Item #3-new main at Dyke Road crossing. Wastewater; Item #1-Camera truck, Item #2-Raypack heater, Item #3-process water pump. Solid Waste; Item 1-replace excavator.

Articles: DPW-STM-2 -Wastewater budget funding, STM-3 -Spring Street funds for Dyke Road Bridge water main crossing repairs, STM-4 -Sewer Force Main funds to Collection system repairs, STM-5-combining ARPA funding with various other funding sources.

2) Un-paved Road List

Dave reviewed the list. He indicated the tax revenue from those areas is excessive and the Town needs to support the funding requests for maintenance and repair to the un-paved roads. Funds that are not used will be rolled over to the next year. Tom stated it is a total of \$65,000 for the roads. Dave stated the Town receives over \$3 million dollars in tax revenue from real estate on those roads. The Town should be able to support the DPW's funding request in order for safety and emergency access to these roads. We are not talking about bankrupting the Town.

VOTE TO ACCEPT MINUTES – 7/18/22 & 7/25/22 & 8/8/22 Open Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Robert Shaughnessy motioned to accept open meeting minutes of 7/18/22 and 7/25/22.
Seconded: Dave Carriere All in favor.
8/8/22 minutes were passed over.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

965 Plain Street-steel is going up; working on the mezzanine in the Equipment Maintenance shop. Insulation for the roof arrived on Friday morning. Steel for Equipment Maintenance facility will be in by October 8th.

Gas company; we have been approved for our supply, they are working on pressure test and will have a contractor come in to install the gas main.

Working on the electrical feed today.

Old pump building at Parsonage Street; we have let the beaches use it but because of our needs we have asked that they remove the freezers temporarily.

There has been some damage to the fields again, at South River and Grace Ryder from the Fair parking. They generate revenue from those parking arrangements and the DPW does not get a dime. Yet, we are responsible for repairing all the damage. We goes through this every year. There needs to be something worked out with the Board of Selectmen, who allow the groups to generate revenue from parking on Town property. If that is to continue, we need to have a fund set up to repair the damage they do to these fields. They have done a lot of damage this year.

We are currently waiting on dates for the paving to take place.

Dave indicated that Wastewater and the Select Board need to meet and have a discussion on a 50/50 split on capital projects.

John brought up the issue with the Lobster Fest-as we receive no support for DPWs function at the event. Other entities such as Police details receive funding. Dave said anyone using areas for fund raising does not mean it's a free ticket to use the DPW. The DPW should get compensated as other Town entities do.

Meeting at the airport Wednesday to survey marsh area.

Tom said we did have an awarding ceremony to receive the \$1.7 million dollar check on the corner of Old Beach and Surf Ave. Two of the three County Commissioners were present and Treasurer O'Brien.

The gas service on Surf Ave. is almost complete.

NEXT MEETING – September 26, 2022

At this time Dave Carriere **motioned** to adjourn the open meeting of September 12, 2022 at 7:22 p.m.

Seconded: John Cusick All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Marie Sacchetti,
Board of Public Works Secretary