

Approved 1/17/23

**Board of Public Works
Meeting Minutes**

Date: November 21, 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
Ken Ryan	Environmental Engineer
Robert Galvin	Town Counsel
Ann Marie Sacchetti	Board of Public Works Secretary

The meeting convened at 6:03 p.m.

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

Seconded by John Cusick

All in favor.

APPOINTMENT:

6:15 P.M. Mr. & Mrs. Kelliher / 307 Plymouth Ave. Drainage Issue - *Cancelled*

ACTION

1) Discussion & Vote to STM Article 14

Robert Galvin was present to discuss the article. He indicated that the AM Vets representatives are Kerry and Amy. He had a conference call with them today to review the license agreement. They had some questions and concerns over the scope of the indemnity. There are twelve sections to the agreement. Bob Galvin cited where other towns have license agreements regarding islands that are maintained by residents and the dangers involved in that. He made note of their change requests and didn't want to impose any undue burdens on them. The Board secretary who manages the Adopt-an-Island program stated that the program should not be associated with the license for the Veterans as they have changed the original scope of being part of the adopt-an-island program. They have changed the identity of it. Bob Galvin stated that his concern is for the protection of the Town against any liability associated with the island (s). Tom Reynolds said to Town Counsel "so our current policy isn't worth the paper it's written on?" Bob Galvin stated, doing the island (s) can be dangerous. Tom stated that going back to the original adopt-an-island application, Mr. Eagan signed, he has violated everything on that agreement, part of which is having no benches, and no fencing. Tom stated that he has spoken to the Veterans Agent, and she is in agreement that this is not a Veterans Park. If they are in violation of the agreement for adopt-an-island, then their application should be revoked. Bob Galvin stated that it is up to the BPW. He agrees it should not be called a park. It's an island in the middle of a public way. If they are doing things that are too risky, they may have to be told to remove the bench or something. It's not a great idea that the public should go and sit there in the middle of traffic. It is a beautiful island and he is ok with it being a garden but not a place where we actively encourage people to sit out there. Tom asked if the DPW should relinquish responsibility of that park as it is a violation of our policies. John stated the Kevin Feyler approved the island. Bob Galvin said it would be better to ask them to modify what they have done on the island rather than having everything removed. He said

its up to the Board to let him (Bob Galvin) know what they want. John suggested that he have the safety officers review the island and the discussion be moved to the next meeting. Tom stated no one has given written permission for the island except for the adopt-an-island application. Tom stated that they removed the street sign and the stop sign and were told by the safety officer that they needed to be put back. Jimmy Jackson had to replace the signs. John took exception to the sign issue and Tom's explanation about it. Bob Shaughnessy said he is not in favor of the benches and is concerned with public safety. It's a dangerous location; why would we put anyone in harms way. Let's have the safety officer look at it and review the line-of-sight issue. Dave agreed. Bob Galvin re-stated that its a BPW issue. He indicated that he would have the safety officer take a look at the island and return their findings to him. He would then provide the information to the Board members. Bob and Dave said that the adopt-an-island applications needs to be modified. Bob Galvin indicated that two modifications can be added that he would suggest.

Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

2) Discussion & Vote to Re-affirm Policy of Water, Sewer & Trash Fees for Veterans called to Active Duty

Dave wanted to ensure that the provision for Veterans in the policy is still in place, and it is.

3) Change Order Contract 2022-07 / Plymouth Ave. Force Main

Rod Procaccino was present to provide details of the change order no. 3 Description: to conduct repair by replacing a 165-foot section of deteriorated 12-inch diameter AC sewer with SDR35 PVC sewer pipe between manholes on a section of pipe between Reed Street and the Esplanade. The work will include handling and disposal of AC pipe. The depth is approximately 10 feet. This is a priority among the list of sewer repair work recently funded at the Town Meeting held in October. Staff recommends expediting this work based on the condition of the pipe and contractor N. Graneese and Sons performed satisfactory on the Second Road Sewer Replacement.

MOTION: Dave Carriere motioned to authorize Change Order No. 3 to contract 2022-07 with N. Graneese and Sons of Salem, MA in the amount of \$106,300 to repair a section of sewer line in Island Street and the Chairman or designee is authorized to sign the change order when the documents are prepared.

Seconded: John Cusick

All in favor.

DISCUSSION

2) Mattress Recycling Update

Ken Ryan was present to provide the update. As of November 1st, DEP officially declared that we can no longer throw out mattresses; we have to recycle them. He indicated that our current vendor informed us that he will be raising his price from \$10 to \$35 for each mattress. He (Ken) is actively looking for different vendors. He suggested the Board to keep the current vendor while he is searching and hopes to have a new vendor in place by December.

1) Employee Hiring Posting

John asked for a review on the policy on hiring. He questioned Tom regarding his decision on his employment status. Tom stated that he will stay until the new building is completed. The Town Charter states that the BPW is responsible for hiring a Superintendent; all other hiring is the responsibility of the Superintendent.

VOTE TO ACCEPT MINUTES – 10/17/22 Open Meeting Minutes

11/7/22 Open Meeting Minutes-*passed over*

MOTION: Dave Carriere motioned to accept open meeting minutes of 10/17/22.

Seconded: John Cusick All in favor.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Surf Ave. update; gas company is finishing up and some sewer work is to take place before the watermain project starts.

Island St. sewer main is a deep cut into the road therefore having a contractor makes sense

Circuit Ave. is getting close to completion; another 300 to 400 feet to be done

Webster Square is almost complete; striping for the parking will be done in the spring; there is some drainage work to be done there; the curbing is almost complete and sidewalk

Allerton Rd. drainage needs jetting to clear

Rockwood Road; wait on walkway until spring as there is drainage work to be done for the school in back in the easement we gave.

Tower Ave. fencing will be completed within the next 2 weeks

Grant awards for small bridge program; initially we were awarded \$100K for design work; Rod put in a request for an additional \$250K and the State awarded \$219,582 to complete the design for the Willow Street bridge. The Town will be responsible for \$125K

We also received a grant from the Sustainable Materials Recovery Program in the amount \$23,400 to be used for recycling and trash initiatives

Paving and milling has begun in Island Street; Oak Street will be today, tomorrow and Wednesday

Waiting for Gas Company to complete their work on Surf Ave. as we have a section of Ocean Street that needs milling and paving

We have received our new excavator at the Transfer Station; CTG and Highway have received their new 1-ton dump trucks

We are waiting on the two sidewalk tractors

At Town meeting we were given funding to purchase 2 Water trucks

Regarding the original appointment from this evening from residents of 307 Plymouth Ave.; I have contacted mosquito control and they prefer to wait until the ground is frozen before accessing the area; we are also working with the airport to use their equipment in an effort to remove overgrowth and improve drainage.

He (Tom) received an unsigned letter regarding Town vehicles; the majority of vehicles that are taken home are for the employees that are on call; these people have to respond immediately to any call that comes in; it's part of their job, the majority live in Town; I take a vehicle home as it is contractual; anyone on call takes a vehicle home

The Wastewater electrical feed to the main lift and to the plant; there is a short in the line. Eversource said the cost will be on us; Mike Pieczek of Hi-Voltage spoke to Eversource and determined that it was to be done at their cost not ours. Staff will be on site tonight to monitor the generators

The tree at the end of Union Street will be on the schedule to come down.

NEXT MEETING – December 12, 2022

At this time Dave Carriere motioned to adjourn the open meeting of November 21, 2022 at 7:05 p.m. to go into Executive Session for discussion on pending litigation and not to return to open session.

Roll Call Vote:

Dave Carriere yes John Cusick yes Robert Shaughnessy yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Marie Sacchetti,
Board of Public Works Secretary