

**Place: DPW Conference Room, 965 Plain Street**

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

**Seconded** by John Cusick                      All in favor.

2) Amendment No. 5 / Engineering Services: Replacement of Willow Street Bridge  
Tom gave details on the amendment. Description; the DPW requested and received MassDOT Grant in the amount of \$219,582 for the final design of the Willow Street Bridge Replacement Project. The Town is responsible for permitting and any other design costs. The DPW is seeking \$125,000 in capital request to cover remaining design and permitting costs. The total estimated cost to complete design and permitting is \$344,582. Once progress for the remaining design has taken place, request for permit level drawings be funded using Chapter 90 funding so that the permitting submission can start as soon as possible prior to April Town Meeting. The status of the project is, the preliminary design is complete and currently the surveyors are preparing road layout to determine if easements or takings will be required. Staff recommends authorization of Amendment No. 5. The Grant contract has been signed by the Town and submitted for final signature by the state.

**Seconded:** John Cusick All in favor.

addition, part of their plan is for a subdivision further back on the property, coming in off Don Martin's property. Tom said that we have not been included in any presentation.

At this point, Steven Guard presented the plan outlying all the details including placement of the drainage basins. He indicated that he had not changed the plan at this time. At the outset Dave stated that he wanted to make clear that the land in question is under the custody and control of Public Works. According to the plan, you want us to yield property that is only partially a benefit to us, there will have to be something in return. Dave said that although it is Town property it's under the custody and control of Public Works because we purchased it with both General Fund money and Enterprise Division funds.

Dave stated we do not have an issue in general with the alignment, as discussed at a meeting with the Superintendent, Town Engineer, Town Planner and Town Administrator, but we are yielding up property under our custody and control for drainage basins that require maintenance. They are something that DEP is involved in as well and currently we do not have to deal with that. Much of the runoff is coming off Rt 139 and the adjacent properties to the west. Mr. Guard said there is a way around having the responsibility of the DPW maintaining the basins. Dave also stated that he is not in favor to see Quirk making a connection to the road because when we purchased this property we reached out to him as we needed a location to house equipment during the winter and we never received a response. Dave said at the meeting, there was no mention of the Police Chief who made the request for Quirk to use the designated street in the name of safety. Had that been stated at the meeting he would have not raised the objection now. Bob Shaughnessy asked about Lone Street and if it would be closed. At this time there are too many curb cuts with heavy traffic coming into a controlled intersection. Mr. Guard said he wanted feedback from the BPW prior to making changes. Deb, who is a member of the engineering firm hired for the plans, provided addition plan details. Dave said we have concerns in the placement of trees as well. Mr. Guard stated that we can address that concern; we are not trying to get out of any obligations. Bob Shaughnessy wanted clarity on what is going on the DPW land. Again, the drainage issue was discussed at length and what plan can take place to solve concerns. Dave wants the plans to be provided to the Town Engineering Staff for their review and comment and to provide that information to Deb of the engineering firm. Tom has her contact information.

Presentation ended.

### ACTION

1) Discussion & Vote on: Plans for Re-alignment of School St., DPW, Don Martin & So. Shore Buds for Driveways & Traffic Lights Plan & DPW Request for Modification

Board members agreed to table a vote until a future set of plans is available. Bob stated that the plan should be a positive impact on our land not a negative one. We can work together with them. John, Bob, along with Dave agreed to give a green light to staff to come up with what plan seems to work.

### DISCUSSION

1) Veterans Discussion

John Cusick indicated that the Veterans withdrew their request to have irrigation. He proceeded to read the Mission of AMVETS Posts which is: to enhance and safeguard the entitlements for all American Veterans who have served honorably and to improve the quality of life for them, their families, and the communities where they live through leadership, advocacy and services. John wanted to discuss the order of warrant articles as related to the last Town Meeting. John also took exception to saying the Town was in a drought last summer. Bob Shaughnessy stated that we were in an advisory drought situation and at the time of the irrigation request he did not want to add any more burden to the water supply during an advisory. John did not agree with Bob. Dave stated that while we were not in a water restriction, this was a piece of Town property which we do control the water use on including Town Hall and other Town properties. John said it should be shut off at the Harbor Master's as well. Dave stated that he had a conversation with the Harbor Master when donating to Toys for

Tots. He told him that when there is a water restriction imposed by the DEP and we cut off the Town's irrigation system it includes him as well. John brought up the DSA area and that we had custody and control of that land. Dave stated that we never received custody and control of that area. It was never granted by Town Meeting from the Selectmen to the Board of Public Works. He (Dave) had researched the subject in detail. Bob asked John why he was he grand standing over this issue. John said because he doesn't like the way he (Bob) treated the Vets. Bob took exception to the comment and highly objected to it. A resident, Bob Arsenault from Cove Street, was present and provided comment being a Veteran himself. Dave stated that he was in the naval reserve after graduating from Mass Maritime. Mr. Arsenault said everyone should be treated the same in regard to irrigation and adhere to water restrictions. Dave stated that during this past season from May to September they used 26,000 gallons of water on the island in question. Dave will get the water usage figures from the Water Supervisor regarding water usage at the Harbor Masters. Dave said they had given the (Vets) a water connection. He did not want to allow irrigation as it would not be fair for other island adopters who would want the same service. The adopt-an-island program does not allow irrigation. It is no longer an adopt-an-island as the Veterans changed it. Dave has tried to find out when the inception of water access began on the esplanade but with no findings. He is looking at the current island from the park perspective and to put (Vets) on an equal footing with the esplanade green as far as the water is accounted for. Dave also indicated that they have already worked with them (Vets) providing a water connection for so they can have a water supply. When they then wanted to make it an automated irrigation system is when they were denied. We are not taking water away. John wanted to address safety. Dave stated that when he came to the park intersection, he had trouble with the line of sight. John had an email from William Sullivan to Chief Tavares; in regard to Island use by the AmVets: Chief, it said; Sgt. Rooney and myself went down to that intersection jus a short while ago. We walked all angles of traffic and found no hazards or visibility issue with any of the project. Bob Shaughnessy said that when he approached the island you see the fence, you don't see that there is another road on the other side. John suggested that he speak to the Chief. John referenced the vote to allow irrigation at Town Meeting and we should follow Town Meeting vote. John accused Bob of not honoring the vote and Bob took exception to the comment. John referenced the draft license for the Vets and that he had not seen it and took exception to that. Bob and Dave stated that we all did see it and discussed the draft including John. John accused Bob of disrespecting the Vets. Bob was very upset with his comment and said it was disrespectful saying that to him and he does not like it. John said it was too bad. At this point Dave moved to close the discussion, seconded by Bob.

*At this point John Cusick left the meeting.*

## 2) Drainage Plans for Plymouth Ave. Drainage Ditches

Dave stated that he would like to direct Engineering Staff to come up with alternatives. Right now we are living with the drainage ditches where maintenance is very difficult to achieve and we have constraints with conservation and environmental laws. One solution would be to do conventional piping where the ditches now exist to carry the water away. Also, accomplish the same thing by directional drilling. Then, bring the projects to Town Meeting. Tom stated that he spoke to Mike, the current Conservation Agent about the issue, as well as speaking to Plymouth County Mosquito Control. At the very minimum, it would be to alleviate the flooding at 307 Plymouth Ave. The residents have been patient, but it is the whole area including the end of Wilson Road that is flooded. The issue is not getting the attention and the financial support it needs.

Bob stated that when we go to Town Meeting with the project, it needs to be the whole plan not piece meal, and to be addressed wholistically. Tom stated that periodically we can go in and open the outlet at the culvert, more of a vegetation management plan. We are working on going to conservation. Bob said it's a great idea to go forward with a master plan on dealing with maintenance with drainage issues. Dave said to charge the Staff to put together two or three alternatives on approaching this best, whether it's a mix of maintaining drainage ditches in certain locations/ or piping etc.

**MOTION:** Dave motioned as just discussed to have Staff address alternatives for drainage at the Plymouth Ave. area and town wide elsewhere as well.

**Seconded:** Robert Shaughnessy  
(John Cusick was not present for vote)

VOTE TO ACCEPT MINUTES – November 7, 2022 Open Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:** Robert Shaughnessy motioned to accept open meeting minutes of 11/7/22 as written.

**Seconded:** Dave Carriere  
(John Cusick was not present for vote)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

We made the SRF funding list for the Plymouth Ave. Pump Station

Paving completed at Highland and Oak Streets

Sewer main repair at Island Street is on-going

Ocean Street; minor sewer repairs

Surf Ave. gas is complete and hope to have that section of Ocean Street paved in the spring

965 Plain Street-on-going construction. Roof is being installed.

NEXT MEETING – January 9, 2023

At this time Dave Carriere **motioned** to adjourn the open meeting of December 20, 2022 at 7:35 p.m.

**Seconded:** Robert Shaughnessy  
(John Cusick was not present for vote)

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Marie Sacchetti,  
Board of Public Works Secretary