

Approved 3-6-2023

**Board of Public Works
Meeting Minutes**

Date: February 13, 2023

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: DPW Conference Room, 965 Plain Street

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 Superintendent's report.

Seconded by John Cusick

All in favor.

ACTION ITEMS

2) Contract Award-Brant Rock Seawall Repair Project-Contract 2023-05

Rod presented the contract details. The work consists of approximately 200 lf of seawall cap repair, some seawall concrete face repair, and 50 lf of sheet pile seawall toe protection along the Ocean Street seawall near the trailer park. More than 50% of this work may be eligible for reimbursement by FEMA from damage caused by the Coastal Storm Riley in 2018. Three bids were received for the project. Staff recommends awarding the low bidder SumCo the contract along with our consultant GZA in the amount of \$732,500. References were checked and have received good recommendations.

MOTION: Dave Carriere motioned to award Contract 2023-05 Brant Rock Seawall Repair Project to SumCo Eco-Contracting LLC in the amount of \$732,500 and the chairman or designee will sign the contract when the documents are prepared.

Seconded: John Cusick

All in favor.

1) Tom addressed the renewals. The following Septage Haulers have submitted applications to renew their Permits for 2023: Erik Anderson of K.R. Anderson Pumping; Pat McGonagle of McGonagle Septic; Robert J. Fortini of Plymouth Septic and Ernie Baird of Wastewater Services. The applicants have met the requirements as set forth by the Wastewater Treatment Facility as reviewed by the Chief Operator, Clint Stetson and thus qualifies for permitting by the Board of Public Works.

MOTION: Dave Carriere motioned to renew the Septage Hauler Permits for 2023 for K.R. Anderson Pumping; McGonagle Septic; Plymouth Septic; Wastewater Services and authorizes the chairman to sign the renewals as approved.

Seconded: John Cusick

All in favor.

DISCUSSION

1) Potential STM Articles

Tom stated that the warrant has opened today for submitting articles. At this time he is looking to prepare a comprehensive wastewater management plan; a demo at 80 Union Street which is Water Department property; Solid Waste collections disposal is needed to cover additional funding. Dave included roadway funding from the Town budget and road acceptance. To initiate as an STM article taking effect the next fiscal year of 2025. Tom said he will have a meeting with Clint Stetson from Wastewater and Paul DuRoss of Water to review additional projects. Bob had questions regarding upgrades for the SCADA system. Tom indicated that we have been updating the system each year. We are at the mercy of radio towers. Bob's concern is that many of the computer systems are built with a single software package and you are basically locked in for years and years. If a new system comes along, you cannot access that system that could be more efficient and more cost effective. Going forward is there a possibility that we can get the most efficient system as software is changing all the time. Tom will reach out to our consultant and research the issue. Tom said the police just upgraded their system to high digital system. We don't need that level of radio but still the price he just received to change our system is \$300K. There is grant money available which he is pursuing. It could be done in phases. We are considered Town safety as we do work with police and fire to respond to emergencies which makes us eligible for a grant which we will continue to pursue. Dave suggested having a full IT person as opposed to a shared person who could be both our SCADA and IT employee. Bob said he would like to get away from the proprietary situation. Tom stated that once the Special articles are prepared, he will send to the Board members.

2) Draft Letter/Gibson Terrace

Board members John Cusick and bob Shaughnessy indicated they were satisfied with the letter. Dave stated that we can sign the letter this evening and send it.

3) Road Funding from Town Budget/Road Acceptance

Dave stated that it has been a constant battle in obtaining funding for highway work from the Town's budget. In the last five years we have had a reduced amount to no amount from the Town. We are not being supported on funding. One attempt to obtain funding would be to submit a STM articles which requires the Town budget to provide road funding; that is a percentage of the Chapter 90 award each year. Bob stated that during his twenty-year tenure on the Board, we had talked about lack of money for road funding. At that time, we were getting a nominal fee of \$300 which was 20 years ago. We are not even getting that now. There is no investment in the roads that we need money for. They have basically turned their back on infrastructure. Anything we do moving forward, where we can obtain funds for roads he is in favor of. Dave referred to the citizen's petition for funding in the past. The BOS chair at the time, basically said we (BOS) should have owned it; even though they had rejected the requested funding three times. He (Dave) attended the Advisory Board hearing with Tom and right now we are getting the \$70K for unpaved ways to the best of our knowledge. He prepared a spread sheet presented to the Advisory Board regarding the gravel road list along with the value of housing on those roads. The revenue of taxes for those properties are in the high thousands and are receiving nothing for it. Going forward, drafting of an article for the STM which establishes a town code that ties the requirement to provide Town funding at a level that is calculated as a percentage of the Chapter 90 funds from the most recent prior fiscal year should be done. If the Town Code is placed in the warrant and approved the DPW/BPW will then proceed with establishing an annual road way acceptance schedule addressing new additions and back log elimination. We have tried to obtain the funding through the regular channels, including the Town Administration, BOS and our own staff and it falls on deaf ears. If it is the consensus of the Board, he will prepare a draft article circulated for comment through the Board Secretary and try to submit it for the upcoming STM.

Bob and Dave indicated that historically, due to the cost of maintaining roads, a moratorium was in put in place to not accepting roads.

VOTE TO ACCEPT MINUTES – December 20, 2022 Open Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2023 Open Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Dave Carriere motioned to accept open meeting minutes of December 20, 2022.

Seconded: John Cusick All in favor.

MOTION: Dave Carriere motioned to accept open meeting minutes of January 17, 2023

Seconded: John Cusick All in favor.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1) Joseph Driebeek Way Guard Rail Installation

We have been approved for funding from ARPA of \$2.3 million dollars for Plymouth Ave. Pump Station

Scheduled to meet with the Select Board at their February 27, 2023 meeting to update them on going projects

Road paving on Ocean Street to Country Way; Adams Street and Careswell Street from Assumption Church to Webster Street intersection will be done in the near future

Camering the sewer lines on Surf Ave. has been active

The new Vactor truck arrived last week. Training took place on Friday and is now in use

The Camera truck is due in by the end of this month

Surf Ave. project to begin March-April weather permitting

The guardrail on Joseph Driebeek is something we have been discussing since August. The reason for its replacement is that it is in disrepair. The entrance to the DSA was relocated for safety reasons. The previous entrance intersected with one of the crosswalks. It was a line-of-sight safety issue. We centered the opening between the two crosswalks to create a better line of sight.

John Cusick stated he had been in contact with Town Counsel regarding the change. He indicated previously there was no Board discussion on the change. He (John) said that the Harbormaster directed Jimmy Kent to do work there. Tom took exception to that statement indicating he (Tom) gives the orders to Jimmy Kent not Mike DiMeo. John stated that it requires a permit to change the entrance. Article 11 of Zoning which is something we have to look into. It's a violation and must be done properly. Tom stated this was routine maintenance. John referenced the letter from the Building Commissioner citing the violation. Now the slope is probably 40 degrees or more. Tom said the slope needs to be repaired but the line of sight is improved with the changed entrance. John said the line of sight is blocked. He also takes exception to the fill that has been brought to the lot which does not belong there. Tom said then how do we bring dredge spoils there. John said you can bring dredge spoils in but not fill. He suggests not to touch anything until it works its way to all the Boards. Bob said if there is a violation we should investigate it and determine if its maintenance or a violation. Tom said we determined that it was a safety issue upon our own observation. Dave said we should see what the ZBA has to say about the issue.

NEXT MEETING – February 27, 2023

At this time Dave Carriere **motioned** to adjourn the open meeting of February 13, 2023 at 6:54 p.m.

Seconded: John Cusick All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Marie Sacchetti,
Board of Public Works Secretary