

**Board of Public Works
Meeting Minutes**

Date: March 6, 2023

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
Jim Fitzgerald & Benny Hung	of Environmental Partners
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 an appointment, action items, items for discussion, minutes and the Superintendent's report.

Seconded by John Cusick

All in favor.

ACTION ITEMS

1) Annual Household Hazardous Waste Vendor

Ken Ryan was present to provide details of the contract. Scope of work is to provide personnel, material and vehicles to collect and remove for proper disposal. The event is an annual event that takes place at the Furnace Brook Middle School, historically on the third Saturday in September. It is scheduled for September 16, 2023. The state Operational Services Division currently has approved four vendors: ACV Enviro; Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc.; Clean Earth; and Trident.

Last year we again utilized the services of Trident Environmental, and their performance was outstanding. Based on the latest statewide pricing (7/1/2022) and the number of loads that were received last year, Trident's estimated cost is not the lowest of all of the statewide approved vendors, but it is below our budgeted amount and they have performed well in the past. Staff recommends moving forward with Trident for another year.

MOTION: John Cusick motioned to award the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Agreement, Contract No. 2023-xx, to Trident Environmental Group in the sum of \$24,510.44 and to authorize the Chairman or designated member to execute the contact document when they have been prepared.

Seconded: Dave Carriere

Robert Shaughnessy voted "no" as it is an estimated amount which is less than budgeted for.

Board members decided to amend the motion to include the budgeted amount of \$26,271.00.

AMENDED MOTION: Dave Carriere motioned to award the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Agreement, contract No. 2023-xx to Trident Environmental Group and to authorize the Chairman or designated member to execute the contract documents when they have been prepared in the budgeted price of \$26,271.00.

Seconded: John Cusick

All in favor.

APPOINTMENT

1) Environmental Partners Presentation: Brant Rock/Pedestrian & Traffic Safety Improvement
Representatives from Environment Partners were present; Jim Fitzgerald and Benny Hung.

Tom Reynolds opened the presentation. He stated that we have had a number of meetings over the years to develop a plan on this project. This is the final design that was decided upon after the meetings. This is a presentation to show the project in total and how we plan on phasing it going forward. He also indicated that this presentation does not include drainage, only traffic and safety. Jim Fitzgerald began the plan with a power point presentation. The project goals are: Improve safety for all modes of transportation; motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians; Improve delineation and alignment for motorists; Provide continuous and safe pedestrian accommodations; Provide traffic calming elements. A diagram of the existing esplanade was shown, followed by existing conditions at Ocean Street at Island Street and the proposed design. Throughout the project, there would be ADA compliant sidewalks. Next diagram was of the existing condition of Ocean Street, followed by the proposed design in regard to parking. Currently there are 147 legal parking spaces, the proposed would be 138 legal parking spaces, west bound and eastbound sides. On the eastern side of the road is proposed a raised sidewalk that is ADA compliant. On the western side of the road keep the sidewalks as they are in an effort to minimize costs. Next diagram was of existing condition of Ocean Street at Dyke Road. There is an unusual amount of criss-crossing of roadways, stop approaches to Dyke Road and Dyke Road to Ocean Street. This is tricky for people who have not lived here all their lives and confusing to navigate. The proposed design would begin at Ashburton and make sure we accommodate all size vehicles by tightening things up and provide a more conventional direction and delineate where to turn.

One thing that comes into play are construction costs. In working with the DPW what we have identified is the first, Phase 1 of the project is the bull nose end. That cost is just under a million dollars. Anticipated Complete Streets Funding; \$500K; Town Fund \$490K. Potential Streetscape treatments that could be incorporated are; tall seagrass, Rosa Rugosa, nautical themed fencing and stamped asphalt crosswalk. Also, potential future streetscape amenities could be a Welcome Sign, an ornamental feature, street benches etc. That concluded the presentation.

Several residents were present and had many questions for the representatives, Board members as well. Tom Reynolds stated that the complete plan is shown as designed but because of the cost it had to be done in phases beginning with the bull nose design. This is the best start. The other end requires land takings which is very time consuming which includes filing with the courts. This was the best part we have decided on in order to address the traffic issue and the sidewalks would begin in this area which includes Island Street, the high road, Ocean Street and the bull nose design, the first step. He repeated that we have had a number of meetings prior to this final design. It has changed three different times. The project is based on funding. Right now, the total cost of the project is 3.4 million dollars. The Town has told us that anything over a million dollars will require a debt exclusion. We have gone back to the drawing board in order that Phase 1 would be under one million dollars. The whole idea is to get this project going. Dave stated that we ask for the funding but it is the Selectmen to decide. Tom re-stated this is the final proposed plan. Bob Shaughnessy stated that land takings could take two years. If we can get the state and town funding, we can at least move the project forward. Rod stated that you need money for the takings which include appraisals and purchase of the properties. Not all property owners are not interested. Dave brought up the issue regarding the Selectmen's support for funding for roads, which has been denied each year. He would ask for support at Town Meeting when this issue is presented. He indicated that he will propose an amendment for the money on the floor at Town Meeting. Bob Shaughnessy stated that Chapter 90 funding only goes so far and is not nearly enough to cover costs for secondary, tertiary roads and roads that are not paved. We need to team and garner support at Town Meeting to support our infrastructure. In 2005 we did a sidewalk master plan; we need connectivity throughout the town. The DPW needs to be funded because it affects us all. Dave said that once a project begins it gives a project more momentum.

After a few more comments and questions the appointment concluded at 7:33 p.m.

DISCUSSION

1) Roadway Funding from General Fund

Dave stated that he wants to target road funding for this fall. At that point in time, we would have certified funding for both General Fund and Enterprise Divisions. He will make the motion at Town Meeting to seek the support for \$300K for roads. He will have numbers at that time to support the funding. He would like much support from the public in the effort to obtain this funding.

2) 965-985 Plain Street Light Access for Quirk: Police Traffic Safety

Dave stated that he had a conversation with Police Chief Phil Tavares on the issue. Dave told the Chief that the proponents said that he supported Quirk access across the DPW property as a traffic safety issue. Dave wanted to confirm this with Chief Tavares. In response Chief Tavares said that Planning was involved with this issue as was the safety officer. He believes it all began before the DPW purchased the property and was designed for safety purposes. Dave stated that as the property was then private and owned by Republic. If they had any agreement with Quirk and the other proponents it was never disclosed by any party to DPW. He would be sure that Republic would have sought compensation. He is negative about giving Quirk access across our property. Tom said that he has been in touch with Town Counsel and he has said there needs to be compensation for any transfer of land. It is owned by the town but is in the care and custody of the DPW.

VOTE TO ACCEPT MINUTES – February 13, 2023 Open Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Dave Carriere motioned to accept February 13, 2023 open meeting minutes as written.

Seconded: John Cusick All in favor.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

1) Town Meeting Articles

Tom indicated that we submitted four articles for the STM: 1) reallocation of funds from various vehicle capital borrowings; 2) solid waste disposal supplemental funding; 3) Union Street demolition; 4) Wastewater comprehensive master plan update.

2) Capital Outlay

Tom has met with Capital Planning. The General Fund has been approved for: Design and Permitting Dyke Road Sluiceway Structure Replacement for \$240K; Replacement of truck #68 which is the paving crew truck with a plow for \$75K; Old Main sidewalks for \$60K. He will be meeting Wednesday night with Capital regarding the Enterprise Funds. He will update at the next meeting. Next Tuesday there is a Zoning Board meeting in regard to the dredge spoils area. Currently there is a permit in place now, Conservation has issued a permit and am waiting for an order of conditions in order to know where we fit in that permit. Tom indicated that the guardrail is within the road layout and we have authority to work within the layout of the roadway including placing the gravel. John Cusick took exception to the action stating it is not allowed. He stated in the application there is no mention of adding any fill and that he had a copy of the conditions. He referenced an email from Pat Brennan dated 8/9/21 about additional Harbor parking which includes him stating there will be no filling or importing of material. This email was part of the Harbor Masters application for additional parking. Tom stated that if at the ZBA meeting it is determined that we did something wrong we will correct it. John reiterated that no work is to be started until all permits are in place. Dave said anything done within the layout of the roadway is within our authority.

For the next meeting Dave indicated he would like to discuss the impact the new police department has on water use and sewer system. He will have statistics available for the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING – March 27, 2023

At this time Dave Carriere **motioned** to adjourn the open meeting of March 6, 2023 at 8:13 p.m.

Seconded: Robert Shaughnessy All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Marie Sacchetti,
Board of Public Works Secretary