

**Board of Public Works
Meeting Minutes**

Date: May11, 2015

Time: 7:15 p.m.

Place: Marshfield Town Hall

Hearing Room 3 Second Floor

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

Stephen Hocking	Chairman
Robert Shaughnessy	Vice Chairman
Thomas Reynolds	Superintendent
Shawn Patterson	Deputy Superintendent
Rod Procaccino	Town Engineer- <i>not present</i>
Dan Bowen	Business Manager
Paul Tomkavage	Project Manager
Dan Fuoco	Resident/Appointment
Andrew Kelliher	Resident/Appointment
Ann Marie Sacchetti	Board of Public Works Secretary

The meeting convened at 7:27 p.m.

Steve Hocking opened the meeting and reviewed the evening's agenda which included 2 appointments and 6 action items and an executive session. He **motioned** to accept the meeting's agenda as discussed.

Seconded by Robert Shaughnessy

All in favor.

Action:

1. After Town Elections: Annual Re-Organization of BPW

Steve Hocking indicated that this action would be passed over at this time. The newly elected BPW Commissioner was John Cusick. However, there is a recount in process and the results from that should be completed soon.

Appointment:

7:30 p.m. Daniel Fuoco/Flooding Issue

Mr. Fuoco of 715 Ocean Street was present to discuss his issue. He indicated that approximately ten years ago the Town put in new curbs and sidewalks on Route 139. This action created a channel for ocean water to flood his property. Each time there is a storm water is diverted down our driveway, onto our land, wiping everything away. He has spent much time and money to repair damages caused by each storm. The situation has caused much hardship on his family. Emergency ambulance service to his home has had access problems contributing to existing family health issues. Over the years he has made several calls to the DPW in an effort to obtain some relief from this problem. Frustration has led to this requested meeting with the Board in hopes that some attention could be brought to the situation and fix the curb. Subsequently, he has spoken to Shawn Patterson who has indicated he

would help to work towards a solution. There is an issue with some conservation land in the area. Steve indicated that we should begin the permit process as related to the conservation property. Tom stated that they would contact Jay Wennimer. Shawn indicated they would repair his driveway and fix the problem. Shawn stated it may take about two weeks to accomplish the project.

Meeting ended.

7:45 p.m. Andrew Kelliher/Flooding Issue

Mr. Kelliher and his wife of 307 Plymouth Avenue were present to discuss his issue. Several residents of the neighborhood were present also. Mr. Kelliher explained that the Town's drain that runs through their property no longer functions. Even in the smallest of rainstorms there is flooding in front of their home and in the yard. The recent blizzard flooded the street with one and a half feet of water in front of their house and surrounded their home at 307 Plymouth Ave. resulting in water in the basement. They have notified the DPW of the problem and are told that the drain is on a list to be fixed but nothing as of yet has been repaired.

Tom Reynolds indicated that there is sediment build up in the marsh trenches and they need to be excavated. We don't have the means or the funds to clear them. Last year he thought Plymouth County mosquito control would come in to clear but they have not. They have the ability to dredge the trenches and can cast all they clear to the side and we cannot. We are allowed only a certain amount. He called them two weeks ago to ask that we be put on the agenda for this year. We are at the mercy of Plymouth County.

The Kelliher's indicated that their foundation is now at risk and they can no longer plant a garden. There is also the safety factor as cars hydro plane. There has already been two accidents in the area.

Steve Hocking stated that we will be in contact with Plymouth County Mosquito Control. Tom will attempt to have them come to the site and hopefully to be added to their schedule. We do not have the equipment to dredge the trenches.

Bob Shaughnessy suggested that State Representative Jim Cantwell be contacted. Possibly Mosquito Control would allow the Town to clear the trenches. Tom Reynolds indicated that he would contact Jim Cantwell and the residents should do so also. Bob indicated that the residents could contact Tom, Shawn or Dan Bowen as a follow-up to the issue.

Bob asked residents to attend Town Meetings in the future in an effort to support the DPW and to help prevent reduction to our budget which has been cut dramatically. We have a strong desire to help them and we will do what we can.

Action:

2. Cemeteries Update

Bob Shaughnessy addressed the update. He indicated that Cemetery Committee met last Wednesday and discussed various issues. One discussion was regarding preparations for Memorial Day; identification list and locations of veterans; clean-up of cemeteries including the removal of non-confirming items. He is in the process of updating the Cemetery Rules and Regulations and will have legal counsel review them. We are in the process of developing a cemetery web site. There is a plan for the total build-out of Couch Cemetery including: re-do entrance to Couch; developing different

sections to include cremation section/section with no headstones/install a water fountain etc.; ground water elevation- engineering study.

Tom Reynolds stated that the entrance to the cemetery presents a safety issue. The line of site is obscured and needs to be improved upon.

3. Abatements

MOTION: Stephen Hocking motioned to approve abatement packet # 894 with the exemption of bill #5505.

Seconded: Robert Shaughnessy All in favor.

MOTION: Stephen Hocking motioned to deny bill #5505 on packet # 894.

Seconded: Robert Shaughnessy All in favor.

MOTION: Stephen Hocking motioned to approve abatement packet # 902.

Seconded: Robert Shaughnessy All in favor.

4. Minutes

MOTION: Stephen Hocking motioned to accept open meeting minutes of March 9, 2015.

Seconded: Robert Shaughnessy All in favor.

MOTION: Stephen Hocking motioned to accept executive session meeting minutes of March 9, 2015.

Seconded: Robert Shaughnessy All in favor.

5. Tabled Items None

6. Old Business

(a) Seawalls Update

Tom Reynolds gave an update; Northern is mobilized and will be working on Wave Street and then to Foster Ave to Shepard's to work on the stairs.

Bob Shaughnessy brought up the issue regarding the opening at Bay Ave. The Residents want to come and talk to the Board. Tom stated the breaches are more important to address at this time. There is no money.

7. New Business None

8. Executive Session

At this time the Board was polled to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations and will not return to open session.

Vote: Robert Shaughnessy yes Stephen Hocking yes

The open meeting of the Board of Public Works for May 11, 2015 adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Ann Marie Sacchetti, Board of Public Works Secretary