

**Board of Public Works
Meeting Minutes**

Date: April 6, 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
Chris Ionta	Member
Thomas Reynolds	Superintendent - <i>not present</i>
Shawn Patterson	Deputy Superintendent
Rod Procaccino	Town Engineer
Dan Bowen	Business Manager
Paul Tomkavage	Project Manager
Ann Marie Sacchetti	Board of Public Works Secretary

The meeting convened at 7:20 p.m.

Steve Hocking opened the meeting and reviewed the evening's agenda which included 2 appointments and 12 action items. He **motioned** to accept the meetings agenda as written.

Seconded by Robert Shaughnessy All in favor.

Appointment:

7:30 p.m. Jennifer Corwin/Abatement

Ms. Corwin of 89 Bryant Street was present to appeal her abatement denial on her utility bill in November 2014. The denial was based on her over-qualification.

Dan Bowen stated that he followed the same protocol as the Assessor's Office regarding their abatement requests in recommending this denial.

Steve Hocking stated to grant her the abatement for this year while she works out the particulars with the Town and if the Town determines that it does not qualify then we would have no choice but to deny in the future.

MOTION: Steve Hocking motioned to approve the abatement while Ms. Corwin tries to work out the particulars with the Town.

Seconded: Robert Shaughnessy All in favor.

Action:

3. Roads Discussion

Bob Shaughnessy addressed two articles, #26 and #27. Both articles are petition articles as submitted by Bill Last. Article 26 asks that the Town vote to accept Windchime Lane, be accepted as a public way. Article 27 asks that the Town vote to accept Seth Sprague Drive, Proprietors Drive and Old Wood Lot Lane as public ways. Bob indicated roads are accepted through the Board of Public Works. In 2002 the Board stopped accepting roads due to the Town not giving us enough money to maintain the roads. This year the Town is giving us "zero" money to maintain the roads. The Town is giving us "zero" money to maintain any private roads. The Chapter 90 funding amount has yet to be determined. He recommends not to accept any roads as in 2002 as we do not have the money to maintain them. The Town is not supporting the needs.

Peter Byran of Windchime Lane was present to appeal to the Board for his road to be accepted.

Shawn Patterson stated that if a road is private, open to the public they are plowed. If they are private closed to the public, in an emergency, the police or the fire department will contact the DPW and we will plow.

Bob Shaughnessy stated that the Board of Public Works cannot support the two articles at this time. The recent legal case regarding the Rexame area will change everything that has to do with private roads; the Town has not funded anything related to public or private roads this year. Last year they cut the funding. Next year we are going to clear up the private road issue. We are going to give clear direction and policy to give the DPW Staff a clear understanding on what they can and cannot do. We are not going to accept a road that we are going to promise people that we are going to fix, and then not do anything for lack of ability.

Steve Hocking is in agreement with Bob. They cannot support the two articles; 26 & 27. Our recommendation is no. When the properties were first purchased there was full knowledge that the roads would not be plowed. Plowing was a service that was assumed by the residents of the roads.

Chris Ionta stated that Town funding is out of balance. Unfortunately, it is not a priority of this Town, to support roads.

Bob Shaughnessy suggested that Town meeting be attended by residents with road concerns. The DPW budget was cut \$250K out of the regular budget; another \$200K out of the Capital Budget; another \$60K was cut out of the private road emergency repairs, that is a half million dollars cut out for just roads and they are laying people off at the DPW. We received a gift of two million dollars from the state to fix some seawalls and the state said we will give you two million dollars as a loan to fix additional seawalls; out of a \$50 million dollar problem, and the Advisory Board said we can't afford it; you are going to have to do an override, or get money elsewhere; we are not going to support the infrastructure in this Town. People have to get up at Town Meeting and say this is wrong, we need to have and support good infrastructure.

Chris Ionta is in agreement and has experienced these issues during his tenure on the Board. The Town needs to support its infrastructure.

Bob Shaughnessy indicated that six million dollars was just spent on new ball fields at the High School and the Town did not provide support in the form of funding/staff for the maintenance of these fields.

Dan Bowen stated that we talk about the schools because 67 cents out of each dollar goes to the schools that leaves 33 cents for the rest of the Town; fire, police, DPW, council on aging etc.

Treatment Facilities Ocean Outfall, to COWI North America, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$80,050.00 without prior approval and to authorize the Chairman or member to sign the contract documents when they have been prepared.

Seconded: Robert Shaughnessy

All in favor.

4. Hewitt's Point Revetment Change Orders (2)

Change Order No. 2

Town Engineer, Rod Procaccino was present to explain the change order. The contractor provided assistance as directed to temporarily rock fill void in seawall 6 feet high by 89 feet long and 2 feet high by 68 ft long when seawall collapsed at 308 and 322 Ocean Street immediately south of ongoing revetment project caused by coastal storm of January 26, 2015 to January 27, 2015, Blizzard of 2015. Supply, deliver and install rock fill with 618.8 tons of 4 to 6 tons stone and back fill back shore of seawall on time and material basis.

Change Order No. 3

Town Engineer, Rod Procaccino was present to explain the change order. He stated that the contractor provided assistance as directed to install revetment scour protection (2253 SF) for a distance 85 linear feet south of the project which terminated at station 0+50, to protect the seawall that was undermined caused by the coastal storm of January 26, 2015, "Blizzard of 2015"; Excavate and install fabric and 12 in. bedding stone, intermediate layer of 18 in. stone and 3 to 6 ton armor stone along seawall similar to detail for scour protection on a time and material basis.

MOTION: Stephen Hocking motioned to approve both change orders dated April 6, 2015 as provided in the documents submitted by Rod Procaccino to the Board of Public Works concerning contract 2015-18.

Seconded: Robert Shaughnessy

All in favor.

5. Status of Seawalls

Rod Procaccino provided the update.

Foster Ave.; easements

Nemo storm damage work-Shepard Ave. stairs

Ocean Street almost to the Fairview-revetment repair

Damon's Point; out to bid

Hewitt's Point; revetment repair-access issue

Bay Ave opening; waiting for consultants-temporary repairs in place

7. Abatements

Bob Shaughnessy indicated that there needs to be a review of the abatement process. The policy needs to be changed. He said that Dan Bowen is reviewing the process. Dan stated that there is some confusion with the policy. The majority of towns do not offer abatements. They will set up a payment plan for financial hardship situations. Dan said he will put together a new policy to be in place for review by the Board and hopefully be in effect for the new fiscal year, July 1, 2015.

MOTION: Stephen Hocking motioned to approve abatement packet # 886.

Seconded: Robert Shaughnessy All in favor.

MOTION: Stephen Hocking motioned to approve abatement packet # 888.

Seconded: Robert Shaughnessy

MOTION: Stephen Hocking motioned to approve abatement packet # 889.

Seconded: Robert Shaughnessy All in favor.

MOTION: Stephen Hocking motioned to approve abatement packet #891.

Seconded: Robert Shaughnessy All in favor.

8. Minutes

MOTION: Stephen Hocking motioned to accept open meeting minutes of February 23, 2015.

Seconded: Robert Shaughnessy All in favor.

Executive Session minutes for February 23, 2015 are on-going.

9. Tabled Items None

10. Old Business None

11. New Business None

12. Executive Session None

Shawn Patterson, assistant Superintendent gave an update on Brant Rock Esplanade. He indicated that they removed 400 tons of stone and sand out of the roadways and Esplanade area. He also said there is a DPW face book page. A lot of information can be provided through that venue.

The open meeting of the Board of Public Works for April 6, 2015 adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Marie Sacchetti,
Board of Public Works Secretary