

Approved 10/15/18

**Board of Public Works  
Meeting Minutes**

**Date: September 24, 2018  
Time: 6:30 p.m.  
Place: Marshfield Town Hall  
Hearing Room 3**

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

John Vallier	Chairman
John Cusick	Vice Chairman
Stephen Hocking	Member
Thomas Reynolds	Superintendent
Shawn Patterson	Deputy Superintendent – not present
Rod Procaccino	Town Engineer
Dan Bowen	Business Manager
Alyssa M.Reed	Chamber of Commerce
Ann Marie Sacchetti	Board of Public Works Secretary

The meeting convened at 6:30 p.m.

John Vallier **motioned** to open the meeting and reviewed the evening's agenda which included an appointment, minutes, abatements, two action items, items for discussion, and Superintendent's Report.

**Seconded** by Stephen Hocking, all in favor.

I. Minutes of Prior Meetings

i. Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes for August 27, 2018 & September 10, 2018.

7 **MOTION:** John Vallier motioned to approve meeting minutes of August 27, 2018.

**Seconded:** Stephen Hocking All in favor.

**MOTION:** John Vallier motioned to approve meeting minutes of September 10, 2018.

**Seconded:** Stephen Hocking All in favor.

II. Abatements

i. Abatement Packet #1403

**MOTION:** John Vallier motioned to approve abatement packet #1403.

**Seconded:** Stephen Hocking All in favor.

III. Items for Action

i. Vote STM Articles

Tom Reynolds reviewed each article proposed by the Board of Public Works in the Town Warrant.

**Article 14:** bring back the Sprint Spectrum Realty Company, LLC relative to space for cellular antennae on the Pudding Hill Water Tower for a term of five years. Tom indicated that at the last Spring Annual Town Meeting the article was defeated. A gentleman stood up at the meeting and stated he was an expert and that he could get \$50K at the minimum and was willing to help us. He has not been seen or heard from since. In the meantime Tom said he has contacted a consulting firm in regards to this issue and they indicated the lease fee is comparable to the area. He is also looking into other areas where cell reception is difficult. That would be for a future Town Meeting. This lease would be approximately \$34K per year with a 3% increase in each subsequent year.

**Article 15:** \$94,500 to accept a grant from the State Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs Dam and Seawall Loan Fund and use \$31,500 of unexpended capital funds from seawall repair Article 3 of the 5/21/18 STM as the Town's match for the grand funds to survey, design, and permitting for the repair or replacement of approximately 630 Linear feet of the seawall along Ocean Street from North Street to South Street.

**Article 16:** transfer of \$45K from Water Enterprise account Retained Earnings for the purpose of demolishing and disposing of 3 dwellings previously purchased for water protection; 18 Ferry Street; 20 Grove Street and 80 Union Street. All locations except Grove Street dwelling have had remediation for asbestos. Tom indicated that he reached out to the Fire Chief to see if he needed any of the locations for training and the Chief indicated he did not.

**MOTION:** John Vallier motioned to approve the three articles; 14, 15, and 16 for Special Town Meeting.

**Seconded:** Stephen Hocking

All in favor.

IV. Items for Discussion

i. Revetment at Ocean Bluff & ii. Sea Wall at 70-74 Bay Ave.

Tom Reynolds stated that he has received approval from Conservation (NOI) to access the beach to begin the process of placing rocks at the Ocean Bluff area. The process is to begin at the end of October. Also, we have approval from Conservation (NOI) to place stone on the beach from the Jetty at Green Harbor to the Duxbury line in order to protect the seawall until we can obtain permanent repairs.

One of the issues at Bay Avenue is in regard to the Canal Street Bridge due to weight restrictions.

Mass DOT will be making recommendations on shoring up the deck on Canal Street. They will be meeting with the contractor. We may have to go out to bid.

Tom stated that the Town of Duxbury is using both the Beach Street and Canal Street bridges with heavy equipment. He has told them they are overweight and are not to use it but continue to do so.

Jim Connelly, Bay Ave. resident stated that he has witnessed the Duxbury trucks bringing truck load after truck load with huge boulders using the bridges. Tom suggested he contact the police when they witness the violations.

Tom stated he would have the Police Chiefs both of Marshfield and Duxbury address the issue.

Mr. Donnelly had sent an email to the Board regarding his frustration with the lack of attention the Town has paid to the damage done to the seawall in front of 70 and 74 Bay Ave. There were initial remedial repairs following the March storms but none since. Tom indicated it is due to lack of funding.

Mr. Donnelly has serious concern for the upcoming storm season. Tom stated that we are very aware of the condition of the seawall in the area. The Town indicated they are using all their free cash on seawalls and other areas are being neglected. There is no money at this time for the Town to match state grant money.

To replace 1000 feet of seawall on Bay Ave. will roughly cost about \$5 million dollars. We need \$3 and half million from the State and the match from the Town. We make recommendations to the Town; we do not have control regarding spending. It is difficult to fund everything.

Dave Carrier spoke and indicated that in 2005 the then DPW Superintendent, Jeb DeLoach put together a seawall repair plan covering the entire shore of Marshfield including scheduled funding, and a repair plan which never was approved by Town Meeting. During Dave's tenure as DPW Superintendent it failed to get any traction until the seawall failure in 2010. The Board of Selectmen is where you make your appeal. You need to make the case why it needs to move forward. Tom stated the collapse in 2010 was the beginning of seawall funding. We have been fortunate to have funding since then.

Tom stated that until we can secure funding for replacement we can just repair as best we can.

#### Appointment:

#### Chamber of Commerce/Library Plaza Zones

Alyssa M. Reed was present, representing the Chamber of Commerce. She has discussed with Tom Reynolds some of the concerns regarding Library Plaza. She indicated that the Chamber has been working with some of the business owners in the Webster Square/Library Plaza area to recommend enhancements intended to improve vehicular and pedestrian safety in the area. She provided Board members with a working punch list she would like to review and would be looking for guidance from the BPW to determine what funding is available for relative items on the list.

Tom indicated that they have ordered speed bumps; crosswalk painting at this time. If we could do some traffic calming, it would be helpful for safety. Other ideas for safety were discussed.

Board members were in favor of improvements and would assist where ever they can.

Appointment ended at this time.

**MOTION:** John Vallier motioned to support the Webster "Walkability" Initiative.

**Seconded:** Stephen Hocking All in favor.

### III. Items for Action Continued

#### ii. Vote on Indirect Costs

Dan Bowen presented a spread sheet showing an overview of allocations of indirect costs to general fund for fy2020. He indicated that Tom, Treasurer/Collector, Town Administrator and himself went through the spread sheet on tab by tab basis. He proceeded to review each item line by line.

Going through the allocations John Cusick took exception to many of the indirect costs.

Tom Reynolds stated the each year it would be a work in progress. John Cusick stated that each year has tried to address things that are not accepted. John Vallier disagreed and stated that was not true as many of the things he has brought attention to has resulted in change. You keep saying that no one is listening, but you are wrong (John Vallier to John Cusick). Dan Bowen continued with his presentation and explained the method used to reach understanding.

Discussion continued. John Cusick was contentious and took additional exception to various indirect costs as the presentation progressed.

Tom Reynolds stated that the working relationship with the Town Administrator; Treasurer/Collector has greatly improved. He has hopes that it will continue and improve each year.

**MOTION:** John Vallier voted to support the Indirect Costs of \$1,453,354 with the stipulation that we could possibly renegotiate some of the items. John Cusick opposed.

**Seconded:** Stephen Hocking

V. Superintendent's Report/Update

Highland Street was paved today

Spring Street ruts patched.

Weather permitting; Church Street & Elm Street will be paved

VI. Next Regular Meeting

i. October 15, 2018 STM

VII. Adjournment

At this time John Vallier **motioned** to adjourn the open meeting of the Board of Public Works for September 24, 2018 at 7:52 p.m. **Seconded** by Stephen Hocking

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Marie Sacchetti,  
Board of Public Works Secretary