

Approved 7/22/19

**Board of Public Works  
Meeting Minutes**

**Date: July 8, 2019**

**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 Cusick	Chairman
Dave Carriere	Vice Chairman
Robert Shaughnessy	Member
Thomas Reynolds	Superintendent
Shawn Patterson	Deputy Superintendent – not present
Rod Procaccino	Town Engineer – not present
Dan Bowen	Business Manager
Paul Tomkavage	Project Manager/Engineer
Ann Marie Sacchetti	Board of Public Works Secretary

The meeting convened at 6:30 p.m.

John Cusick motioned to open the meeting and reviewed the agenda which included two appointments, minutes, four action items and items for discussion seconded by Dave Carriere.

**I. Minutes of Prior Meetings**

- i. Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes for June 17, 2019.

**MOTION:** Dave Carriere motioned to approve meeting minutes of June 17, 2019.

**Seconded:** John Cusick All in favor.

**III. Items for Discussion**

- ii. Review of Draft Letter to Senator & Representative

Dave Carriere drafted a letter from then Board of Public Works to State Senator Patrick O'Connor & Representative Patrick Kearney. The purpose of the letter is to request consideration sponsoring legislation to establish a requirement that glass wine and liquor bottles have a deposit as is done for soft drinks and beer. Due to the significant decrease in the dollar value of recyclable materials, placing a deposit on the wine and liquor bottles may aid in removing them from the recycling stream.

**MOTION:** John Cusick motioned to approve the letter to Senator Patrick O'Connor and Representative Patrick Kearney.

**Seconded:** Dave Carriere All in favor.

- iv. Article for Fall Town Meeting for Sewer Rates

John Cusick stated that he would like to present an article for the fall Town Meeting related to the sewer rates. In the past a certain percentage of the sewer rate was supported by the Town. In more recent time that changed to being the rate payers are responsible for a hundred percent of the cost.

This has placed a financial burden on users; he would like to see some relief for them and have the Town's support. Dave Carriere indicated he is in favor of some approach to this. He indicated that in the past there was a 60/40 split with the Town as related to capital projects such as Sewer 2000. He does support it in general.

Tom stated that in the past it was recommended that we have a public hearing on the subject. The Selectmen indicated that we would have to have the public hearing before they would even have the discussion with us; that is going back three or four years.

Tom indicated that he would speak to Town Counsel to see if it is appropriate to conduct a hearing at the next meeting of July 22, 2019.

Appointment: 6:45 p.m.      Mr. Blair / Abatement

Mr. Blair was present to address the denial of his abatement request. He gave a presentation during which he became somewhat derogatory regarding the Water Staff. He referenced a letter dated June 18, 2019 from Tom Reynolds to him regarding reasons for the abatement denial of which he had issue with. He had issue with the reasons for denial and continued to say he was disappointed in the customer service he received. Mr. Blair stated that on May 6<sup>th</sup> he sold the house and the new owner is aware of the problem but no final water reading was done.

Tom Reynolds addressed the issue. He addressed Mr. Blair and stated that he was sent a letter from the Water Department letting him know he had high usage; on two occasions someone from the Water Department went to the property to identify where the leak was which was found to be in front of the foundation; then (Tom) gave him a list of contractors; Mr. Blair thought it was too expensive to have the contractor come in and repair it. Tom re-stated that he gave him a list of about 12 approved contractors.

Board members indicated they would review the issue with Staff and will get back to Mr. Blair.

Appointment: 7:00 p.m.      Ocean Bluff Update

Several residents of Ocean Bluff were present. Ron Goldenson spoke on behalf of the group.

He indicated that they have scheduled a meeting with the Town Administrator. They would like guidance; clarification on study and preliminary design. Tom stated that the scope of work is what is actually going to be done within the project; scope of services; the study will help develop the scope.

They want to be sure of terminology regarding the article they want to present at Town Meeting.

There was discussion on funding mechanisms and available resources. Board members explained the process regarding obtaining grant monies. Tom explained that we do talk to the Town Administrator and Town Treasurer when it's budget time. They let us know what is available and what might be available and what we may be able to do. There has not been much funding over the last five years or so. Last fall they asked us not to apply for grants until we know if we have the match money. We have to provide 25% of the cost with the remaining is the grant. Tom indicated that if there is money available to do the study, there is the possibility that once the study is completed, we could apply through the grant process the design money. Tom stated he will contact them once he has the warrant dates finalized.

## II. Items for Action

### i. Contracts / South Shore Consortium

Tom read the list of each contract recommended for approval:

1. Annual Roadway Surface Sealing Treatments 2. Annual Guardrail 3. Annual Gravel & Stone 4. Annual Earth Materials 5. Annual Micro-Surfacing 6. Annual Crack Sealing 7. Annual Signs 8. Annual Tree Services. He explained that we belong to this group along with other towns and provides us a little more buying power. At times we may go out on our own to bid.

**MOTION:** Dave Carriere motioned to approve contracts from South Shore Consortium for:

1. Annual Roadway Surface Sealing Treatments 2. Annual Guardrail 3. Annual Gravel & Stone 4. Annual Earth Materials 5. Annual Micro-Surfacing 6. Annual Crack Sealing 7. Annual Signs 8. Annual Tree Services.

**Seconded:** John Cusick

All in favor.

ii. Approve DPW Staff Plan for Trash Pickup & No Recycling During Strike

Dave addressed the issue. The Teamsters, Local 25 had sent a letter to the Town Administrator indicating the possibility of a strike beginning the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>. The information was given to Shawn Patterson who developed a plan of action should the strike take place. Dave reviewed the plan.

**MOTION:** Dave Carriere motioned that the Board approve the plan in case it is needed.

**Seconded:** John Cusick

All in favor.

Tom stated that he had a conversation with Chris from Republic who assured him that if there is or was a labor dispute and a lock out, they have a contingency plan in place to bring people in and we would not see any disruption.

iii. Discuss & Vote to Waive PAYT Bag Requirements for SWT Pass Holders During Strike

iv. Discuss & Vote to Allow Separated Recycling at SWT Pass During Strike

**MOTION:** Dave Carriere motioned to authorize the Superintendent or Deputy Superintendent should the Superintendent not be present, to have the authority to actively implement as needed to waive PAYT bag requirements for SWT pass holders during a strike and to allow separated recycling at SWT pass during a strike which would require additional Staff at the SWT.

**Seconded:** John Cusick

All in favor.

III. Items for Discussion

i. Town Increase Recycling Cost from Republic

Dave addressed the issue. He referred to the letter to the Senator and Representative regarding a deposit on wine and liquor bottles. When we went to Single Stream recycling is when most of the contamination of recycling began. Single Stream was a benefit to the contractors doing the work.

The Recycling is now expensive and has a cost attached to its disposal.

They have requested an increase and drafted a contract amendment to cover their recycling costs for FY2020, the last year of the contract. Dave is suggesting that we try to negotiate something now.

There was further discussion on options.

iii. Water Rates

John suggested moving funds for water meters which could lessen the rate increase from \$24 to \$12.

Dan indicated that the rates have to be set first and recommends not changing the recommended rate suggested from the consultant.

Bob Shaughnessy indicated we should stay with the recommended increase from the consultant.

**MOTION:** John Cusick motioned to approve the Water Rates as recommended by the Pioneer Consulting Group.

**Seconded:** Robert Shaughnessy

All in favor.

IV. Superintendents Report / Update

Tom: paving has begun on Furnace Street; raising castings on Acorn Street, the Esplanade, and on Dyke Road

Dyke trash racks were replaced and repaired

New Engineer will be starting in two weeks

Levitante is this weekend; we have been asked if we could handle the trash pick-up at the parking locations and we would be reimbursed by the Boys & Girls Club as they have the parking contingent. He is working on a cost for that service.

V. Next Regular Meeting

July 22, 2019

VII. Adjournment

At this time John Cusick motioned to adjourn the open meeting of the Board of Public Works for July 8, 2019 adjourned at 8:10 p.m. All in favor.

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