

**Board of Public Works  
Meeting Minutes**

**Date: February 10, 2020**

**Time: 6:30 p.m.**

**Place: Marshfield Town Hall  
Hearing Room 3**

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

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

The meeting convened at 6:30 p.m.

Dave Carriere **motioned** to open the meeting and reviewed the evening's agenda which included approval of minutes, 2 items for action, items for discussion and Superintendent's report.  
**Seconded** by John Cusick.

**I. Approval of Minutes of Prior Board Meetings**

- i. Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes: January 27, 2020

**MOTION:** Dave Carriere motioned to accept the meeting minutes of January 27, 2020.

**Seconded:** John Cusick

**II. Items for Action**

- i. Review/Vote STM Articles

Tom Reynolds indicated that the language for the articles are not completed as of yet. He reviewed the articles that will be put forth for the Special Town Meeting which are; (1) [in part] the by-laws amendment change of #15, adding language at the end of the existing by-law after the general citation, there will be an annual audit of the Town's accounts under the supervision of the Director of Accounts of the Department of Corporation and Taxation in accordance with the provisions of section 35 Chapter 34 of the general laws. (2) Marshfield Hills sidewalk, phase I & II of the project (3) Solid Waste Disposal cost increase due to strike (4) Tank painting-Telegraph Hill and Forest Street tanks (5) Offsets for Enterprise funds (6) Five year tank maintenance agreement (7) Re-allocate funds from Mill Pond to be used at Murdock's Pond.

- ii. Solid Waste Contracts Proposal / Review & Vote to Award

Paul Tomkavage was present and presented the Solid Waste contractor recommendation for FY2021.

He provided the narrative regarding the background: "The current five-year solid waste contract ends June 30, 2020 but allows for extensions. In summer 2019 DPW/BPW began discussing an extension with the incumbent, Republic Services Group (RSG), but could not agree upon certain language in the proposed extension amendment. In late August 2019, Teamsters Local 25 launched a strike against RSG. The Republic strike ended on November 22, 2019, and they expressed interest in continuing to serve the Town commencing July 1, 2020. Researching, in detail, changes to our current program could be lengthy, and recognizing the much higher pricing a new vendor may pose, getting a one or two year extension to the current contract could make sense if the pricing was good. We obtained pricing from Republic in late January for a two-year extension." Pricing had been obtained from other firms. Republic included collection of yard waste, white goods, schools and town facilities in their collection cost, simplifying comparison. Paul provided a spread sheet showing all pricing information into a two-year summary. Republic offers a two-year savings over the average of the other three firms. Based on the pricing received, Republic offers a clear price advantage for a two-year window and Staff recommends a contract extension for that duration.

Dave stated that he was not prepared to vote to authorize the extension at this time. He would like Staff to work with Republic and its representatives to finish the recycling agreement previously discussed and language including prevailing wages. John Cusick took exception with Republic's current disposal method of eliminating one of the employees on the trash truck thus requiring the truck driver to do the job that previously took two employees to do. He feels there should be two employees. He also took exception to the type of truck that has been used. The openness of the design is cause for trash to be blown around. Also, the garaging of the trucks should be within 25 miles of the town. Currently storage is beyond that distance. Chris Macera of Republic was present in the audience and did provide response to some concerns. Mr. Macera stated the trucks being used are common in the industry and are actually safer for the employee. He stated they are completing routes and getting the collection done. Tom stated that Republic asked if the front loader truck could be used and he did not have a problem with it.

Dave stated that the Traffic Safety Officer is discussing with the RMV in regard to the type of bucket on the truck and if it's an add on or an engineered part of the truck. Mr. Maera tried to respond. In regard to bulk items, Mr. Macera stated that if the item was too heavy for the driver, they would dispatch another truck. The job is getting done.

Bob Shaughnessy stated we that don't see the approach. He would like to see the approach, the management and the performance standard; to reestablish the terms and conditions of the contract.

**MOTION:** Dave Carriere motioned to authorize Staff to negotiate with Republic to finalize contract language for refuse and recycling and bring the final completed contract back for review and approval.

**Seconded:** John Cusick

All in favor.

### **III. Items for Discussion**

#### **i. Update on New DPW Building**

Tom gave an update. Currently they are in the design phase in the admin part of the building. He will be meeting at the EOC on Thursday to discuss heating and ventilation. He previously met with the Energy Committee to discuss some solar options. The area for the building has been cleared and we are getting ready for the fill. Staff has prepared the NOI for Conservation.

#### **ii. Status of Drainage at Plymouth/Ocean & Mayflower**

Tom indicated that he is waiting for a copy of the CD. We are at the mercy of the weather. We need the ground to be frozen in order to access/inspect the two dredging locations on Plymouth Ave. The

airport may be investing in an amphibious track machine that has a digger on the front. They asked if we might maintain it for them and have use of it whenever needed. Costs would be airport responsibility.

Dave indicated that the recent dry spell showed that there is not a water main leak.

#### **IV. Superintendent's Report/Update**

##### **i. Solid Waste Update**

Tom's update: the weather has been good; similar to what happened in 2015 where we had a mild January then had 6 weekends of snow. We have been able to take advantage of the weather.

He has had a contractor place a French drain around the Grace Ryder field to alleviate the flooding and to tie into the catch basins at the corner of the field; we will add loam and hydro seed it. This field will be off line in the spring and hopefully ready for use in the fall..

At Tower Ave. we are planning a parking area; also we will realign the basketball court and grade the baseball field, making changes to eliminate some area complaints.

Mill pond repair has been ongoing, working on the failed dam.

He and Rod attended the MPP Grant Workshop which is a requirement in order to qualify for grants.

Tomorrow night the Advisory Board will be taking up our budget. He had met briefly with their sub-committee today.

#### **V. Next Regular Meeting**

February 24, 2020

#### **VI. Adjournment**

At this time Dave Carriere **motioned** to adjourn the open meeting of the Board of Public Works for February 10, 2020 at 7:33 p.m. **Seconded** by John Cusick.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Marie Sacchetti  
Board of Public Works Secretary