

Approved 6/15/20

**Board of Public Works
Meeting Minutes**

Date: May 5, 2020

Time: 3:00 p.m.

**Place: Ventress Memorial Library
Conference Room**

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

Dave Carriere	Chairman
John Cusick	Vice Chairman
Robert Shaughnessy	Member – <i>not present</i>
Thomas Reynolds	Superintendent
Ann Marie Sacchetti	Board of Public Works Secretary

The meeting convened at 3:15 p.m. The delay was caused by technical difficulties.

Dave Carriere opened the meeting and reviewed the agenda which included, Superintendent's report and executive session. He indicated that the executive session was no longer necessary. It was to discuss the purchase of a property. The Board of Selectmen authorized the purchase of the property last evening. They declared the purchase in open meeting. The location of the property is at 965 Plain Street and the purchase is in the amount of \$4,750,000.00. Copies of the contract will be sent to BPW members by Town Counsel.

MOTION: Dave Carriere motioned to vote to express our appreciation for the actions of Town Counsel and also the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator and the Treasurer/Collector in helping to move this forward. They have prepared an article for Town Meeting. We approve of the purchase.

Seconded: John Cusick All in favor.

Roll call vote by Tom Reynolds: Dave Carriere aye John Cusick aye

Unanimous

Dave indicated that the Transfer Station is now accepting bulk items, residential and commercial C&D materials. Also, the May yard waste pick-up will take place as it was originally scheduled.

II. Superintendent's Report/Update

Tom's updates:

Patch crew is in and have a long list that they are addressing; lawn mower crew in.

There are 8 burials this week. Mark McDonald indicated that normally there are 10- 12 a month but in the month of April there were 39 burials. He is expecting May to be that much more.

We are running out of graves. There are 114 in the new section that should be ready in the very near future.

The drainage issues are being addressed. Water Division is working on leaks.

We are still on a skeleton crew and are trying to keep the social distancing which is difficult when addressing water leaks.

Beach Street Bridge is ahead of schedule and could be opened by Memorial Day. A small ribbon cutting ceremony may take place prior to the opening.

Northern Construction is working at Bay Avenue. The high tides and full moon have limited access time to the repairs.

The beach nourishment project is continuing to move forward with permitting.

Foster Ave. revetment is on-going along with Ocean Bluff. Rod and Charlie have been checking.

Fields fertilizing is on-going. Fields will be able to rest due to the inactivity which results as a benefit.

Slowly bringing staff in periodically. We are addressing all the phone calls and billing.

Treasurer/Collector indicated that the collection rate is very high.

There was discussion regarding the drainage at Ocean and Plymouth Streets. Tom indicated there is a crushed pipe. Several utilities in the area; Verizon, Eversource and Columbia Gas in that section make the problem difficult to address. Representatives from the utilities will have to walk us through that whole area to ensure we do not have any issues when repairs are being made.

Dave Carriere **motioned** to adjourn. **Seconded:** John Cusick

Roll call vote by Tom Reynolds: Dave Carriere aye John Cusick aye

Unanimous

The open meeting of the Board of Public Works for May 5, 2020 adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Marie Sacchetti

Board of Public Works Secretary