

**Board of Public Works
Meeting Minutes**

Date: September 13, 2021

Time: 6:00 p.m.

**Place: Library Program Room
Library Plaza**

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

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| Robert Shaughnessy | Chairman |
| Dave Carriere | Vice Chairman |
| John Cusick | Member |
| Tom Reynolds | Superintendent |
| Dan Bowen | Assistant Superintendent |
| Rod Procaccino | Town Engineer- <i>not present</i> |
| Ann Marie Sacchetti | Board of Public Works Secretary |

The meeting convened at 6:08 p.m.

Robert Shaughnessy motioned to open the meeting and reviewed the agenda with an appointment which was cancelled, action items, items for discussion, Superintendent's report.

Seconded by Dave Carriere

All in favor.

ACTION ITEMS

1) Release of Betterment Lien Request

Bob stated that Musket Road was part of Sewer 2000. Dan received a request to obtain a release for the sewer assessment for 15 Musket Road. He indicated that he confirmed with the Treasurer/Collector that the betterment was satisfied in 2018.

MOTION: Robert Shaughnessy motioned to accept the request.

Seconded: John Cusick

All in favor.

2) Approval of New Drain Layer License for Silerado Construction

Tom stated that a complete application was submitted and has been reviewed and signed off by the Chief Operator. It is a master drain layers license for the balance of the year 2021.

MOTION: Robert Shaughnessy motioned to accept and approve of the new Drain Layer license.

Seconded: Dave Carriere

All in favor.

3) Agreement for General Engineering Services / Environmental Partners

Tom indicated that this is to try to stream line the process. We use Environmental Partners on a number of Wastewater and Water issues. By putting an Engineering service contract together would allow us to move forward on projects in a timelier manner. Tasks that are assigned would come before the Board for approval prior to going on to the service contract. It would allow us to move more expeditiously to get projects going rather than waiting to obtain signatures. Bob Galvin, as Town Counsel, will review all the items in the agreement. Dave asked about the funding for general services. Tom indicated that we do have the funding. Tom stated that each task would come before the Board with a proposal to be reviewed and added to the task. Bob asked about a rate for services. He is

experienced in the working costs/ analysis for contracts. He has spread sheets for reference. Bob asked for an established fee for services to be included in the agreement and would be reviewed on an annual basis.

MOTION: Robert Shaughnessy motioned to enter into an agreement for General Engineering Services with Environmental Partners with the additions announced at this Board meeting.

Seconded: John Cusick

All in favor.

BOARD DISCUSSION

1) Update on 965 Plain Street

Tom gave an update. Bids were opened on August 26th. The low bidder was disqualified because he did not return a bid bond with his application. We went with the second bidder. At a meeting with the management team it was determined there was a need for an additional \$1.8 million dollars in order to build the building due to unforeseen increases in materials. The General Fund will provide \$500 thousand towards the 1.8. The DPW will have to come up with \$1.3 million. The funding split is in a similar manner in which we do the indirect costs as close as we could. We determined a 45-35-20 breakdown. There are 3 add alternates. We would like to get alternate #1 and alternate #3 added to the project. That would provide us with another 20 foot of storage including the overhang in the back for storage and for shops in the future. The industrial equipment is alternate #2 was the highest of the three. Going forward we thought we could purchase the industrial equipment over a couple of years with the vote at Town Meetings. That cost is about \$589 thousand. Bob asked if it is possible to go from #1 then #3 without doing #2. Tom indicated that we can pick which ones needed which is for storage space. Tom stated that one of the problems getting this project started was that we needed temporary buildings. It took 3 months for them to tell us we could not put the temporary buildings in. We were told we could not build at 35 Parsonage Street because of wetlands. We were then scrambling and forced to look for another location. We were fortunate to find 965 Plain Street. With now a three months delay; we were number one on the survey for the need but we ended up being number 3 in the construction phase. We have been pushed back an additional six months. Instead of an October 2022 completion, we are now looking at a March 2023 completion. We have done a lot of work in-house. Once the contractor is on site we will put a change order in to capture some of the work we have done which will be deducted from the overall cost. Dave stated that he would address questions regarding the building should they arise at Town Meeting. John Cusick stated that the Town should contribute more the \$500K; the Town has sufficient Free Cash to contribute more funding towards the project. Bob agrees and stated that the sewer percentage should be adjusted to be fair. He suggested to lower the sewer percentage to 20%; trash to 35%; water 45%. Tom stated that at the next meeting he would come back with a recommendation.

2) Update on Marshfield Hills Sidewalk Project

Tom gave an update. The berms and sidewalk looming were being done today. Next week milling and possibly paving. Once that is done, we will have the hydro seeding done to the loomed areas. Depending on the weather, hopefully within three weeks, the project will be complete. Tom Whalen was present and had some questions. Bob asked Tom Whalen's opinion on the project; Tom W. had positive comments.

3) Warrant Articles

Tom reviewed the articles beginning with Article #6. There was discussion regarding the \$89,200 for traffic improvements in Brant Rock. Bob Shaughnessy asked Tom on what have we already spent and Tom indicated that we have spent about the same amount. He said this is the third design. We had

three public meetings and every time we met with them they wanted to change the plans; they had a change of heart. We made the changes. Now, someone applied for a grant along with a project that BU is doing. He has asked at least three times who applied for the grant and has yet received an answer. The only response he received was from Greg Guimond of Planning and he indicated the he was handed the responsibility of the project but would not say who applied for the grant. If someone who isn't a Town employee or Town Department, who authorized them to apply for the grant in the first place without talking to anyone. We have been at this project for four years trying to get a design in Brant Rock and now all of a sudden he is being told by the engineer from Stantec that we should stand down and do a complete analysis of what needs to be done down there. Tom said we have done that more than once. It is hard to understand that how they can go forward with a grant that nobody knows who applied for. We already have a design. The Town Administrator is in support of us. The Chairman of the BOS sent me (Tom) and email requesting a joint meeting with the BOS and BPW. Tom said we should go forward, not stand down. Dave stated they (Brant Rock) have a meeting with the BOS tonight. Tom said again we were not invited. He said he had a meeting with two representative from Brant Rock and he thought the meeting went very well. They asked for a couple of things; Tom told them it would be scheduled for after Labor Day. Everyone there is concerned about the flooding. The cost to address the flooding is beyond what we can afford, and where do you put the water? We are working the best we can.

Review of article 6 DPW expense items continued. Next BPW articles: #10-amend Town Code, Water Restrictions; article 30- conveyance of land to the custody of the Conservation Commission; article #-35-appropriation of funds for DPW Building Project.

4) PFAS Testing Update

Dave addressed the issue. He provided a summation of test results from Town wells. He wants this put before the Board as a base of analysis for future reference. Bob stated we are well below EPA's numbers regarding PFAS. Bob wants the people at home to know that there are no issues in Marshfield regarding PFAS. There are issues out there, but not in Marshfield. PFAS is a forever chemical, it does not breakdown. PFAS contamination sites are usually manufacturing and processing facilities, airports and military installations that use firefighting foams. Marshfield's airport is not near our drinking water supply. There is no problem that we know of with all the testing we have done. Dave said the system itself has none detected. Bob indicated that we have carbon based treatment on a few of our wells where if there was anything in there, even way below what the number is, it is being picked up and not in our distribution system. Dave said he will be continue to track the numbers.

VOTE TO ACCEPT MINUTES – 8/16/21 & 7/26/21 Executive Session

MOTION: Robert Shaughnessy motioned to accept open meeting minutes of 8/16/21.

Second: Dave Carriere All in favor.

MOTION: Dave Carriere motioned to accept executive session meeting minutes of 7/26/21.

Seconded: John Cusick *Robert Shaughnessy recused himself from the vote.*

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Tom's Update: Longview Terrace water main has been completed; has a temporary patch and will be paved in the spring.

The Conservation Law Foundation is initiating a move to have a deposit on liquor and wine bottles. Commissioner Carrier discussed this issue in the past. Dave referred to a letter he had submitted in the past regarding this issue that was sent to our State Delegation. He would like to send a copy of that letter to the Foundation along with current communication.

MOTION: Robert Shaughnessy motioned to have Dave delegate staff and whoever he needs to put that together and the Board is in full support of the actions of Dave.

Seconded: John Cusick All in favor.

NEXT MEETING – October 4, 2021

At this time Bob Shaughnessy **motioned** to adjourn the open meeting of the Board of Public Works for September 13, 2021 at 7:21 p.m.

Seconded by Dave Carriere All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Marie Sacchetti,
Board of Public Works Secretary