

**Board of Public Works  
Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** February 7, 2022

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Place:** Library Program Room  
Library Plaza

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

Robert Shaughnessy	Chairman
Dave Carriere	Vice Chairman
John Cusick	Member
Tom Reynolds	Superintendent
Dan Bowen	Assistant Superintendent
Rod Procaccino	Town Engineer
Paul Tomkavage	Project Manager
Ann Marie Sacchetti	Board of Public Works Secretary

The meeting convened at 6:12 p.m.

Robert Shaughnessy **motioned** to open the meeting and reviewed the agenda, which included action items, and items for discussion, minutes, Superintendent's Report and Executive Session.

**Seconded** by Dave Carriere All in Favor

Amended motion to include:

John Cusick would like the Superintendent's report to include "other items" as part of his report, similar to the Town Administrator's report to the BOS.

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

**ACTION ITEMS**

1) Drain Layer's License Renewals for 2022

**MOTION:** Robert Shaughnessy motioned to accept; Biagini Inc., All-Town Inc., Powell Construction, Clancy Construction, Cobra Enterprises, Sealund Corp., Weed & Feed, McDougall Bros., Iaria Bros. Inc., Silverado Constr. as recommended by Jay Parker to renew the licenses.

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

2) Solid Waste Contract – to be heard in Executive Session

3) Design & Preparation for Emergency Water Main Connections

Tom addressed the issues and referred to the memo provided by the Town Engineer. He indicated that we are in the process of preparing an STM Warrant Article regarding; the water main crossing the marsh and South River from Nantasket St. (Kent Park) to Homestead Ave. (Rexhame) which has developed a significant leak. Town forces had to shut the valves on each end. This is a major connection to the Rexhame area and immediate steps should be taken, including extending the 12-inch water main from South River Street to Ocean Street and Willow Street including bridge crossing. The Town left stubs for these connections for future extension. This is an absolute priority to back up the connection from the pump stations and from the Telegraph Hill Storage Tank. The Main St. Rte. 3A connection is the only connection resupplying the majority of the low zone. He indicated we are proposing two crossings, one at Willow Street and one at CVS through the Bridal Path. (Est. \$300K)

Rod provided additional information from his memo; complete water connection under South River at Cross Street. This main has been shut off on each side of the river (Est. \$50K); replace 1700 lf of the 8-inch cast iron water main in Old Plain Street. This includes a culvert crossing (Est. \$600K); extend the 12-inch water main 2400lf from South River Street in the Bridal Path (old railroad bed) to Ocean St. at Webster St. The Town left a stub at south River St. for future connection (Est. \$900K); Replace 1100 lf 8-inch AC water main in cross Street from Plain St. to Old Ocean Street (Est. \$400K) (includes crossing if not funded above); install 14-inch insert valves and cap 14-inch main at Homestead Ave. and Nantasket St. (Est. \$100K). Total Project cost \$2,350,000.

Tom stated Willow St. is considered an emergency and if possible, we would prefer to start the project now rather than wait until April. He would ask at the next meeting with the Advisory Board representative and will discuss the issue. Rod stated the Old Plain St. is another priority issue. He provided additional details regarding the infrastructure connections and history connected to them. Bob asked about timing of the projects; Rod is not sure. Tom indicated funding would be a consideration. He will be meeting with a consultant and Planning in regards to some funding opportunities.

**MOTION:** Robert Shaughnessy motioned to accept the proposals from the Town Engineer on the emergency projects and to do what is necessary in moving them forward before Town Meeting in obtaining funding to prevent any further emergency.

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

#### BOARD DISCUSSION

##### 1) Storm Drain-Corner of Priscilla Rd. & Circuit Ave South

Bob stated this has been an on-going problem for some time. Tom indicated John has brought it to our attention on two different occasions. Rod has been to the location. The bids on the drainage and water for Surf Ave. will be opening. At some point, the next phase will be doing the water main at Circuit Ave. and at that time, the issue there can be permanently addressed. John stated how dangerous the situation is with black ice. Rod further explained about details on the existing drainage in the area and what can be done to solve the problem.

##### 2) STM Article – Funds to Purchase Sand Bags for Residents

Dave Carriere suggested the idea of purchasing sand bags to private residents. He indicated that the cost is reasonable. The bags could be made available, but not filling them with sand. Tom has concern for the lack of space, which would be his only negative issue. The Town Administrator had contacted him asking if that is something, we do. Because of the congestion at 965 Plain Street, it would be very detrimental to the operation there. Dave suggested finding a vendor and have them keep the bags until needed. John suggested having the bags at the Police Station. Tom said we do put out a pile of mixed sand with salt. We try to keep people out of the back. We could keep a pile up front and filling them would be their responsibility. Bob said that this could be an emergency management issue and to work with the police to establish an area for the bags and sand available for people. They have the room. Scituate has a setup where they can fill the bags for residents. Bob suggested another location could be near the pier, working with the Harbor Master, Emergency Management and Police. Dave suggested putting the article forward for Town Meeting to use as a placeholder in case it isn't necessary, and could then be passed over.

##### 3) Town Meeting Articles

Tom read each article: Article #1-Acceptance of Chapter 90 Funding; Article #2-Emergency Repairs of Private Ways; Article #3-Graves Buyback; Article #4-Solid Waste Budget; Article #5-Wastewater

Budget; Article #6-Water Budget. These are the warrant articles for the Annual Town Meeting. We will have six articles for the Special Town Meeting; 1) emergency funds for Wastewater; 2) water main work; 3) complete streets; 4) Brant Rock safety improvements; 5) quarterly billing; 6) Republic contract collection and disposal costs.

John Cusick stated that at a previous meeting the Board discussed placing a citizen's petition on the warrant. His proposal for the article is as follows: Enterprise Snow and Ice Labor Funding

"Will the Town vote to approve the process of funding Enterprise provided labor during Snow and Ice events, such as road plowing, sanding and/or pre-storm treatment that takes place during normal Business hours directly from the Town's annual Snow and Ice budget".

VOTE TO ACCEPT MINUTES – 1/10/22 Open Minutes – Passed over

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1) Update on 965 Plain Street: our equipment is still outside; we are hoping on March 1<sup>st</sup> to see work started on site with the contractor. A meeting is scheduled for Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> with the contractor to review the construction schedule. It will be difficult to move equipment around. He has been telling the powers to be at every meeting at EOC on storm preparation, that since we were forced to move out of Parsonage Street in order for the Police to move forward with their building, we have had to park our equipment outside. We have 11 sand spreaders, 2 fit in the garage loaded, the rest are outside. They are out in the cold along with all our other equipment, many buried in the snow. We just had an historical snowstorm last week. There were beautiful pictures on the tv of different DPW's prepping for the storm. All their trucks were inside, warm, ours were outside. We are down four employees and the Town will not allow me fill the positions. We had three trucks sitting during the storm with no drivers because of being shorthanded. Over a span of 10 years, records show how many times our requests have been denied for equipment and the maintenance of. One of the years, the chair of Capital Planning would not let us use Enterprise funds for capital projects. His reasoning was that it was not fair that the DPW could spend money when no one else could. Retained earnings is how we operate. They are handcuffing us from operating. During the blizzard, our equipment was outside; our men and women were outside, eating lunch in their vehicles because we have no space. When vehicles are left outside they break down, they freeze, and as a result, it takes time to respond to emergencies. Loads sand have to defrost and have to be inside to do so. Hopefully people will listen and understand. I (Tom) in the past had provided a book for the Capital Committee members to refer to regarding the needs of the department. It was obvious by the questions they asked that they never even looked at it. Dave stated that more equipment is needed.

- 2) Update on Seawalls: there was no damage from the storm and the contractor is right back to work.
- 3) Bid opening on Thursday for the Surf Ave. water main and drainage
- 4) Meeting with Advisory on Wednesday
- 5) Meeting tomorrow afternoon with Planning to discuss funding sources
- 6) Meeting tomorrow with the consultant and reps from Brant Rock to discuss the next step.
- 7) Thursday meeting with the Chamber and Town Administrator to discuss capacity for sewer and water usage.
- 8) Equipment Maintenance issues regarding changes of maintenance for fire and police. There have been discrepancies in the agreement with the Town Administrator. The agreement was they would go out to bid for six months until we were situated at 965 Plain St. We are anticipating taking back the light vehicles in March, which he agrees on. Now the Fire Dept. has decided that they will have their mechanic take care of all their light equipment and cut our budget. They are going to take 20 pieces of equipment and cut our budget \$60K for 20 pieces of equipment. They are also proposing to cut a position from us. We still have 128 pieces to maintain. They seem to be setting us up for failure.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1) Contracts

At this time, Robert Shaughnessy motioned to adjourn the open meeting to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Solid Waste contract and would not return to open session: Dave Carriere seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**      Robert Shaughnessy **yes**      Dave Carriere **yes**      John Cusick **yes**  
**Unanimous**

The open meeting of the Board of Public Works for February 7, 2022 adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Marie Sacchetti  
Board of Public Works Secretary