

**Board of Public Works
Meeting Minutes**

Date: March 27, 2023

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Library Program Room, Library Plaza

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

Dave Carriere	Chairman
John Cusick	Vice Chairman
Robert Shaughnessy	Member
Tom Reynolds	Superintendent
Rod Procaccino	Town Engineer
Ken Ryan	Environmental Engineer
Robert Galvin	Town Counsel
Kent Park Residents	
Ann Marie Sacchetti	Board of Public Works Secretary

The meeting convened at 6:05 p.m.

Dave Carriere motioned to open the meeting and reviewed the agenda which included, action items, items for discussion, minutes and the Superintendent's report.

Seconded by Robert Shaughnessy All in favor.

ACTION ITEMS

1) Drain Layer License Renewal

Tom Reynolds presented. Russell Totman of Totman Enterprises, Inc. has met all the requirement as set forth by the Wastewater Treatment Facility and has been approved by Clint Stetson.

MOTION: Dave Carriere motioned to approve the Drain Layer's license for Totman Enterprises, Inc.

Seconded: Robert Shaughnessy All in favor.

DISCUSSION

1) Kent Park Roads

Dave Carrier opened the discussion. Regarding roadway funding is something the Board has regularly asked the BOS for and have regularly been denied. Chapter 90 funding is limited and covers only some primary road repairs. Tom stated that the dirt roads and private roads are usually graded in the spring and fall but we are restricted by the funding that is appropriated to us. In the past we have received about \$70K annually but over the last four years we have not received that funding. This year we are receiving the \$70K to begin that process but funding will not be available until July 1st, 2023. We do try to get in there with the loader and dump truck with gravel to repair some of the bigger holes. Many of the roads aren't accepted and don't meet code, its country drainage. We have been trying to develop a road acceptance policy over the past few years. It is something that needs to be approved by three boards; Planning Board, Board of Selectmen and Department of Public Works. This Board has a moratorium on paving side streets and accepting streets until the Town supports more funding. It is very expensive to pave and we can maybe pave two roads with Chapter 90 money. Fuel costs for asphalt keeps rising and has increased dramatically over the past few years. We have tried a new process using ground up asphalt shingles mixed with our reclaimed asphalt and it has held up much better than plain straight gravel. It gives us a more solid base on the dirt roads. Bob Shaughnessy

asked on how much funding it would be to pave those roads. Tom said he did not have that figure at the moment.

Marianne Jarvis of Kent Park was present and asked if ARPA funding could be used on the roads. Tom indicated that funding was approved for the Plymouth Ave. Pump Station and the Water & Drainage project on Surf Ave. We cannot use State funding on unaccepted roadways. Marianne had sent an email on March 21, 2023 to Tom and Board members stating her concern for the condition of Kent Park Roads. She stated that in 1997 three residents, including herself, went to Town Meeting to have the private Road Committee approved, in order to widen and pave several roads which are called the "loop" in hopes that the school bus could pick up the students safely inside Kent Park. At the time there were close to 45 students. The neighbors would like to know the inventory of road works that is on the agenda for this spring. The roads are in very poor condition and filling them is not enough. Originally, new paving started further into Washington Street and Arlington Ave. which are in disrepair. These roads are the only way to get into the park and their degraded condition are a concern for safety. Tom stated drainage is an issue in the area. It's a low spot. He understands just filling the pot holes does not solve the problem. His biggest obstacle is getting the funding. Dave stated that for the Fall Town meeting the Board could draft an article to request funding for these areas, also for the neighbors to draft a citizen's petition article as well. Bob stated that we need support at Town Meeting. It is feasible to develop a plan. John Cusick said you need to write your own article, there is money in free cash, he would help them. He also said you need to change the political climate. Dave stated that he will stand up at Town Meeting as he did last year, asking Town Meeting voters to move funding from free cash for roads. Tom said a previous speaker said we didn't ask for road money last year and we did ask for \$200K and it was not approved. Some residents spoke as well to state the condition of roads in the neighborhood. Tom reiterated that lack of funding has prevented the road repairs. Marianne Jarvis stated that she could go forward in obtaining signatures for a citizen's petition article. Dave suggested that she contact the Town Clerk's office for the procedure regarding the petition. John said he would help her.

Bob Shaughnessy suggested to have Staff work with the community to come up with a short, medium, and a long-term plan on what needs to be done, along with looking at the Silver Pines neighborhood as well. Once we have a solid plan we can determine the funding level based on priority. This can be done with the neighborhood help and we will ask for their support at Town Meeting. Tom said that he would meet with Marianne and review the area.

3) Alternatives for Plymouth Ave. Drainage

Dave addressed the issue. Drainage in the area has decreased and causing constant flooding in surrounding homes. Rod Procaccino provided a map of the area, along with a narrative describing the drainage. In his memo dated 3/27/23 he provided the description of the problem and a suggested alternative. "Description of Problem" "the drainage collection system within area tributary to Plymouth Ave. located north of Massasoit Ave. drain towards the marsh on the west side of Plymouth Ave. The system relies on drainage ditches constructed in the marsh which are connected to Bass Creek and ultimately the Green Harbor River. The problem is the Town has been relying on Mosquito Control- County crews to keep the ditches clean. The ditches are cleaned every 3 to 5 years. Some areas have become over run with vegetation and the water levels have increased from lack of flow making it difficult, and some cases, impossible to bring in conventional light weight excavating equipment to conduct the ditch cleaning. One of the advantages of utilizing the Mosquito Control crews is that there is little to no permitting required and that the vegetation and some sediment can be cast to the bank without offsite disposal. Several attempts this past year made by Mosquito Control have been unsuccessful in the area south of McArthur Ave. Plymouth Ave. at the low point near house number 307 has routinely flooded during minor rainfall events." Dave suggested finding a contractor that can provide equipment sufficient to clear the ditches. Tom said that having a mild winter did not allow for the ground to freeze enough to allow us to get to the area to clean out. Mr. and Mrs. Kelleher of 307 Plymouth Ave. were present to express their frustrations. Dave stated that his intent is to

continue to address the problem and if re-elected, will continue to work on a solution. As stated, the issue is to have the ability to have access to the ditch in order to clean it out. In regard to the pipe, Tom stated that the pipe is clear, it goes to a head wall from the catch basin in the street. We have had the vacor truck there, and have sucked all the water out that clears the pipe. The clogging starts at the end of the head wall. The ditches are all over grown. Mosquito Control is not responsible, it's Marshfield's problem. We ask them to come in to assist us. Dave said that he has walked the area. It is over run with phragmites which are difficult to remove. John mentioned about when the airport expansion and the matching fund that was used to clean part of Bass Creek. He asked if it could be done again. Rod stated that contractor was RCD. He has been trying to obtain permission from the Conservation Commission to conduct work in the area. John stated that the selectmen appoint that commission. A change has to be made somewhere. Rod will follow up with a contractor who can do the work and will also file work at the site with Con Com. in hope of obtaining approval to move forward with the plan to clean the ditch.

1) Changing Offset Charges

John wanted to discuss changing offset charges to individual users. For example all municipal buildings use. Will be discussed further.

ACTION

2) Relocation Modification of Guard Rail on Joseph Driebeek Way

Prior to addressing this issue Dave stated that as Chair of the Board, he will not allow comments or questions from the general public attendees. The deliberation will be by the Board and they may only ask questions of the Staff in attendance and that through the superintendent.

Dave addressed the issue. He wanted to provide clarification regarding the issue. He first referred to the Superintendent's contract, page 13, Section B. It is his determination (Dave's) that he (Tom) did nothing to violate any by-law. Dave continued to read the sections of Tom's contract that allows him to act accordingly. John took exception to Dave's assessment. He referenced Article 36 which was not adhered to. Dave disagreed. John said there are consequences to be paid if not adhered to. He contends that the discussion regarding the guard rail never took place at the meetings. Board secretary confirmed that discussions did occur. Bob stated that the meeting dates which included discussion of the guardrail took place on; July 18, 2022, August 8, 2022, November 7, 2022, January 17, 2023 and February 13, 2023. Bob asked Town Counsel if putting guard rails on an existing roadway and have an opening in the middle of the guard rail constituted a violation of article 36. Town Counsel stated that article 36 no longer exists. The by-law was replaced years ago. He said the Department of Public Works does not have to apply for a permit to themselves.

In order to put and end to any further discussion on baseless accusations I (Dave Carriere) move that the Board vote to confirm and ratify the actions of the Superintendent in the matter of the guard rail.

Seconded: Robert Shaughnessy

Poll Vote: Dave Carriere **yes** John Cusick **no** Robert Shaughnessy **yes**

Dave Carriere: To confirm and ratify passed **2 to 1**.

3) Modify Current Billing for Water Use at Ocean St. & Plymouth Ave.

Dave stated that in an effort to provide equitable treatment for all the islands that have water spigots, is to change the current billing of the Am Vets for water use on the island at Ocean Street and Plymouth Ave. to non-billing status with metered use to be accounted for as an offset to the Water Enterprise indirect charges. This treats them in the same manner as the Brant Rock esplanade as well as other islands on Town roads.

Motion to accept (Dave) **Seconded:** Robert Shaughnessy All in favor.

4) Transfer Station Materials Pricing

Ken Ryan was present to propose CY 2023 pricing at the Marshfield Transfer Station. Due to market increases/pricing adjustment in fees are needed. Marshfield is still on the low end on current charges as compared to surrounding towns.

MOTION: Dave Carriere motioned that the Board of Public Works approves the price changes at the Marshfield Transfer Station to take effect on May 1, 2023 as follows:

Transfer Station Stickers: \$25 (\$15 for 70 and older and second car in household)

Commercial Waste: \$260 per ton (\$130 minimum)

Residential Weigh and Pay: \$80 per ton (\$40 minimum)

Commercial Manure: \$200 per ton (\$100 minimum)

Seconded: Robert Shaughnessy All in favor.

VOTE TO ACCEPT MINUTES – March 6, 2023 Open Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Dave Carriere motioned to accept March 6, 2023 open meeting minutes as written.

Seconded: Robert Shaughnessy All in favor.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

1) FY2024 Approved Water Capital Outlay

Tom met with Capital Planning to discuss Water capital items approved were: Fluid System & Other equipment for \$6K; Lifts with accessories for \$8,250; Replace pick-up truck R/E \$40K; Well cleaning & rehab R/E \$50K; Meter replacement R/E \$100K; Water main upgrades R/E \$120K; Purchase L35 mini loader R/E \$130K; Replace pump station SCADA PLC upgrade R/E \$150K; Generator to replace current angle dries R/E \$240K; Old Plain St. water main replacement TBD \$600K.

NEXT MEETING – April 10, 2023

At this time Dave Carriere **motioned** to adjourn the open meeting of March 27, 2023 at 8:03 p.m.

Seconded: Robert Shaughnessy All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Marie Sacchetti,
Board of Public Works Secretary