

Approved 1/8/24

**Board of Public Works
Meeting Minutes**

Date: December 11, 2023

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: DPW Media Room, 965 Plain Street

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

John Cusick	Chairman
Robert Shaughnessy	Vice Chairman
Diane Jordan	Member
Shawn Patterson	Superintendent
Rod Procaccino	Town Engineer
Dan Bowen	Assistant Superintendent
Amy Coughlin	Board of Public Works Secretary
Ann Marie Sacchetti	DPW

In attendance there were many residents of the community.

The meeting convened at 6:07 p.m.

John Cusick motioned to open the meeting and reviewed the agenda which included an appointment, action items, items for discussion, minutes and the Superintendent's report.

Seconded by Robert Shaughnessy

All in favor.

ACTION ITEMS

1) Waste Oil Location at WWTF

Shawn Patterson spoke regarding new proposed location of the waste oil container at the WWTF. He first spoke with John Cusick and then met with Clint Stetson and Jimmy Kent. The facility already has dyke area for containment. They have a new 500-gallon waste tank which will be brought to the facility this week. It will be open for fishermen during the normal hours of the facility Monday through Friday. Weekends will be open to the fishermen at the transfer station.

Robert Shaughnessy spoke of a rebate from Mass DEP that Marshfield may qualify for. It's a fund set up to defray the costs of potential contamination of the marine environment for Marshfield taxpayers. He will be researching that availability.

MOTION: John Cusick made a motion to accept the recommendation for the new location of the waste oil container tank to the WWTF.

Seconded: Robert Shaughnessy

All in favor.

2) Award Contract No. 2024-04 Bay Ave & Gurnet Road Beach Nourishment Program

The town of Duxbury and the town of Marshfield received grant money from the State to place sediment as part of a beach nourishment program on a portion of Bay Ave and Duxbury beaches. The Town of Marshfield is the lead town administering the project. Rod presented the bid amounts and the staff recommendation is to SumCo-Eco Contract contingent upon them providing the approved material by this Friday. There was a former low bidder who Rod was first recommending but their sand material content didn't meet specifications. The project quantity of sediment to be bid is for 70,000 tons.

There was a question/comment by a Duxbury resident, Alicia Babcock who had concerns about where the material comes from etc. and was answered by Rod who stated that the material is pretested. He

explained the sand/gravel ratio and how it is mixed per Coastal Zone Management and the process of bidding to the residents. Another Marshfield resident, Joe Pecevich had a concern about the chemical analysis and Rod explained. A chemical analysis will be sought out as well as a sieve analysis.

MOTION: Robert Shaughnessy motioned to award Contract 2024-04 to SumCo-Eco Contracting, Peabody, MA to provide beach nourishment to portions of Bay Ave and Duxbury Beach in the amount of \$2,688,800 and authorize the chairman or designee, to sign the contract when the documents are prepared. Said award is subject to receiving approval by Coastal Zone Management for the material being provided. Should SumCo-Eco Contracting fail to provide the sediment material that meets specification by Friday December 15, 2023 by 12:00 PM SumCo-Eco Contracting's bid will be rejected and Duxbury Construction LLC of Kingston, MA the next qualified low bidder will be awarded Contract 2024-04 in the amount of \$3,200,000 and the chairman or designee is authorized to sign the contract when the documents are prepared. Said award is subject to receiving approval by Coastal Zone Management for the material being provided. Should Duxbury Construction LLC fail to provide the sediment material that meets specification by Friday, December 22, 2023 by 12:00 PM, their bid will be rejected and the Board will seek recommendations from staff to reconsider the matter at a future board meeting. Also Sieve Analysis will meet Chemical specifications of being clean.

Seconded: John Cusick

All in favor.

APPOINTMENT:

6:15 PM. *Kevin Sealund / Bridle Crossing Development off Ferry Street*

Darren Grady of Grady Consulting and Kevin Sealund were both in attendance to present new plan for the Bridle Crossing Development. Grady said that the parking and entrance have been redesigned and that the profile has changed dramatically. There is to be less gravel removed than in the previous design. He says according to the traffic analysis report there should be no impact on traffic although the number of units is 56. He presented plans of underground galleys and septic systems. All of the utilities like water, gas and electric will be underground. He said that safety is his primary concern. He wants to use color treatments to the crosswalk so that it will make it more visible to everyone to cross the Right of Way. He is seeking permission to access for drainage and access for truck routes using Clay Pit Rd rather than Ferry Street. There were many residents in attendance and many of them had questions/comments.

- Alene LaRosa of Birch Rd questioned its exact location.
- Deb Peterman of 39 Bridle Path wants to know if they need an easement to allow the company to access Bridle Crossing. There was some discrepancy that the agreement from the town was still in effect when Peter Armstrong proposed a development for the site several years ago. John Cusick says no, this is a brand-new subdivision so it should be treated as such. It is a deeded Right of Way according to Kevin Sealund.

Shawn Patterson suggested that the Board meet in Executive Session with Town Counsel before going any further and after hearing everyone's questions and concerns. Traffic, water supply, drainage, frontage, and schooling are among the residents' top concerns. Robert Shaughnessy stated that they need to schedule meeting with Town Counsel. John Cusick stated that there are many layers to this which we have to discuss.

- Laura Olson, 492 Ferry Street would like to know how could the plan get approval when the number of homes has jumped to 56 units. Project is more than twice the size.
- Kris McAuliffe, 121 Somerville Street thinks the proposed amount of gravel to be removed is not accurate for its size and also has concerns about child population/schools.
- Sue Turley, 455 Ferry Street is questioning traffic and where the road bends and that cars often hit her front yard. Dangerous corner. Any plans for any protection from traffic?

- Lori Dahlen, 93 Summer Street is concerned with the colorizing of pavement because of its negative effects on horses. She would like to ask that the Agricultural Commission be consulted regarding the design. Also she is angry that any fill is being taken out. She is also concerned about our water and if there is going to be a multi-million dollar bond to safeguard against contamination and the cost of cleanup. Also she wants to know if this project will be 40B for low income in perpetuity.
- Vincent Spicuzza 101 Ferry Street commented that the reason most of the residents live here is because of its quiet small-town feeling. He was also concerned about the schools being overrun and that the town's water supply could be affected. He is very much against the project.
- Mary Taylor of Grove Street is concerned about the capped landfill that abuts that 10 acres of land. Will the excavation disturb any of it? How many septic systems? Eight units is a large septic system over the aquifer. Sidewalks are also necessary on that very dangerous street and she is concerned about the amount of new traffic. She questions the traffic study given by the development team.
- Greg of 272 Ferry Street wants to know if we will get a hard count of market units vs affordable units. Who will be paying for damaged infrastructure caused by the construction of the project? He wants to know why this particular site is the chosen one when there is plenty of land elsewhere in town. Was the EPA consulted?
- Kenneth Blay of 1 Cranberry Cove is gathering information. Supposedly this site has already been denied for a 40B project because of the aquifer. He is also concerned with the effects on the schools. Are we going to fund schools to hire additional staff?
- Sy Carter, 191 Ferry Street is also concerned about the additional traffic. Where are the construction trucks going to go? Furnace Street is already very busy.
- Alene LaRosa of Birch Road, is against this idea for many reasons. She agrees that the horses could be affected, this project will take away the small-town feel and character of the town and poses significant safety issues for her kids using Bridle Path at those short, very busy crosses. She's also concerned with how the natural environment and wildlife will be impacted.
- Joe Pecevich of Wilson Rd, wants to know the basis for the remand. Signage or lighting issues? He is concerned about how the street cut would be.
- Deb Peterman of 39 Bridle Path wants to know if there have been any perk tests done in the area. She doesn't believe this is a good fit for this location. There is no infrastructure for it.
- John LaRosa of Birch Road is concerned about crime. Would like to know from Marshfield Police how comparative apartment living crime vs housing community crime is. He'd like to know some statistics.
- Judy Whitcher, 284 Ferry Street worries about the frontage and why does there need to be any dirt removed?
- Dorrie Reed, Upland Rd is curious and wants to know the next steps of this process. John Cusick said there is a Zoning Meeting tomorrow night on this issue.
- Property value of his house (Vincent Spicuzza) will go down.
- Bonnie Owens of Old Main Street wants to know if there have been other developers interested in this location besides for 40B or apartments.

At this time the Appointment was concluded and the Board continued with the meeting.

DISCUSSION

1) *Indirect Charges Discussion – passed over*

VOTE TO ACCEPT MINUTES – 11/13/23 Open Meeting Minutes

MOTION: John Cusick motioned to accept the open minutes as written.

Seconded: Diane Jordan All in favor.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Shawn Patterson spoke of ongoing projects including:

- Paving
- Small snow incident which was handled with no issue
- Finalizing generator in new building
- Checking garage doors and preparing for winter

NEXT MEETING – Scheduled for January 8, 2024

At this time John Cusick **motioned** to adjourn the open meeting of December 11, 2023 at 7:32 p.m.

Seconded: Robert Shaughnessy All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Coughlin,
Board of Public Works Secretary