

Approved 3/11/2024

**Board of Public Works
Meeting Minutes**

Date: February 26, 2024

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
Robert Galvin	Attorney/Town Counsel
Amy Coughlin	Board of Public Works Secretary

In attendance there were several residents of the community.

The meeting convened at 6:00 p.m.

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

Seconded by Diane Jordan All in favor.

ACTION ITEMS

1) Septic Haulers Permit Renewals

John Cusick read the following motion regarding the Septic Hauler permits.

MOTION: The Board of Public Works motions to authorize 2024 Septic Hauler Permits for: David Parry of Wind River Environmental and Jeffrey McKinnon of J. McKinnon Inc.

Seconded: Robert Shaughnessy All in favor.

2) Grease Trap Waiver for Hannah Sweet Cakes & Coffee

Shawn Patterson read the application for the waiver and the reason. The amount of grease being generated from the establishment is to be so small that the under-the-sink grease trap is deemed adequate for preventing an accumulation of grease in the sewer system. They also do not produce any fryolator grease.

MOTION: Robert Shaughnessy motioned to accept the Grease Trap Waiver for Hannah Sweetcakes & Coffee.

Seconded: Diane Jordan All in favor.

DISCUSSION

1) Crosswalks Beach Area

Shawn Patterson supplied documents stating the official rules of crosswalks through the federal D.O.T. Shawn stated the law which says that crosswalk lines should not be used indiscriminately and that they must meet ADA requirements. An engineering study should be performed before they are installed at locations away from highway traffic signals or STOP signs. John Cusick stated that he has received several emails from residents requesting crosswalks near Rexhame Beach in the areas of Standish Street and other neighboring streets. Diane Jordan also stated that she has also received an email requesting a crosswalk between Massasoit and Ocean Streets. Shawn told the Board that he will

visit the area with one of the engineers to determine if the request falls within the federal guidelines. John Cusick stated that this subject will be brought up again at the next meeting. At this time the discussion ended and the Board continued on with their agenda.

2) Enterprise Accounts

Shawn Patterson provided members of the Board some retained earnings figures for the three enterprise funds, including: Waste Water, Solid Waste and Water Departments. He has been meeting with the Town Treasurer and Michael Maresco weekly to go over the offsets of accounts and the Direct/Indirect charges. John Cusick would like to see the correct figures for the Indirect vs Direct charges as he wants to see how the numbers are distributed in the general fund. Shawn stated that he would try to have those figures ready to discuss at the next agenda.

3) Flooding on Country Way & Mayflower Lane

John Cusick opened up the discussion regarding the flooding issues on Country Way and Mayflower Street. There were several residents present stating this flooding has been a problem for a long time. Some stated that the flooding causes a safety hazard as its location is at a school bus stop. Shawn Patterson stated that he is aware of the problem and explained that in the spring there will be a draining rehab of the area and a re-paving project. He will begin by locating the main line that goes across Country Way and across Ocean Street towards the marsh to see how far it goes and jet it. He feels it would be plugged up and then they can repair it by replacing any old or damaged pieces. Following the drain repair, the workers will re-pave the whole area including the intersection. Shawn stated that there are a few side roads that he would like to be re-paved with the remaining Chapter 90 funds from the state. Shawn stated that the scope of the work will be a couple of phases but this drainage issue is the DPW's main priority. There will be a noticeable improvement but the other issues can be addressed after the flowing of water is fixed. Rod Procaccino, Town Engineer explained that dredging would have to take place following the initial project and it will require a Notice of Intent filed through the Conservation Commission to clean out the ditches plugged by phragmites and other material. This will be a process which will open up areas on the marsh. Shawn will be going with Rod to assess it soon.

4) Ferry Street 40B

The discussion began with Dave Carriere, former BPW member, reading a report that he compiled outlining the towns that have been in the same situation with 40B and have won their cases with the Towns. However, none have been reported to have had a PFAS-Aquifer controversy. He quoted several reasons how the PFAS issue should be addressed. Attorney Robert Galvin was brought in to determine which elements of the scope of work would be helpful to use in the DPW's argument. He spoke with the Board and the residents to give his recommendations of which locations should be studied by the Hydrogeologists, Environmental Partners. Galvin stated that the scope of work needs to be broadened to include the impacts to the salt shed and Sylvester Ray landfill areas. Rod Procaccino was present to hear Galvin's advice and mentioned that the scope already included impacts to the landfill but that he would add the impact to the salt shed as well. Robert Shaughnessy stated that the Board will determine where data gaps are and that there will probably be a phase two to this project. Dave Carriere also recited a town bylaw that requires all construction to be PFAS compliant. Galvin again reminded the group that if a developer finds the restrictions set by the town to not be economic, they can appeal to the state and do not have to comply, allowing the project to move forward regardless because it is a 40B.

VOTE TO ACCEPT MINUTES – 02/12/24 Open Meeting Minutes

MOTION: John Cusick motioned to accept the Open Meeting minutes of 02/12/24 as written.

Seconded: Robert Shaughnessy All in favor.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Shawn Patterson stated to the Board that most of the topics he wanted to address were already discussed tonight. His work/updates include:

- Paving Analysis to prepare for Spring
- Waste Oil Tank has been put into place
- Boy Scout to visit presenting finished Eagle Scout project at Magoun Cemetery

NEXT MEETING – Scheduled for March 11, 2024

At this time John Cusick **motioned** to adjourn the open meeting of February 26, 2024 at 7:15PM

Seconded: Robert Shaughnessy All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Coughlin,
Board of Public Works Secretary