

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Minutes of June 11, 2019

Present: Dave Lyons, Bill Tuttle, L.R. Favreau, Gregg Aubin, Deane Day, Geoff Donohue, Robert Brown, Arden Sonnenberg, Blaine Bershad, Cathie Ryan, Carol Rossi, Don Beyer, Catherine Beyer, Linda Oetman, Roger Oetman, Tim Corbett, Beverly Sanders, Walter Sanders, Ann Quill, Clayton Edwards, Fionuala Dullea, Lisa DeCiero

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm

Minutes of 5/21/2019 meeting were read and accepted.

Public Session:

1. Tim Corbett spoke to the subject of the water main installation on Lakeshore Drive. He is requesting the consideration of extending the line past the circle to include the potential of 25 more residences to tie into the town's water system. He stated that some of the residences have septic system issues and cannot put in wells. He asked what can they do as residents to get the tie in to occur; stating they will do whatever it takes to get town water. It was stated by the Board that the first phase of the project is for water fire suppression and that perhaps when the water line is installed there will most likely be some gates that will have stubs for water connection in the future. Tim Corbett stated he would create a petition in which to get everyone's signature in that circle area to agree that they want to tie into the town water system.
2. Carol Rossi asked how long will the project take to complete and that she would benefit the most from the project, grateful that it is coming in that far and would sign on. The project is expected to take 3 - 4 weeks.
3. Walter Sanders spoke to the 6" main pipe line that is in the specs for the project. He requested that it be changed to an 8" main. He was told by the Superintendent, Bill Tuttle, that he would take his request under advisement and will also inquire with Paul Lyons, Assistant Superintendent, of the feasibility of said size.
4. Roger Oetman inquired as to the cost per running foot of pipe to bring in the line and the cost to do the loop, stating he would rather give the money to the town to do the project. He was told by the Superintendent the price for parts was \$26,000 with the department doing the project themselves. The Superintendent stated it is a matter of manpower; rounding up people to get the job done this summer is the issue, along with money not budgeted to do the job and the prevailing wage rates as there are other projects that are scheduled ahead of this one.
5. Bob Brown spoke to the condition of Meetinghouse Hill Road. He stated that the road is collapsing and that he cannot use his driveway. He stated in the wintertime it freezes over and that the road is collapsing further up the street from #83. He stated that vehicles driving on that road are in danger of going into the side of the road due to the conditions. He stated that there should be a long-term solution for the drainage issue in that area. He requested that the department tars and patches the road for now as a short-term solution.
6. Clayton Edwards Mass Department of Agriculture Pesticide enforcer stated he has met with the Superintendent, Bill Tuttle, and he has offer to assist the department with a Vegetation Management Plan - VMP which is needed if treating with herbicides in order

to be in compliance. Clayton stated that the Board could have an adhoc committee of volunteers to create a VMP for review and approval by his agency. The VMP has 3 pieces: a 5-year plan that covers that time period, a yearly operating plan that is specific and detailed, and a sign off approval sheet.

7. Cathie Ryan volunteered to write the VMP. She has done technical writing in the past and has a sense of what is needed in the plan including looking at maps of protected areas indicating where spraying can and cannot be.
8. Blaine Bershad volunteered to help as well with the draft of the VMP stating there needs to be a long-term strategy for the DPW and the town including spraying performed by licensed applicators.
9. Fionuala Dullea stated the VMP has to be created and asked why a plan has not been implemented. The Superintendent responded that until Berlin had a problem it wasn't known that a plan had to be done.

A motion was made to create a committee as prescribed for the VMP with Cathie Ryan, Fionuala Dullea and Blane Barshad volunteering to be on the committee. Vote taken and passed 3 - 0.

10. Arden Sonnenberg came to state that she was the Board of Selectmen liaison to the DPW board and asked how best to fulfill the role in order to be helpful to the DPW board. She stated she met with the Superintendent to exchange ideas and the value of working together in some way with the board. She stated she would attend the DPW board meetings to learn about the department, the Board and to discover opportunities to work together. Arden stated she recently attended the Mass Municipal Management Organization meeting for newly elected Select board members. She indicated that the MMA could be a helpful resource and provide an opportunity for shared resources to get funding for unfunded mandates.

Superintendent's Report

DPW

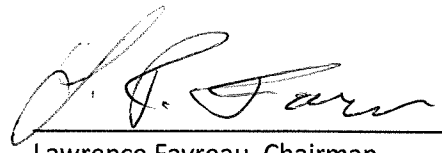
1. Closing in on finishing street sweeping in town with a few cul de sacs remaining.
2. Town beach set up this week.
3. A machine was available and rented the week of June 3rd to do the road cuts located at the beginning and end of overlays to be done on various roads.
4. The road cuts had to be filled in on Rte 62 with millings and work will be performed to raise manholes.
5. PJ Keating due in the middle to end of next week - week of June 17th starting on Holden Road.
6. A project request will be put together for signatures for Ch 90 roadwork on Rte 140 from Crowley Road to Dana Hill Rd including top of said road in which the 5,700 feet of roadway is totally coming apart. And Ch 90 roadwork for Beaman Rd to the Princeton town line. All these aforementioned locations will be milled and overlaid with a section of culvert work. The timeline for this project to be completed is before fall. The approximate cost of both locations for milling and overlay \$326,000 police detail is not included in the cost stated.
7. The DPW FY '19 budget ran short due to fuel and various invoices. A transfer of \$15,000 from DPW wages was put into DPW expense to cover these invoices.
8. Geoff Donohue Grounds and Fields Foreman stated summer staff is working out great.

WATER

1. Hydrant flushing is completed.
2. The water staff assisted with Memorial Day readiness.
3. Consultant for the Kendall Hill water main has been preparing the information for the project to go out to bid, the cost of the project is \$200,000.
4. A motion was made to accept the "Order of Taking" for the Lakeshore Drive water project, motion was seconded to accept. A vote was taken and passed 3 - 0.

Next posted meeting date: June 25, 2019

Motion to adjourn at 8:39pm



Lawrence Favreau, Chairman
Department of Public Works Board