

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Minutes of June 25, 2019

Present: L. DeCiero, Richard Maki, Cathie Ryan, Blaine Bershad, Arden Sonnenberg, Geoff Donohue, L.R. Favreau, Deane Day, Dave Lyons, Bill Tuttle

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm

Minutes of 6/11/19 meeting were read and accepted.

Public Session:

1.) Arden Sonnenberg thanked the department for mowing the West Sterling Community Center. She stated that in the future there is the interest to have town water service brought into the building. She asked what does it take to get that done. Bill Tuttle, Superintendent, stated if there is town water at said location there would need to be septic and some sort of heat as well as insulation, which does not currently exist, in the building. Arden stated that the Board of Selectmen, in the next 3 to 4 weeks, will be working on goals. She asked if the DPW had anything to submit in regards to goals for the Board of Selectmen. She requested if so to please email or call her. Arden asked if the DPW have goals outlined and where would those goals be outlined in order to share them with the residents to be informed. She asked if there was a specific project plan which outlines which roads are scheduled to be paved, the short term and long term goals for such and how does a resident find out about the department goals. It was mentioned by Larry Favreau, Board Chairman that the Chapter 90 funding may depend from year to year which can make it hard to stick to a plan. The Superintendent explained that the funding tends to change every year. He added that the biggest problem is the roads that were built were not for this volume of traffic which occurs today and therefore roads disintegrate. Arden stated citizens have expectations therefore how do we explain the situation so that they will understand. She stated having a little bit of information for residents reference as compared to no information would be helpful. The Superintendent's response was the town had a five-year road construction plan in the past but things come up and we had to change the plan, which could cause the predicted road plan to be behind. Lastly, Arden informed the DPW Board that she has been trained by Sterling Lancaster Community Television on operating a video camera and taping a DPW Board meeting here on site. Deane Day thanked her for her great ideas she expressed to the Board.

2.) Cathie Ryan stated that by coming to the Board meetings she is made aware of the work the department performs including the obstacles and has an appreciation for what the department does.

Superintendent's Report

DPW

1.) P.J. Keating will be onsite Thursday June 27th at 7am with two paving crews to do work on Holden Road, three sections of Princeton Road, and the top of Beaman Road. The Superintendent stated the department has work to do to get ready for it. He further stated catch basins on Holden Road will be raised and that Rte 62 needs to be fixed but doesn't know how to do it. Additionally he stated that the department doesn't have the crew to do

the work this week because of the fiscal year end Friday June 30th therefore, employees are taking time off in order to avoid losing accrued vacation/personal days. Deane Day stated there is \$1.6 million dollars of road work coming therefore stop something to get the preparation work done.

- 2.) Justice Hill Road project the plan is to start Justice Hill Road overlay project at the end of August
- 3.) Rte 140 project request mill and overlay at Beaman Road to Princeton Road minus the little Princeton section and Crowley Road to Legg Road. The Superintendent stated the project request has been signed by the DPW Board and it was sent to DOT. He indicated that when the project request is approved by DOT and is sent back to the DPW, the project can go out to bid and hopefully the project can be performed in the fall before winter. The Superintendent stated that the last time this area was milled and overlayed was in the 90's by the State.
- 4.) Tennis Court Reconstruction the DPW helped with a few things at the site. It was grinded and pulverized as well the fence was removed and the department got rid of the concrete. The Superintendent stated there is 12 feet of gravel under the tennis court and he stated that the drainage trench behind the tennis court is absolutely totally unnecessary. He went on to state that because of the gravel there - no water influence on tennis court. It was stated that after 40 years it has never heaved. Money was approved at town meeting as well as application for a grant for this project.

WATER

- 1.) Kendall Hill Road bid replace water mains from water tank to Chamberlain Road. The bid packages are due back by Wednesday, July 17th 2019 at 11am at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud.
- 2.) Tank Cleaning Midco Diving Services has completed the cleaning and inspection of Kendall, Osgood and Tuttle tanks. There were no apparent issues. A full report will be provided to Paul Lyons, Assistant Superintendent with the details.
- 3.) Meters have been read for the July '2019 billing cycle. Bills are scheduled to be mailed end of next week.
- 4.) Lakeshore Drive update waiting on signatures and residents to sign off on it. Squareshire Road has a 6" water main which it would tie into. New subdivisions require 8" water main. Deane Day stated make it an 8" line by using a piece to connect the 6" Squareshire line to the 8" Lakeshore line.

Deane Day stated he received complaints requesting:

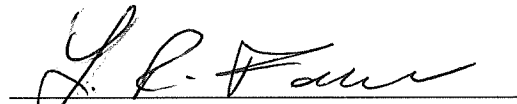
- 1.) a yield sign on Park Street when going up Meetinghouse Hill Road. Meetinghouse Hill Road has the right of way.
- 2.) A stop sign at Olde Parish Lane when coming out onto Meetinghouse Hill Road.
- 3.) Deane Day is requesting yellow markings be painted and No Parking painted on roadway from the corner of Maple St to in front of the Old Town Hall to the curb.

Larry Favreau stated:

- 1.) on Boutelle Road at the Cemetery there is a dead tree in the back corner. He is requesting after the road paving projects have been completed that the removal of this tree be put onto the priority list.

Next posted meeting date: July 9, 2019

Motion to adjourn at 8:10pm



Lawrence Favreau, Chairman
Department of Public Works Board