

Board of Public Works

Meeting Minutes

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Members Present: Steven Santos, Thomas Haluch, Guilherme Rodrigues, Barry Linton

Members Absent: Alex Simao

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Also: Stephen Frederick

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At 2:00 PM Mr. Santos called the meeting to order in the Public Works conference room located a 198 Sportsman's Road.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPOINTMENTS – None

#### CORRESPONDENCE

The meeting began with Mr. Santos reading correspondence from the Board of Selectmen approving the request from the Ludlow Cultural Council to use the Riverwalk for their event on April 7, 2018 and April 8, 2018. Mr. Frederick said that they were requesting a couple of portapottys and some zip ties for the art work they would be mounting along the rail system of the Riverwalk path.

#### DIRCTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Frederick began his report with the Nick Silva Field. Final prep is shaping up well and we will be ready for the first course of pavement in the Spring, and we will see how quickly we will want to put on the top course of pavement before football season. We will also have to do some grading to make it easier for the mower to operate around the plant area. It would make the plant area look better. Mr. Santos said that if we get in there after the frost, we can pull the poles from the guard railing up, get it paved, put the berm on, put in guard rail, then landscaping, then we can put the top coat on.

Mr. Linton arrived at 2:09 PM.

Regarding the beaver dam over by Brookhaven, Mr. Frederick said they have trapped some beavers, but they are not sure if they got them all. The dam has been breeched. They will keep an eye on it to see if there is any more activity there.

Mr. Frederick spoke about walking along the river and looking for the manholes along the river. There is a lot of brush that needs to be trimmed out. The manholes should be marked ahead of time. He will try to get numbers as to how much it will cost to do this project. Eventually they could be on the new GPS system.

Mr. Frederick said that the oil tanks permits should be signed this week and then they will be going to Mass Tank for proper disposal. Mr. Santos said that they will be taking out the one at the First Meeting House and the one at Whitney Street Playground.

Mr. Frederick said that on Chapter 90 Funds. He will be working with Amy to close out some of the older accounts. We have \$743,000 in there. Miller Street will be about \$400,000. After the holidays we can add some streets to the list. Mr. Santos said he had some preliminary numbers for some street projects. Ludlow is doing well on the accepted roads through the years. Mr. Frederick asked what we have been doing on the LED street lighting. Mr. Santos said he does not think that Eversource has even approached Ludlow on that issue.

Mr. Frederick said that on the Sweeper, he sent out to Tri State some questions to be answered. Some things are not available, so we need to find out what alternatives can be utilized. There was some discussion by the Board members about whether or not we should go with the rebuild or buy a new sweeper. Mr. Santos said he will go to Capital on Thursday and present our concerns on this issue and see what they say.

A motion was made by Mr. Linton, seconded by Mr. Rodrigues, to accept the Director's Report as read. The Board voted All in Favor.

Mr. Santos said that the Board members had copies of Mr. Goodreau's and Mr. Batista's reports as requested. Mr. Santos said some of the contractors hit some of the catch basins and Watergates during the last snowstorm. They will fix them before the next storm. They reported to the Fire Department about a tank they removed. Mr. Santos asked Mr. Batista to keep track of all the overtime and what we use salt and tonnage and the hired contractors. Mr. Haluch would like to have those reports signed. Also, when we sign permits, they should be signed legibly.

#### NOTES AND COMMENTS

Mr. Santos said under Athletic Fields for mowing and fertilization. Mr. Santos had copies of the maintenance and the fertilization contracts that were sent out in 2009 for each of the Board members. The schools will take over their fertilization, we will help with the mowing. If you can get some comments together, we can get them to Mr. Frederick to work on this winter. We will have to look at our budget to see how much we can do.

Chapter 90 Reimbursement Requests were signed.

Non--Emergency Permit Review. Mr. Frederick said on East Street, they will try to do that tomorrow. Also, the one near Oscar's on East Street, was taken care of. On Hubbard Street that will be done this week.

INVOICES – None

Next meeting on January 2, 2018.

At 3:23 pm, Mr. Linton made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Rodrigues. The Board voted All in Favor.

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