

Board of Public Works
Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2018

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Members Present: Stephen Santos, Alex Simao, Barry Linton, Thomas Haluch,
Guilhermo Rodrigues

Members Absent: None

Also: Steven Frederick

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

2:00 pm – Columbia Gas of Massachusetts to discuss proposed gas main installation on Miller Street. Marty Kulig represented Columbia Gas. He said he had spoken with Mr. Frederick regarding DPW plans to pave Miller Street and was asked to come in to discuss proposed gas main installation. His department does the planning of work. Mr. Santos gave a history of what had transpired to date regarding correspondence and phone conversations about this. Mr. Kulig said that last year they did some test digs to see what must be done to bring the gas line back up to pressure. These will be done by mid April. . Mr. Santos said that they were told that last year. Mr. Kulig said that they also want to run a second line to run parallel to the high pressure line to run a lower pressure to the homes. They need to do an additional 15 test digs that will be done before the fall. Mr. Simao asked if they do not meet their deadline, will Columbia Gas be financially responsible to pave the roadway from Ventura Street to East Street? Mr. Kulig said he will ask and email a response today. Mr. Kulig said the contact person is Dave Nelson.

CORRESPONDENCE

906. Letter from Patti Niedzialek regarding sewer/septic issue at 40 Alfred Street. Mr. Santos read the letter to the Board. Ms. Niedzialek purchased the house, and her Agreement said the house had sewer. She has now found out that she is on septic. She is looking for an abatement or credit, as she had been paying sewer bills since she purchased the house and is looking forward to hooking up to the sewer. Mr. Frederick

has a copy of the letter. Mr. Simao made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rodrigues, to send a letter to not grant an abatement or credit to her account, along with a copy of the rules. The Board voted 4—1 in Favor, with Mr. Linton abstaining.

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PROJECTS

Director's Report.

Columbia Gas Meeting – Already discussed.

Snow Storm – (Tuesday – Wednesday) Nor'easter. Prepped for snow storm. Not as aggressive here. Mr. Batista and I will get together and discuss any hiccups this winter.

Sewer Sampling – M/M edited contract was submitted. Florence worked through the agreement and work is already being scheduled.

Fertilizer Bid – Mr. Frederick submitted 5 companies to Amy K. The vendors have been sent bid packages. No ad in Register and no local advertisement needed for this type of service.

Audit – Melanson Heath was in Wednesday reviewing requested document. There was only 1 outstanding question.

Chapter 90 – Updated balance as submitted. Prepping a TM article to pay for outstanding costs that were not eligible for reimbursement by MassDOT. There was one project on Poole Street that was slightly off, and we got that squared away. Mr. Frederick will start paperwork to close out old Chapter 90 projects that had balances left over to put back into our usable monies

Mr. Simao made a motion, seconded by Mr. Haluch, to accept the Director's Report. The Board voted All in Favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Sweeper Update –No update.

Chapter 90 – No update.

BOD/Suspended Solids Update – Mr. Frederick sent out quarterly report to the Board. He will add the Flow numbers.

Tree Clearing for Sewer Right of Ways Update – J. Goodreau working on this. No update.

New Cemetery on Center Street Update – No update. Priority for Mr. Frederick. He will send Mr. Goodreau out there.

Chicopee Sewer Project Update – No update.

Snow & Ice Report – No new numbers.

Truck Maintenance Forms – No advancement.

PW-2 Vacancy Advertisement – (2 vacancies) Mr. Frederick wills it with Mr. Batista to discuss this further. Also PW-1 vacancy, can we rehire PW-1 or is this position gone?

6 Wheeler Update – No update.

Mott & MacDonald Update – Will have contract shortly to sign.

Transfer Station Fees – No update.

Putts Bridge Fence Repair – No update.

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NEW BUSINESS

Construction Within the Public Way – Fee Structure. Mr. Simao requested this. Mr. Frederick to resend another copy to the Board, we can vote at the next meeting.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Cemetery Commitment – February. \$3,750.00.

Drainlayers' License Application – Complete Septic Service. Jason Lafleur. Mr. Simao made a motion, seconded by Mr. Haluch, to call the references, with the approval of the Town Engineer. The Board voted All in Favor.

Sewer Abatements – Mr. Simao made a motion, seconded by Mr. Linton, to approve the sewer abatements. The Board voted All in Favor.

Minutes –12/18/17 – Mr. Linton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Haluch, to approve the minutes of 12/18/17, with Mr. Simao being absent. The Board voted 4-1 in Favor with Mr. Simao abstaining.

Invoices—Mr. Haluch made a motion, seconded by Mr. Simao, to sign the Invoices. The Board voted All in Favor.

Mr. Haluch had a question on clear cutting of trees in subdivision. Is it a \$50.00 fine? If no one is following the guidelines, how do we enforce them? Mr. Santos said there needs to be someone there in place to enforce it. Mr. Linton asked if Mr. Goodreau could look over the regulations and get back to the Board with what he finds. Then the Board will know where we stand, so we can decide what can be done. Mr. Santos will

get copies of the Regs and Subdivision Rules to the Board. Mr. Frederick will ask Mr. Goodreau to come up with some direction and options for the Board.

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Next Meeting will be April 2, 2018 at 6:00 PM.

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At 3:30 pm, Mr. Linton made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Simao seconded the motion. The Board voted All in Favor.

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NOTES ACCEPTED:

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