

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
MEETING MINUTES

July 30, 2018

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

Members Absent:

Also Present: Steven Frederick

Mr. Haluch called the meeting to order at 06:00 pm. All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Haluch acknowledged Mr. Charest. He had correspondence to discuss but he is at meeting and would like to address his problem. Mr. Haluch read letter. Mr. Charest shared a before & after picture of the flooding on Woodside Drive. He thinks pipe between his house & neighbor's is not adequate. Also thinks retention pond on Pinewood needs to be cleaned up. Mr. Haluch said they received letters from Baystate Environmental stating the system was working properly. Mr. Frederick said the amount of rain we recently had was going to put the catch basin systems over capacity. Mr. Charest said the water cleared up the afternoon/evening after it rained heavily. Mr. Simao asked if we have an easement to do any work? Mr. Frederick said yes. Mr. Haluch asked Mr. Frederick if we can get out there. Mr. Frederick said Jim & Ken have been out there but it needs to be inspected and cleaned.

APPOINTMENTS:

WestMass to discuss Riverside Drive. Eric Nelson would like to set up a regular schedule in the future (maybe twice a year). He met with Mr. Frederick last summer when they were putting together the grant application. Most recently brought in HealthSouth, a keep them in town project. Proposed project is consistent with master plan approved in Spring 2012. They have gone through MEPA process. They have applied for a MassWorks grant. Award letter was received in October. Mr. Linton asked if the existing buildings will be sold. Mr. Nelson said there is a possibility. Mr. Linton asked if he expects the Town of

Ludlow to plow their road for their rental property. Mr. Linton said @ the meeting about the Riverwalk he was told we would have nothing to do with it. But DPW is mowing it and dumping the rubbish and removing dog poop. Mr. Linton is in favor or WestMass selling properties for tax revenue vs. DPW taking care of rental property. Mr. Nelson asked him to take 2 Million tax revenue into consideration. Construction process is not costing the Town any money. The end result is economic development. Mr. Simao asked when the 2 Million tax revenue will start. Mr. Nelson said to date so far they have paid 1.8 million in revenue. Mr. Linton asked what will be expected of our engineering department. Mr. Nelson said the Town Administrator has made it abundantly clear that there be funding for it. He does not expect to over burden him. Mr. Santos asked if the fire protection system that the Mills had is off line. He said there is a back up feed that is no longer in there because there is adequate pressure. Mr. Haluch asked if there was other engineering firms considered for the design. Mr. Nelson said it has not been designed yet. It is conceptual. Mr. Haluch said we've been running into subdivisions being built and our budget getting smaller, but we've become responsible for maintaining them. Mr. Nelson summed up funding. They have 3.5 Million, have applied for another 3.5 Million from Federal Government. Haven't heard yet.

CORRESPONDANCE:

Letter from Jim & Patti Nascimento regarding town property that is overgrown near 432 Lyon Street. Mr. Haluch read letter. Mr. Linton said there is a 20' easement into the town forest. Mr. Frederick will put it on the list.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Cady Street Sewer Project. Still waiting for contract but hears it's coming. Open Positions. Had interviews, conducted post interview discussions, had reference checks. Recommendations for one PW-3 and two PW-2's. The PW-2's are pending CDL. Mr. Santos asked how the job listing was sent out. Mr. Frederick said the job qualifications were on the job listing, but it might be tough to find someone with all the qualifications. Mr. Santos concerned about candidates not having certifications we are looking for. Why would we hire them? Mr. Frederick said we would train them, and also cross train employees we already do have. Mr. Simao said they held interviews and feels they picked the best 3 candidates that were available. Mr. Linton motion to hire Domingos Goncalves for PW-3, Joshua

Fuller for PW-2 and William Thompson for PW-2, both PW-2's with a 6 month probation for their CDL-B. Mr. Simao second. All in favor. Center Street Project. Still no defined schedule. Trees are taken down and they are starting with the catch basin drainage work by Sewalnd crew starting sometime this week. Still no utility contract. Columbia Gas starting in on their work.

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Dog Park. Mr. Frederick went out there after the last big rain we had and everything did pretty well.

Tree work. Mr. Frederick sat down with Kenny last week to discuss how we are going to proceed with tree work outstanding. Steve, Kenny & Gregg will work on getting a priority list together. Mr. Frederick contacted an arborist with a lot of experience out of Pelham. He is on vacation, will call back next week. Could be an asset. Mr. Haluch asked what the policy is for stump grinding.

Inter-municipal sewer agreement with Chicopee in the Bluebird Acres area off of Cady Street. Mr. Santos asked that Mr. Frederick send to BPW for review. Board to look @ and comment.

Job descriptions. Mr. Simao asked Mr. Frederick to ask Carrie for most recent job description.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sweeper is up & running. McKinley got swept and we will be doing the millings. On Taft also. Nothing on Putts Bridge. Mr. Frederick says football is starting on Wednesday @ Nick Silva Field. We have to cut grass and work on line striping. Nothing on 6 wheeler yet. Tower Road borings. Route 21 cemetery, no more update. Mr. Simao motion to accept directors report. Mr. Linton second. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Rodrigues - Birch/Oak Street catch basin is undermined.

Mr. Linton - Can we finish Grimard Street next Spring? We should have an article at the fall town meeting. Nothing scheduled on Miller Street yet.

Mr. Simao - Chapin Greene pipes coming out into the street. Jimmy & Kenny have been out there to take photos. We need to send them a letter about having an equalizer pipe.

Mr. Santos - Is the I&I study done and submitted? Waiting for 4th quarter results from Springfield Sewer. Dominic on vacation. Tree clearings for right of ways has not been sent out to bid yet. Ventura Street. Will meet with Kenny tomorrow

about warranty work. East Street water main break by Uncle Bob's is caving in again. Have SWSC come out to take a look. Howard Street drainage. Mr. Simao - Sewer along state street condition. Speak with David Goncalves. Mr. Haluch - Celebrate Ludlow went well; however, for the last 18 years DPW brought over picnic tables and trash barrels and sweep road heading in and now handicapped parking area. None of that happened this year. Hopes we're not as delinquent with Festa. Mr. Frederick said there was no coordination meeting but we did end up mowing some stuff.

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Mr. Rodrigues motion to adjourn meeting. Mr. Simao second. All in favor

At 7:30 Mr. Simao made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Rodrigues second. All in favor.

NOTES ACCEPTED:

Thomas Haluch

By J R

Amy Kuntz

Clerk