

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
MEETING MINUTES

March 26, 2019

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Members Present: Thomas Haluch, Bill Rodrigues, Barry Linton, Alex Simao, John Davis

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Ken Batista, Amy Priest

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

APPOINTMENTS: Thomas Gamelli to discuss Old Coach Circle pavement condition. Mr. Haluch suggested overlaying at the same time as Rood Street. Mr. Simao suggested Kenny get prices for Old Coach, Fox Hill and third one in that area. Board agreed to use budget funds and get it done this year.

REORGANIZATION OF BOARD: Mr. Rodrigues nominate Mr. Haluch for Chairman of BPW. Mr. Haluch accepted. All in favor. Mr. Rodrigues nominate Mr. Linton for Vice Chairman. Mr. Linton accepted. All in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from Cheryl Sevivas regarding Piney Lane road condition. Town only owns first 500' of the road. We have been maintaining as part of public safety only. Chapter 90 funds are not available to that road. Mr. Haluch asked Kenny to get a hold of Town Counsel (Rose Crowley) to see what our legal obligations are on that road.

Letter from Safety Committee regarding placement of a "Blind Driveway" sign @ 82 Center Street. Mr. Linton said we're just waiting for Selectmen to approve.

Letter from Safety Committee requesting the Planning Board provide an update on Pioneer Valley Commission traffic study of the intersections of Fuller, Cherry and Cady Streets. Mr. Simao motion to file. Mr. Linton second. All in favor.

Letter from Safety Committee requesting the Board of Selectmen conduct a professional review and traffic study of the intersection of Rood, Church and Fuller Streets. Mr. Simao motion to file. Mr. Rodrigues second. All in favor. Mr. Linton nominate Mr. Simao to continue on Safety Committee. Mr. Simao accepted. All in favor.

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INTERIM DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Sanitary sewer quote for Route 21 project. Mr. Batista estimated \$170,000 left in budget. Mr. Simao motion to approve \$42,795 to come out of budget for project. Mr. Rodrigues second. All in favor. Pot holes are patched @ the underpass on Sewall Street. Eversource/Northern Tree coming into town to clean up decaying, hazardous trees. Kenny has a list of 450 trees marked. We will have to grind the stumps later. Resident @ 102-104 Highland Ave made an illegal curb cut on Birch Street. Sent a registered letter with no response. LPD tried to contact, but they are out of the country. LPD asking if we would like to pursue criminal charges for damage to public sidewalk for restitution. Mr. Linton motion to move forward with Police Department's recommendation. Mr. Simao second. All in favor. Bluebird Acres intergovernmental sewer project. Chicopee wants to move forward with the project. Kenny suggests forwarding to Town Counsel to review. Mr. Simao wants to confirm that the money we receive will go into the sewer enterprise fund. Kenny will verify. Mr. Linton motion to move forward with project and send to Town Counsel for review. Mr. Rodrigues second. All in favor. Mott MacDonald estimate for work is \$6,300. Mr. Linton motion to pay Mott MacDonald bill. Mr. Simao second. All in favor. Park fertilization. Agreement ended November 15, 2018. Administration working on new specs to seek quotes. 40 Simonds Street. Water still accumulating in driveway after reconstruction years ago. Thinks we'll have to put a yard drain in. Construction within the public way permits available April 1. Hot mix is also available. When new sub divisions are built, Columbia Gas not putting laterals on one side of the road. They will have to cut pavement. Sub divisions will have patches all over them. Mr. Haluch asked to bring Columbia Gas and representative from Planning Board to a meeting to discuss. Two new mowers are needed for Cemetery and Parks Departments. Kenny will get prices for next meeting. Estimating \$12,000-\$14,000. We can check state contract or go out to bid. We have not heard anything back from Capital Improvement on request for mower. Mr. Haluch asked to order head walls for Rood Street project. Kenny said

he would bring the grade of the whole road up 18". Mr. Haluch asked about pot holes. Kenny said he has crews out now. Mr. Simao motion to accept Interim Director's Report. Mr. Rodrigues second. All in favor.

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OLD BUSINESS: Town Engineer Position. Mr. Simao said previous vote was to put article on town meeting. Mr. Haluch said Town Counsel wanted articles re-written. Mr. Rodrigues motion to rescind previous vote. No second. Mr. Linton said we could bring in Mr. Suprenant as a temporary position and still continue with articles for town meeting. Mr. Rodrigues motion to interview Mr. Suprenant for a temporary position. Mr. Davis second. Vote 4-1, Mr. Simao against. Mr. Haluch asked Mr. Linton & Mr. Simao go coordinate with Amy Priest to change articles (retain article with Engineer stamp and get rid of article for Director with stamp). Also, to coordinate meeting with Ellie. Mr. Haluch received correspondence from HR about Assistant Engineer hours of work. Mr. Simao said Board should all receive copies of outgoing correspondence. Board reviewed spreadsheet of garage crews' licenses. Mr. Rodrigues said Board voted to give new hires 90 days to get licenses, not 6 months. Mr. Simao asked for updated budget balance for next meeting.

Next meeting Monday February 1, 2019.

At 7:23 P.M. Mr. Simao made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Linton second. All in favor.

NOTES ACCEPTED:

Bill Rodrigues

Amy Kutz
Clerk