

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

MEETING MINUTES

May 7, 2019

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

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Members Absent: None

Also Present: Ken Batista, Amy Priest

Mr. Haluch called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPOINTMENTS: Lee Winterton, 6 Circuit Ave, regarding Electric Park area flooding. Mr. Batista states there is drainage but it cannot handle the water in that area. Mr. Haluch said the Board will gather all information and go look @ the problem and try to come up with a plan to fix the problem. Mr. Winterton asked for DPW to fix the pot hole & sandbar @ the end of property. Mr. Winterton will be put on agenda for next meeting to follow up on progress.

INTERIM DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Rood Street set for pavement on Thursday. Deroche & Helene on Friday. Auburn Street to be started tomorrow. Sewer lateral repair in front of 430 Center Street (auto repair shop next to McDonald's). 27' of asbestos concrete pipe. Compass was hired to abate asbestos pipe. Fletcher camera-d both directions to make sure there was no other failure. Crack Seal is in town. They did Elm, Maple, Howard, Chapin. Looking to spend under \$50,000. We can have them back in after July 1 with new budget. Kenny got a hold of Turf Products about the Sand Pro. Mechanic thinks there might be an adjustment to speed it up. New machine is about \$30,000 under MA State Contract. HiWay Safety will grind off first application of line painting on Holyoke Street that did not take due to the cold weather. They will re-line. Mr. Haluch asked about the scarifier. Kenny said it would be on the Sand Pro as an option. Kenny & Mike should demo it. Mr. Haluch asked if Royal Moores old house is tying into the condo line. Kenny said Yes. Mr. Linton asked about the fertilizer bids. Kenny said they are over at Ellie's office. There was a question about the bid deposit and

prevailing wage was not attached. Mr. Linton asked about the other bids that were re-done. We should get the pavement markings ready to sign. Mrs. Priest said Ethics Commission cannot give us an answer about a third party without their authorization. We need to send a letter to Steve Santos asking him to give permission to answer our question. Mr. Simao asked for update on tree cutting. Kenny said we have service reports but have not touched trees in about a month. Northern Tree is working for Eversource. Our crews have been on Rood Street. Mr. Simao asked about Mr. Nascimento on Lyon Street. Kenny said he was out there today. Mr. Simao motion to accept Interim Directors report. Mr. Linton second. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Haluch said Director/Town Engineer position was just waiting on remaining reference checks. Mr. Simao asked if we need to have a contract for Town Counsel to look at. Mr. Haluch said it is a temporary position. Mr. Rodrigues motion to bring him in once all paperwork is cleared. Mr. Davis second. All in favor. Rob Sanderson, PW-2, was given 90 days to get his CDL after he was hired. Carrie extended to 6 months. To date, he has not gotten it or is in the process. Mr. Rodrigues motion to terminate employment and re-post job. Mr. Davis second. Vote 4-1, Mr. Simao against. Ken will notify both Mr. Sanderson and union tomorrow. Mr. Simao asked for updated budget for next meeting. Mr. Rodrigues asked for blacktop on Rood Street and Pine Knoll. Kenny asked if he should continue to sign permits until new director is on board. Mr. Haluch said Yes.

At 6:52 P.M. Mr. Linton made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Simao second. All in favor.

NOTES ACCEPTED:

Jim

Bob 3/2/2

Amy Kuntz
Clerk