

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
MEETING MINUTES

May 21, 2019

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

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Members Absent:

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 regarding Electric Park area flooding. Kenny said one option is to unblock the swail. Another option is to improve the drainage, which is on private property. Conservation going there June 1 for a site inspection. Mr. Winterton met with them last week. He will walk with them and meet with Board @ next meeting.

Kevin Ferriter requesting removal of Public Shade Tree @ 63 Maple Street. States tree is hollow. Kenny will have Northern check to see if it's hazardous. Mr. Linton motion to remove tree. Mr. Simao second. All in favor.

CORRESPONDANCE: (954) Letter from Manuel Cheria regarding vehicle damage due to a pothole on West Ave. \$284. Mr. Simao motion to send to insurance company. Mr. Davis second. All in favor. (955) Letter from Robert Shea & Sons General Insurance Agency regarding mailbox damage @ 158 Genovevo Drive due to a snow plow. \$1,200. Kenny will take a look @ the mailbox. Amy will send letter to homeowner letting them know we are looking into it. (956) Letter from John Phelps regarding vehicle damage due to loose bricks in the road @ 506 Holyoke Street. Mr. Linton motion to send to insurance. Mr. Davis second. All in favor.

INTERIM DIRECTOR'S REPORT: 153 West Avenue. 2 sewer blocks over the last several months caused by paper towels in the main. We camera-d her pipe and the lateral and it is fine. Check valve suggested. Homeowner asking if we would be interested in participating in the installation of it. In the meantime we will check the main every other week. Mr. Linton says we already have 2 claims in and it's just over paper towels. Palmer Paving will mill Kendall, Deroche, Helene and

Auburn Streets after Memorial Day. We are waiting for Chapter 90 request on Rood Street. Will also have the top put on that street. Office of Travel & Tourism grant received. \$90,000 for Chapin, Fuller, Cherry, Cady Street intersections and \$100,000 for sidewalk replacement. Money must be spent by June 30. Mr. Simao said he and Steven Frederick got the information to Representative Petrolati and got it going. Amy to send letter to Representative Petrolati to say Thank You. Electric Park drainage issue. Kenny says we do not have an easement. Homeowner has granted conservation to go in there. Dam inspections. Mott MacDonald did not feel they could give a price. We will reach out to engineering firms for quotes to prepare the study. It will take 10 weeks and must be done by December 31. Sanitary sewer replacement on Center Street. Work is over \$10,000. It has to go out to bid. Developer of Avelino Way came in looking to complete the project. Needs top on the road, some sidewalk work, some trees need to be planted. Between now and the next meeting can Board members drive by and take a look? They want to go in fall to Town Meeting for acceptance. Kenny said it was paved at the same time as Rosewood. Fertilizer quotes came back last week. Lawn Tech is low bidder. \$17,957 for all the same work as last year. Town Hall has contract with different vendor to do their work, so we took that out of our quote. This year we added Island Pond as an alternate for \$10,000. Total for Lawn Tech is \$28,000. Mr. Linton motion to award parks and cemetery fertilization bid to Lawn Tech. Mr. Rodrigues second. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS: Town Engineer/Director position. Human Resources will not give a recommendation in writing. Cori check and background check came back ok. Mr. Haluch said he thinks HR position is that she would not hire him. Amy Priest said she spoke w/ Ellie who spoke w/ Town Counsel who said it is not necessary to enter into a contract. Mr. Linton motion to hire Mr. Suprenant and have 3 month review in executive session. Mr. Rodrigues second. Vote 4-1. Mr. Simao against. Mr. Haluch suggested Friday @ 2:30 meet and greet.


Minutes signed. Cemetery commitment for April is \$9,100. Approximately 50 plots left in Island Pond. Mr. Linton asked for report of how much money is available to spend on the new cemetery. Amy will meet with Town Accountant. Scarifier was demo-d. Ok to purchase. Mr. Simao asked about FY20 annual bid. Mr. Linton motion to award all bids except those Steve Santos bid on. Mr. Davis

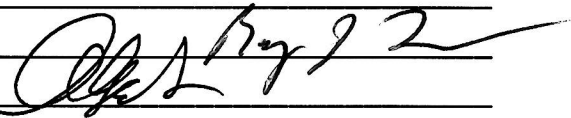
second. All in favor. Mr. Linton asked about getting Director/Engineer position through properly at Town Meeting. Re-write job descriptions for both and go to Finance Committee. Mr. Rodrigues asked about employee that has not gotten step increase in over a year. He got last step increase, but not the one before. It happened under Mr. Frederick. Mr. Suprenant will go over it with Kenny. Steel plate is still on Colonial Drive. Mr. Davis asked about a truck being in the Memorial Day Parade. Kenny said a couple guys will come in to set up and then put a couple trucks in.

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At 7:05 P.M. Mr. Davis made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Rodrigues second. All in favor.

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