

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
MEETING MINUTES
June 18, 2019

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

Also Present: Ken Batista

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

APPOINTMENTS: John St. Sauver, 327 Chapin Street. No show.

Cristina Ribeiro of West Ave. Sewer has backed up into basement twice. Kenny said reason for back up is someone is introducing paper towels into system (something you would find in a commercial building). He has been checking it on Mondays and Fridays and there is consistently paper towels in the invert. No issues found with pipes, lateral or main. Ms. Ribeiro is looking for participation from the Town to install some type of a flapper valve. Mr. Rodrigues asked for 2 additional quotes for repair. Mr. Simao motion to resolve problem, pending quotes are not outrageous. Mr. Linton second. All in favor.

Noreen McIntosh, daughter of Donald Clement, of 429 State Street. Her father has called regarding a tree with carpenter ants and roots growing into driveway. Kenny said he has been out to look at the tree a few times. It is a public shade tree. There is no issue at this time. Also complaining about trash and weeds on the side of the road along State Street. Kenny said we rely on court services for those issues and we get a crew once a week. Kenny will look @ service report again. Resident only requested tree be looked at for carpenter ants, no mention of roots or branches. He will take another look & determine if trimming would satisfy the situation.

Caracas Construction. Asking to finish Avelino Way subdivision. He would like to schedule overlay of road. It has been 7 winters. Caracas did address every issue on Jim's report from 7 years ago. Mr. Simao said he drove by and road looked like crap. Mr. Linton drove by and saw a giant pot hole and elongated cracks. Mr. Linton thinks it needs to be reclaimed and start over. Mr. Haluch agrees. Mr.

Haluch asked for motion to reclaim road. Vote 4-1, Mr. Rodrigues abstain, Caracas said that's not what he came to meeting for. He is not going to reclaim it. He will rip it up and repave it, but not reclaim it. Mr. Simao asked for Town Engineer to go out and look and come back with a report.

Lee Winterton. Flooding in Electric Park. Since last meeting, Kenny had hump installed @ the end of his driveway. On June 3, Ken & Jim met with an engineer that Conservation hired. Engineer is working on a full report to come up with a resolve. DEP is involved and will do a follow up report. Mr. Winterton says the environmental engineer says the problem is upstream at a gravel bank. Kenny said that there is only a preliminary report. Board said Selectmen's office is in charge of permits for gravel pit, not DPW. Mr. Winterton said the drains are covered in poison ivy. Kenny said he was out there today and they're clear. Kenny said he jetted and cleaned out the lines and basins on Circuit Ave. Board will wait for official report from Conservation and continue with next step at that time.

CORRESPONDANCE: Letter from Valerie Messina, 55 Deer Hill Circle. Mailbox damage by snow plow. Mr. Linton motion to pay \$50 for mail box repair. Mr. Davis second. All in favor.

Letter from Sheila Dias, 1363 Center Street. Tree trimming request. Kenny will send a crew out to take a look. Mr. Linton said the Safety Committee has something else to look at. 1550 Center Street. Needs roadside mowing. Kenny said the machine is in need of welding. Mr. Simao said Randall Road needs to be cut back also.

Letter from Kim Batista, Town Clerk, requesting Town Election banner to be hung on Putts Bridge in March annually one week prior to Town's annual elections. Mr. Linton motion to provide DPW services to hang banner as indicated. Mr. Rodrigues second. All in favor.

Letter from Pasquale Ferrante. Pot holes on Pleasantview Street. Kenny will look into.

Letter from Omason Modeste. Car damage due to pot hole on Randall Road. Mr. Simao motion to send claim to insurance company. Mr. Linton second. All in favor.

KENNY'S REPORT: Letter sent in from resident about mailbox damage on Genovevo Drive, discussed at last meeting. Kenny went out to look @ it. Request of \$1,200 is for reconstruction of entire mailbox. DPW to send letter to homeowner advising damage was not caused by snow plow and it will not be reimbursed. Helene, Deroche, Auburn and Kendall Streets all have top on now. Some shoulder work and driveway aprons still needed on Helene, Deroche and

Auburn. A driveway may need to be done on Auburn. Kenny will get some pricing. Kendall Street needs pavement markings. Anticipate they will be here next week. Hoping for top on Rood Street by July 1. Started stationing out and off setting McKinley Street. Wants to do McKinley, Nash Hill and Bondsville Road in next group of street projects. Have to put together a Chapter 90 request for Miller Street. Mr. Haluch asked to add Taft and Coolidge Streets. Finance Committee looking for DPW representative to attend meeting tomorrow night to discuss transfers. If Mike Suprenant cannot make it, Mr. Haluch will attend. Gomes completed sidewalk work on the grant we got. Spent close to \$100,000. Did Warsaw Ave, Winsor Street and a small piece of East Street. Mike Pietras is preparing report for Circuit Ave. Mr. Simao asked about street lines and crosswalks. Summer help is working, one employee hurt outside of work and will be out for 3 weeks. We have 5. Mr. Nascimento on Lyon Street is done. Mr. Simao asked about tennis courts in Whitney Park. Kenny said we have had inquires about pickle ball lines on the courts. He is trying to get quotes to paint the courts. Last estimate to repair courts was over \$30,000. Testing not done on Tower Hill Road. Flooding on Holyoke Street by Red Barn needs drainage repair. Tree that fell in upper lot of park on West Street has been taken care of. Mr. Simao motion to accept Interim Director's report. Mr. Davis second. All in favor.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mike Suprenant unavailable to attend meeting tonight. He sent in a report. Appropriation transfers sent to Town Accountant. There are 3 cemetery conceptual plans. Would like to schedule a workshop and site visit with the Board before a plan is accepted. Change order for additional sewer work on Center Street has been signed by Jack Goncalves & Sons, MA DOT and Mike Suprenant. Work may take several weeks. Riverside Drive RFQ. There will be a 10:00 a.m. pre-bid conference on June 19 @ Ludlow Mills. He will attend. Tait Street headwall culvert has pulled away and fallen into the brook @ 49 Tait Street. Excavator will be required. Fair Warning on Disciplinary Policy memo was distributed June 14. No one disagreed. Mr. Simao motion to accept Director's Report. Mr. Rodrigues second. All in favor.

Correspondence from Mr. Santos' lawyer. It should be sent to Town Administrator and Town Counsel. We will follow whatever course of action they tell us to take. Mr. Simao motion to award annual town bid contract to Mr. Santos. Mr. Linton second. Vote 4-1. Mr. Davis against.

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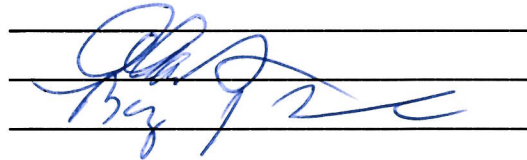
Contracts Signed.
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Cemetery report for month of May \$9,575.
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Mr. Simao asked about air conditioner in the office. It has not been finished. He also said the rails @ the transfer station look like they need a lot of work. Kenny is going to get a price to fix. Mr. Linton said the crosswalks were brought up at the Safety Committee. The one @ Cherry & Fuller Streets needs to be done. They also want to move the crosswalk @ Walgreens up to the corner. They also want to put a bigger stop sign or flashing sign on the corner of Rood/Center Streets. Asked Kenny to price out. Mr. Rodrigues asked about sidewalks on Canterbury and Newbury Streets. There is a piece that is dangerous. There is a catch basin on Rood that is too high. Mr. Davis asked about water patch on Rood Street. Kenny will call Springfield Water.

At 7:35 P.M. Mr. Simao made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Linton second. All in favor.

NOTES ACCEPTED:




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