

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

MEETING MINUTES

July 30, 2019

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

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Ken Batista, Mike Suprenant, Amy Priest

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

APPOINTMENTS: Vitaliy Gladyshev to discuss sewer connections for new construction on Focosi Lane and Cady Street. Kenny brought to Board's attention last week. Mr. Haluch does not want to go through easement. There have been issues in the past. Kenny suggested extending 50' or 75' and straight cutting out to the Town main. Mr. Haluch said the Town could supply piping and supplies (a manhole), contractor would do the excavation and rest of the work (paving). Kenny said we would issue permit for building purposes only before sewer work is done. Kenny will have to go out and find elevations. Mr. Linton motion to buy pipe and manhole and issue permit for building purposes. Mr. Simao second. All in favor.

Derek DeBarge, Chairman Board of Selectmen, to discuss field maintenance. Mike Almeida, Parks Department Foreman, provided list of duties. Mike said we contract out for fertilizer, but they have only come once so far. Kenny said they owe us 4 applications, and because of the heat they have been unable to come again. Mr. DeBarge asked if the DPW needs to do some hiring to staff the departments. Kenny said we currently have 6 summer kids. Mike said we are down to 5. And one was injured for 3 weeks. Also, in 3 weeks we will be down to no summer help and 4 guys. It will get busy because we will add lining of the fields. Mr. DeBarge said they will have a quicker than usual Capital Improvement meeting so that we can purchase the scarifier. Mike and Kenny need to get confirmation to verify if Mike can spray pesticide under one of our 2 guys that are currently licensed. Kenny said that since Whitney Park is a childcare facility, we cannot spray when in session. Mr. McBride said that the issue is not the general public but when a program holds a license. Mr. Simao told Mr. DeBarge that the Town needs to do something to get fields back, since we are losing some. Mr. Simao asked to find out how much money is left in the account for Nick Silva Field. Need to use it to get field ready for football season. Mike Almeida says dog

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park @ Camp White looks done. Will DPW be responsible for maintaining? He will take Mike Suprenant over to take a look at it.

Sean McBride for status of Butler Building. Wants to know why it hasn't been emptied yet. Mr. Simao suggested that since Board already noted to give the building back to park, that we empty it out and figure out later what to do with the Parks Department equipment. Mr. Simao asked about goal posts still @ Chapin Street. They belong to LYSA. Mike Almeida asked if Mike Suprenant had been informed of the issue a couple weeks ago with 2 guys. Mr. Batista said he emailed Mr. Suprenant and they will address it when he returns from medical leave.

CORRESPONDANCE: Letter from Sheila Dias thanking DPW for trimming trees @ 1363 Center Street.

Letter from Valerie Messina requesting appeal of the BPW decision regarding damaged mailbox @ 55 Deer Hill Circle. Mr. Haluch asked to send letter to resident letting her know she would be reimbursed \$50 only.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mike Suprenant said he will begin interviewing for PW-2 position when he returns next week. He has also been working on cemetery plans

KENNY'S REPORT: Ms. Ribeiro West Ave sewer problem update. Resident looking for update on insurance claim. We have not had any more issues. Markings Inc came in and did restoration work and crosswalks in time for school to start. Did some work on Center and Sewall Streets and area by Whitney Park. Total of \$32,500 to come out of budget. They also did Chapin & Miller Streets after our paving last fall for an additional \$9,500 to come out of Chapter 90 funds. Still waiting for Highway Safety to finish their work on Holyoke Street. Markings Inc also did some corrective work on Ventura Street at their expense. DPW still has some crosswalks to do. Update on Center Street. Kenny has been trying to get a hold of Mark Shea. It should be buttoned up for winter. Varandas did some sidewalk repair on East Street, and the driveway on Center/Pell Streets. Also fixed a piece of sidewalk on Howard Street and the self-created driveway on Birch Street at the entrance of Highland Street. Newbury and Canterbury Streets cost estimate for sidewalk is approximately \$22,000. Mr. Simao motion to approve money for project. Mr. Linton second. All in favor. Will probably do it after Labor Day. Kenny asked if Board if Miller Street mill and shim can come out of budget (\$52,000). Remainder will have to come out of Chapter 90. Board agrees. Kenny

would like to schedule crack sealing for East, Lyon, Arch Streets and West Ave for mid September. Would like to use Chapter 90 funds (around \$40,000). Seaboard drilling performed testing on Tower Road. They will provide a report for next Board meeting. They do not think there is ledge there. New pump for Chapin Street pump station arrived. Kenny would like to let Weston & Sampson know we are not interested in them providing service and contact McVac to install and quote 2 others. Mr. Linton motion to contact McVac and 2 others for quotes. Mr. Davis second. All in favor. Mr. Rodrigues motion to accept Kenny's report. Mr. Davis second. All in favor.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Linton motion to approve Michael Hastings step increase. Mr. Simao second. All in favor. Mr. Linton said money was approved at Town Meeting to extend sewers on Grimard and Motyka Streets.

NEW BUSINESS: Sewer connection done @ 677 Chapin Street. We marked out according to plans and contractor found the lateral (w/ Fletcher) with camera elsewhere. Because our records were not accurate, Kenny thinks we should pay the bill for \$500. Mr. Simao motion to pay bill for Fletcher for the work. Mr. Rodrigues second. All in favor. Kenny also thinks we should look into purchasing our own camera. They are approximately \$8,000. Mr. Rodrigues asked when they will overlay Cady Street. Kenny said Town Council will hopefully have a draft of an agreement within a week. Mr. Rodrigues also asked to have the guys clean up around the buildings, between fences and out back between the garages. Mr. Haluch asked about the bill from Beta for additional engineering services for Chapin Street (\$10,600). Mr. Simao asked to have Jim Goodreau review it.

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

NOTES ACCEPTED:

Clerk *Amy Kutz*