

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
Meeting Minutes
March 01, 2022
Board of Public Works Conference Room

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Members Present: Stephen Santos, Keith Ouellette, Alex Simao, Daniel Soares, John Davis

Also Present: Ann Converse, Kenneth Batista

At 6:00 PM Mr. Santos called the meeting to order. All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

CORRESPONDENCE:

#1074 – Tracy Burns – Request for reimbursement for damage to a vehicle due to a pothole. Ms. Fontaine states that she hit a pothole on Friday February 11th on East St. Ms. Fontaine submitted pictures of the tire and a receipt for the repair. A motion was made by Mr. Simao to send claim to insurance company, seconded by Mr. Davis. Vote 5-0 all in favor.

#1078 – Evan O'Brien – Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum – Commemorative marker for Aaron John Miller at Fuller Cemetery. Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum would like to install a commemorative marker for Aaron John Miller at Fuller Cemetery for participating in the Boston Tea Party. A motion was made by Mr. Ouellette that we send a letter to Evan O'Brien with approval of placing a permanent commemorative marker for Aaron John Miller at Fuller Cemetery, seconded by Mr. Simao. Vote 5-0 all in favor.

OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Work Assignments – This past week crews have been patching pot holes on a daily basis. We have also completed additional tree service reports throughout the town. We are continuing to clean up the yard. There are two employees in the garage completing equipment repairs as needed in the absence of our mechanic. We were out pretreating roads ahead of last week's storm as well as salting and snow plowing during the storm. We also had private contractors in to assist us with the snow removal operations.

Sroka Lane, Justina Circle and Vienna Avenue – Mr. Batista is asking that the Board members go out and look at the condition of these streets. Mr. Batista feels they are beyond patching. Mr. Santos asked Mr. Batista to get some preliminary numbers together for repair without the drainage.

West Street Bridge – Tran Systems is putting together an action plan for the West Street Bridge based upon their inspection. Springfield DPW paid Tran Systems \$9,800.00 for this inspection. They have not asked us as of yet to split this cost.

Mr. Batista received an email from a resident inquiring about the possibility of extending the sidewalk on Fuller Street from Kendall Street to Cardinal Circle. Mr. Batista to look into it to see if it is even possible, there might not be enough land.

Mr. Ouellette made a motion to file the Operations Supervisor Report, seconded by Mr. Davis. Vote 5-0 all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board to approve and sign the meeting minutes of August 31, 2021. A motion was made by Mr. Soares to sign the meeting minutes of August 31, 2021, seconded by Mr. Simao. Vote 5-0.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Board to sign the agreement between the Town of Ludlow and Suez Water Environmental Services, Inc., for the pump station operation and maintenance services. The Board approved the agreement at their last meeting. Board members signed the agreement.

Board to discuss trash removal contract – current contract expires June 30, 2022 - Updates that will be made to the current bid are number of single-family homes will change to 7,100. Waste disposal for residents will change to 71,000 tons, trash 5,500 tons, paper/cardboard will change to 800 tons and plastic/glass will change to 650 tons. Also, containers can't weigh more than 50 pounds. Discussion was had on the pick-up of trash at four family homes. There have been seven or eight four family homes where the owners have complained as to why they can't have their trash picked up. The current contract limit is a three-family home. A motion was made by Mr. Soars to change the max to four family homes, motion denied. Discussion was had to include in the RFP an option for automation including barrels. A motion was made by Mr. Ouellette that we add an option for automation and to include a 35-gallon barrel, seconded by Mr. Simao. Vote 5-0 all in favor.

NOTES AND COMMENTS:

The Board signed invoices.

Chairman signed the Cemetery Commitment for February 2022 in the amount of \$15,450.00.

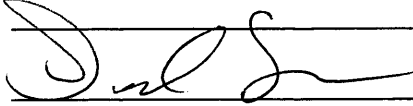
6:45 P.M. Board to enter into executive session

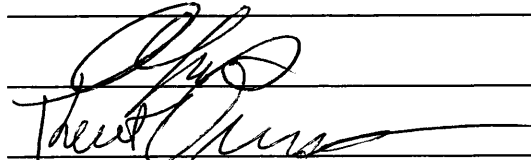
Pursuant to G.L. c30A, sec. 21(a)(1), to discuss the reputation, character, physical condition, or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against a public officer, employee, staff member of individual.

Motion was made by Mr. Soares to enter into executive session at 6:54pm and not return into public session, seconded by Mr. Simao. Roll call – John Davis Yes, Keith Ouellette Yes, Dan Soares Yes, Alex Simao Yes, Stephen Santos Yes

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NOTES ACCEPTED:





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