

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2022
Board of Public Works Conference Room

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Members Present: Stephen Santos, Daniel Soares, Alex Simao, Matias Gonçalves

Member Absent: Keith Ouellette

Also Present: Kenneth Batista

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

#1097 – John N. Valcino, Esq. – Request for reimbursement for damage to his vehicle due to a pothole update. Matter was tabled from last meeting, Mr. English reached out to Mr. Valcino asking for more documentation. Mr. English still has not received requested documentation, or a response from Mr. Valcino. A motion was made by Mr. Simao to table the matter until the next meeting, seconded by Mr. Soares. Vote 4-0 all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

2022-2023 Winter Season Snow Plowing Rates – Mr. Batista provided the Board Members a worksheet showing the hours the hired contractors worked over the last ten years and how many storms there were. Mr. Batista took an average of all the years; it averaged out to about fifty hours a year per contractor. Mr. Batista composed a sheet showing the snow plowing rates that other towns are paying for this upcoming year. Mr. Batista provided the Board Members a new proposed rated sheet for the Town of Ludlow to get us competitive with the surrounding communities. A motion was made by Mr. Soares to increase the rates as proposed, seconded by Mr. Simao. Vote-4-0 all in favor.

The rate for untreated rock salt this year is \$78.70 a ton, Morton Salt was the low bidder at \$78.70 a ton and was awarded the bid.

Board to sign contract for new boiler installation at Whitney Street Park Clubhouse – Will have to hold off on signing the contract. Mr. English reached out to A Plus HVAC, Inc. there were discrepancies in their quote. He received a new quote they are no longer the low bidder; the abatement was not included in the original estimate. Alves Fuel is now the low bidder. In the last meeting Mr. Ouellette made a motion to sign the contract for A Plus HVAC he will now have to rescind his motion. Mr. Ouellette was absent so it will have to wait until the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on the New Cemetery – Everything was fine graded this week, all the entrance blacktop was removed. Palmer Paving will put down the binder. The tank will be pulled out, crushed, and disposed of. Mr. English reached out to Mr. Strange asking what the best way would be to get the public involved in naming the new cemetery. Mr. Strange responding stating that we could involve our new PR firm for this.

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Update on the use of entryway of Island Pond Cemetery – Mr. Batista did some measurements for the purpose of possibly extending graves on the left side of the cemetery. He calculated that sixteen rows could be added with twenty-seven graves per row for a total of four hundred thirty-two graves that number is with removing trees. If the trees remain it could possibly reduce the number of graves by thirty percent.


Update on Milling and Paving of Moratorium Roads – Mr. English reached out to Springfield Water & Sewer, they are working with their contractor to get a paving schedule. Once we receive the paving schedule, we will release permits.

NOTES AND COMMENTS:


The Town collector would like to send a notice to all residents that have a delinquent trash bill. The notice will read: The enclosed trash bill covers period 07/01/21 – 06/30/22 and remains outstanding. Total amount due must be paid in full by September 30, 2022. Effective October 1, 2022, your trash will no longer be picked up. A motion was made by Mr. Simao to let the Collector send the notice to all delinquent trash bill customers, seconded by Mr. Soares. Vote 4-0 all in favor.

Motion was made by Mr. Simao to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Goncalves. Vote 4-0 all in favor.

NOTES ACCEPTED:









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