

Present:

Mark S. Nunes, Chairman
Manuel Branco, Clerk

Lee M. Azinheira, Vice Chairman
David T. Hickox, Director

Carlos Cardoso, WPC Plant Manager Steven Sullivan, Superintendent Water & Sewer Division
Paul Pacheco, Superintendent Services & Infrastructure

The Chairman called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 a.m.

ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made by Mr. Azinheira and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to approve and accept the warrants for the bills payable for the period ending September 20, 2012. So voted.

A motion was made by Mr. Azinheira and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to approve and accept the payrolls for the weeks ending August 31, September 7, and 14, 2012. So voted.

APPOINTMENT

Hearing – Request to remove Maple tree approximately 9” in diameter from property abutting 11 Louthan Kirby Way

The Chairman opened the hearing in conformity to M.G.L. Chapter 87, Section 3 (Public Shade Trees). Mr. Hickox informed the Board that the resident requested the removal of tree within the right-of-way abutting 11 Louthan Kirby Way. The hearing was scheduled and advertised. The Chairman recognized Mrs. Sirup. Mrs. Sirup explained that her husband and she are planning to install a two-car garage and driveway and the tree would be in the way and its roots are already lifting the pavement. Mr. Hickox agreed that the tree has grown in an odd shape. The Board members agreed that the tree was an obstruction with no value. Mrs. Sirup added that they are planning to plant a small ornamental tree in their yard once the building addition is complete.

The Chairman asked if there was anyone else present that wished to speak in favor of the tree removal. Hearing none, he asked if there was anyone present that wished to speak in opposition of the tree removal. Hearing none, the Chairman closed the hearing at 7:35 a.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Branco and duly seconded by Mr. Azinheira to authorize the removal of the Town tree abutting 11 Louthan Kirby Way by a licensed tree removal service at the abutters/owners’ expense. So voted.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion on pavement management services

Mr. Hickox reviewed the scope of the proposals for pavement management services. He noted that he met with representatives from BETA Engineering and SRPEDD.

A motion was made by Mr. Azinheira and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to accept the proposal submitted by Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) for pavement management services in the amount of \$5,038.74. So voted.

NEW BUSINESS

Correspondence from resident of 2 Springhill Road regarding request for reimbursement for materials used to facilitate rainwater accumulation

The Board discussed the request for reimbursement for materials used to correct a rainwater accumulation issue at 2 Springhill Road. Mr. Branco voiced that although he believed the request was reasonable, work within the public right-of-way requires a permit and the resident should be made award of such.

A motion made by Mr. Azinheira and duly seconded by Mr. Nunes to approve the request for reimbursement for material cost in the amount of \$430.00 to correct a rainwater accumulation issue at 2 Springhill Road with the stipulation that the reimbursement request amount was approved due to its extremely low cost and that the resident shall be notified that work within the right-of-way requires a permit. So voted.

Fiscal Year 2012 Statement of Revenues, expenditures – Solid Waste Enterprise Fund – CIP Request for Annual Town Meeting/June 2013

The Director noted that the trash bag revenues have been stable over the last three year and the base rate is adequate enough to allow for capital improvements. A brief discussion on the gauge of the current SMART bags and alternatives including full automation of solid waste ensued.

Discussion regarding merits and disadvantages of adopt and island program

The Board discussed weed/maintenance for landscaped roadway islands, in particular Faunce Corner Road. The members felt strongly that the Department of Public Works should continue to maintain islands and pursue a weed spray license to assist in the effort of combatting weeds. Also, they agreed that the Town Planner should be asked to assist in planning a more cost effective and maintenance free landscape to maintain. Mr. Branco suggest that the Town work out an agreement with the Sheriff office for the maintenance of Faunce Corner Road

Discussion on light duty assignments including duration of such

Mr. Hickox reported that at a recent Workers' Compensation meeting the subject of duration of light duty assignments was discussed. The Board members agreed that the intent of light duty is to temporarily accommodate an employee needs so full duty can be reached. They agreed that a temporary accommodation should not exceed 90-120 days maximum in duration and the language should be incorporated in the union contract so that it is clear for all parties.

SIGNATURE DOCUMENTS

The Board members signed the following signature documents: *Joint & Crack Sealing Various Roads in the Town of Dartmouth, Solar-Powered Circulation Equipment for the Smith Neck Water Storage Tank*

OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman asked those present if they wished to discuss any other business that morning.

Having no further business to discuss that morning, at approximately 8:35 a.m. a motion was made by Mr. Azinheira and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to adjourn the meeting. So voted.

Respectfully submitted:
Michelle L. DeFranco, Administrative Assistant

Approved: 11/29/12