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MEETING MINUTES**

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A motion was made by Mr. Azinheira and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to reject all bids received for the Reed Road Water Main Project. So voted.

Discussion regarding Water Pollution Control Operator I position

The Director reported that the position has been vacant for approximately four years due to the reassignment of one employee to the Water & Sewer Division. With the pending plant rehabilitation, the need to fill that vacant operator position is increasing.

A motion was made by Mr. Azinheira and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to approve the filling of the vacant Water Pollution Control Operator I position. So voted.

Discussion regarding inserts to water bills for Massachusetts Environmental Trust license plates

Mr. Hickox informed the Board members that he received a call from Susan Lanza of Massachusetts Environmental Trust (MET) regarding a request to insert information about environmental themed license plates in the utility billing. Although MET would pay for the insert and the extra cost associated with mailing, the Board felt it would start a precedence in providing a mailing service for outside agencies and thus did not approve the request.

Discussion regarding inspection of ocean outfall piping

The Director related to the Board that over the past couple of years the Department has received infrequent reports that the manhole is surcharging at the entrance of Salters Points. This is the location where the outfall pipe switches from pressure to gravity before making its way out to the bay. By the time the Department gets the call and responds, the problems has subsided. Apparently, there has been a change to the outfall piping over the last few years. The Director requested an underwater inspection of the outfall. The Department will seek a request for engineering proposals to provide specification for the work and a cost analysis for the work.

Discussion regarding light duty work assignments

Mr. Hickox informed the Board that Town Administrator and he met with the union regarding the item. He related that the union's position was that they are opposed to light duty citing that an employee could reinjure themselves and it is not fair to other employees. The Board members voiced their opinions on having light duty for a limited time as an option. They remained in agreement with their previous decision of limiting light duty details to 90-120 days.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman recognized that Ms. Jennifer DeMelo, a resident of Ryder Street, was present. He added that he received a phone call regarding the condition of Ryder Street and a request for temporary repair while the residents are waiting for its repair through betterment after Town Meeting. He noted that the residents did receive the 2/3 vote necessary to move the Article to Town Meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Azinheira and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to have the Department of Public Works make temporary repairs to the potholes on Ryder Street. So voted.