

Present:

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Lee M. Azinheira, Chairman  
Manuel Branco, Clerk

Mark S. Nunes, Vice Chairman  
David T. Hickox, Director

DARTMOUTH TOWN CLERK

Carlos Cardoso, WPC Plant Manager  
Paul Pacheco, Superintendent Services & Infrastructure

Steven Sullivan, Superintendent Water & Sewer Division

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

**ACTION ITEMS**

**A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to accept and approve the warrants for the bills payable for the period ending October 22, 2013. So voted.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to accept and approve the payrolls for the weeks ending September 27, October 4, 11, and 18, 2013. So voted.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to approve and accept the Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2013, as amended. So voted.**

Mr. Nunes also requested that Jennifer Frates, the new recording secretary, make the meeting minutes be a little more descriptive. So noted.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Highway Garage Roof Bid – Reject all bids**

Mr. Hickox explained that an appropriation was made for \$140,000 to do the Highway Garage Roof and replacement of the windows in the old building. In 2003, the Allen Street garage roof was replaced with an aluminum roof and he felt that a similar roof could be done at the Highway garage and it would last a long time. Using those specifications in the Highway garage bid, the proposals came in much higher than the appropriation. Mr. Hickox recommended that it go back out to bid but change the specifications to an asphalt roof. The current roof is in poor condition and is over 25 years old. Unit prices have gone up dramatically which could be the reason for the high proposals received.

**A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to reject bids in the Highway Garage Roof IFB. So voted.**

**Reed Road\* – Water Frontage Fee**

Mr. Hickox recommended to the board that the water frontage fee be increased. The increase would follow the same protocol that has been used in new water mains such as Beeden Road between

Old Westport Road and Reed Road and more recently Reed Road from the Industrial area north. Taking the project cost and backing out the anticipated revenue based on the number of services the department provided, assuming over time they all connect, the frontage fee was based on the historical figure of \$7.50 a foot. Looking at that revenue and recouping a projected amount of about 50% it comes to \$22.00 a foot. It is an optional fee if they decide to connect. If they do decide to connect they still have to pay the \$2,000 fee to connect the water.

**A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to accept the frontage fee of \$22.00. So voted.**

On the topic of Reed Road, Mr. Hickox wished to bring up the issue of the THM and the dead end main and water quality. Recommended looking at an operational evaluation to see what can be done out in the area. The one thing that comes up in past evaluations is the loop from the tank at Old Fall River Road into Hixville Road. In the past Mr. Hickox has sent correspondence to David Cressman and Deborah Wender, who are working with the Cecil Smith Landfill, and explained the background on this issue and why it is important. As he continues to look at the different options, this loop is one component. It will not solve the THM problem completely; however, it is one of the components. Mr. Hickox to send correspondence on behalf of the board to Mr. Cressman requesting that the water main loop be paid by the developer of the landfill if this project goes through. If it does not go through we have to think about putting this on our CIP, it is something that needs to be done sooner rather than later.

Mr. Branco felt that if anything happens to that landfill, Boston Environmental should pay for the extension which would be a great benefit for the Town. Boston Environmental is planning to cap the landfill and should be the one responsible to pay for it.

Mr. Nunes would like a letter to go out stating that if a project moves forward that the board is behind the developer paying for the expense.

Another option is to bring the loop back to 12 inches because the demand is not there as expected from the master plan which was developed in the late 1970's early 1980's. Mr. Azinheira asked if the people who have the 8 inch get the same benefit as the people who get the 16, why should the people who front the 16 have to pay more? Mr. Hickox explained that it depends on who puts the main in. If the main is put under betterment then they would pay the betterment. We are not putting the main in.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **M. Soares Excavating, Inc.**

Mr Hickox wanted to bring this to the board's attention because the infraction that took place a year and a half ago still hasn't been resolved. The Board met with the contractor when it first happened and discussed authorizing a temporary license to finish the work and consider rescinding the fine however Mr. Soares was never heard from again. The restaurant has been in operation well over a year, grease trap has never been tested, Mr. Soares is nowhere to be found and town has no recourse to collect this fee because he doesn't own any property in his name. The fine for \$1,000 was issued and never paid.

Mr. Azinheira requested a letter to him personally not to the company.

Mr. Hickox also notified the board that we have the ability to increase the fine.

Mr. Azinheira explained that we would have abated the \$1000 if he pulled a permit and done the process correctly.

Mr. Nunes pointed out how difficult it has been to collect the initial fee and suggested that perhaps we could force his hand in other places.

Mr. Hickox has will be issuing another letter to Mr. Soares personally. The only other recourse would be to turn it over to legal counsel.

### **APPOINTMENT**

The final thing is 35 George Street. The engineering drawings show we are not discharging water into his property. Any buildup is due to his driveway has to do with it being relatively flat and it has pockets.

Mr. Nunes expressed concern that we keep readdressing this same issue after a decision has been made by the board. The property owner hired an impartial engineer and land surveyor whom provided new documentation which is the reason that the board has been requested to look at this issue again.

**A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to recess at approximately 8:00am until 8:15AM.**

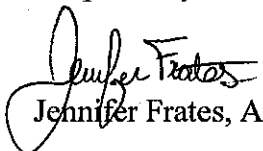
#### **At 8:15 AM – 35 George Street (site visit)**

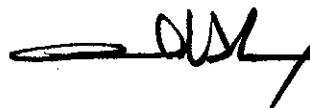
Upon further review at the site by the board members it was determined that the area would be reshot by our engineers to get an accurate drawing on the elevations.

Having no further business to discuss that morning, at approximately 8:30 a.m. a motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to adjourn the meeting. So voted.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

  
Jennifer Frates, Administrative Assistant



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