

Present:

Lee M. Azinheira, Chairman
Manuel Branco, Clerk

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

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

David Cressman, Town Administrator

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

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3:15 pm
DARTMOUTH TOWN CLERK

ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made by Mr. Branco and duly seconded by Mr. Nunes to accept and approve the warrants for the bills payable for the period ending November 14, 2013. So voted.

A motion was made by Mr. Branco and duly seconded by Mr. Nunes to accept and approve the payrolls for the weeks ending October 25, 2013, November 1, and 8, 2013. So voted.

A motion was made by Mr. Branco and duly seconded by Mr. Nunes to approve and accept the meeting minutes of October 22, 2013, as amended. So voted.

NEW BUSINESS

VHB Agreement – Chase Road and Old Westport Road

The Director briefed the board on the project. A "Project Need" form has already been submitted to the state and they have acknowledged this intersection as a project. VHB did the preliminary study and have recommended a traffic light rather than the alternative plan of a roundabout. Moving forward with the design of the intersection there are a number of concerns, for example one of the takings on the corner will require a retaining wall design.

VHB provided a contract amendment for developing the survey and the takings which will cost approximately \$16,000. The second contract amendment would cost approximately \$75,000 which would be for the design of the intersection and traffic lights. Mr. Azinheira showed concerned of the percentage that VHB is requesting and felt that it seemed high for this \$430,000.00 project. Mr. Hickox will be speaking to VHB to negotiate a lower fee.

Request for Water Main Extension to Service Westport Development A&M Associates

After the board voted, Mr. Hickox met with the developers again and they expressed their concern of the public water supply needed to service the site which is a brownfields site. Mr. Hickox explained that it does not change anything and that the Town's priority is to meet its own demands first.

A motion was made by Mr. Branco to deny A&M's request to connect to the Dartmouth Water system, Mr. Nunes second. So voted.

Water Management Permit – Discussion on Permit Modifications

In conjunction with developing the new Panelli Wells, a Water Management Act Permit had to be submitted. Mr. Hickox informed the board of a couple of changes; first, the performance standard has been revised from 15% to 10% for Unaccounted Water. Secondly, the residential gallons per day performance standard have decreased from 80 to 65.

The first and second changes are not an issue for the Town; however, the third, seasonal limits on non-essential public water use restrictions, will be a potential issue. Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Hickox met with the DEP engineer putting the permit together and expressed their concern with the impact the standard will have on water revenue. Although water conservation is promoted, ultimately, the town is in the business of selling water and is dependent on its revenue. Mr. Hickox recommended the calendar trigger which would run from May 1 – September 30 with non-essential use being restricted from the hours of 9AM-5PM. The goal is to get people to use water during a time that it makes sense and conserve during the day. Mr. Azinheira requested a flyer to educate people on this information. Mr. Hickox agreed with the use of the flyer and added that the information will be on DCTV and the Chronicle.

Deferral Renewals

Mr. Hickox recommended the board approve the following annual deferral renewals;

98 Willis Street

601 Reed Road

107 Adams Street

A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to approve and accept the deferral renewals for the above listed properties.

OLD BUSINESS

35 George Street – Engineer's Report

Mr. Hickox informed the board that the engineers have gone out and the results have not changed. At the end of the driveway there is a depression where water will deposit and drain to the grass. The elevation of the sidewalk does appear to angle towards the driveway due to a Cape Cod berm. Mr. Nunes feels that if the elevations are off then we owe it to the resident to get it repaired. The solution suggested by Mr. Hickox would be to cut out the apron from the edge of the road to the interface of the driveway. There was discussion that this may not solve the problem due to the driveway being relatively flat and having pockets.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Nunes asked if Potter Street is complete. Mr. Pacheco notified him that it is on the list to get done.

Mr. Hickox informed the board that out of the three (3) loaders in the highway division, 2 have let go this week. One has a transmission that needs to be replaced and it is a costly repair. The second loader has a head gasket it has not been determined if it can be repaired. We do need to repair at least one by winter. The cost for the transmission would be approximately \$22,000. In the case of an emergency, we could rent from outside vendor or borrow from WPC.

Mr. Branco reminded Mr. Pacheco of the catch basin on Emerald Drive. Over 15 years ago the town paved the street and as a result water goes into the basement.

Having no further business to discuss that morning, at approximately 8:10 a.m. a motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to adjourn the meeting. So voted.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

 12/5/13

Jennifer Frates, Administrative Assistant