

Present:

Lee M. Azinheira, Chairman
Manuel Branco, Clerk

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

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

Steven Sullivan, Superintendent Water & Sewer Division

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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 December 18, 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 December 6, and 13, 2013. So voted.

A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to approve and accept the meeting minutes of December 5, 2013, as amended. So voted.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and Letter of Support for Faunce Corner Road including the Intersection of Old Fall River Road

The Director informed the Board on the Faunce Corner Road project which includes the northern section of Faunce Corner Road from Vanity Fair north to the Old Fall River Road intersection. With the submittal of the project need form, the District Director of MASS DOT requested a meeting and for a letter of support from the Select board. In October 2007, SRPEDD put together a *Congestion Study* in which recommendations were made to improve the flow of traffic along Faunce Corner Road. SRPEDD previously did a presentation to the Select board.

A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco for the Director to draft a letter of support. So voted.

Seasonal Water Use Restrictions

The Director informed the board that in response to the state mandate of seasonal water, Mr. Sullivan drafted the *Water Use Restrictions Notice*.

Mr. Azinheira questioned the wording in the notice that says "irrigation to establish a new lawn and new plantings during the months of May and September" rather than "May through September". Mr. Sullivan will check the permit and verify the information.

Property Lease for Telecommunications Purposes

A few years back the Town put out a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Telecommunications for a number of buildings and did not get any response. The specifications were put together by the Town's legal counsel and it cost a lot of time and money. AT&T requested that the RFP be put out again and they submit a

proposal. After doing so, AT&T proposed a five (5) year lease at \$26,400 annually which is \$2,200 per month and \$132,000 for the term of the lease.

Mr. Sullivan expressed concerned that the monies received would be put into the general fund. The Director will check with the Treasurer to verify this information.

Discussion on Automated Solid Waste & Recycling

Mr. Hickox briefed the board on the different options for Automated Solid Waste and Recycling.

Option #1 is to Maintain Dual Stream and Automate Solid Waste – currently averaging 5,700 pickups per week which is efficient with the industry standard. The industry standard is 85-90 pickups per hour and currently we are averaging 90+.

In order to maintain dual stream three trucks would have to be purchased as well as approximately 9,600 new carts. The next question becomes either a 35 or 64 gallon is provided to residents. Need to establish a fee structure in case there is a larger family that would require a larger cart or an elderly couple that does not generate as much trash. The outcome is that it will not be fair for people who generate less trash who will end up paying more and people who generate a lot of trash may have a savings. Budget impact would be minimal since we have a spare truck coming in already.

Once a decision is made on the carts, next would be the purchase of three (3) automated trucks at about \$335,000/ truck for a total of approximately \$1,005,000. There would be a savings of about \$45,000 for the laborer position with benefits. The large savings is the PAYT bags which is \$92,117. The savings over all would be about \$87,117 in the operating budget, an increase of \$243,219 in the CIP debt service for the trucks and carts bringing the net increase to \$156,102 for option #1.

Option #2 is to Convert to Single Stream & Automate Solid Waste – the budget impact would be to add a driver at \$61,500 with salary and benefits and an additional truck at approximately \$335,000. Net impact in option 2 would be \$250,608 (\$111,500 operating budget, \$87,117, savings in the solid waste, \$226,225 CIP debt service)

Mr. Hickox also noted that the grant received to purchase the carts states that the money cannot be used towards automated trash. Mr. Hickox would have to contact the state to verify if this can be done since the grant only paid for a portion. The environmental benefits and least costly option would be to maintain dual stream.

The option # 1 fixed rate, adjusted to reflect the senior discount, would be \$162 and the option # 2 fixed rate, also adjusted to reflect the senior discount, would be \$172.

Having no further business to discuss that morning, at approximately 8:40 a.m. a motion was made by Mr. Branco and duly seconded by Mr. Nunes to adjourn the meeting. So voted.

Respectfully submitted:


Jennifer Frates, Administrative Assistant

Approved:



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