

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

David Cressman, Town Administrator

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 January 23, 2014. 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 20 and 27, 2013, January 3, 10 and 17, 2014. So voted.

A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to approve and accept the meeting minutes of December 18, 2013, as amended. So voted.

NEW BUSINESS

Nstar Request to Disturb Old Westport Road

The Director briefed the board that this past fall, Old Westport Road and Route 6 was micro surfaced and soon after NSTAR requested work in that area to relocate a couple of regulator pits. They have abandoned those pits and relocated them to Champion Terrace. NSTAR submitted the request and it was denied because of the recent micro surfacing. Mr. Hickox met with representatives from NSTAR that again requested the work and additional work that was not on the original request. Mr. Hickox's recommendation is to allow them to do the work and get the cost to cold plane and overlay the road and NSTAR would then have to pay that fee.

A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to follow Mr. Hickox's recommendation and allow NSTAR to do the work requested on the condition that they pay any costs incurred. So voted.

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OLD BUSINESS

Property Lease for Telecommunication

As discussed in at the previous meeting the property lease had gone out to bid a few years ago and at the time no proposals had been submitted. Steven Sullivan was then approached sometime later by AT&T requesting that it be put it out to bid again. AT&T submitted a proposal and at the last meeting it was decided that Mr. Hickox would negotiate the price. AT&T resubmitted a higher proposal (\$2,200 to \$2,500 per month) and included a 1.5% escalator.

Mr. Nunes and Mr. Sullivan both expressed concerns with having AT&T coming onto Town property.

A motion was made by Mr. Branco and duly seconded by Mr. Azinheira, it was voted two (2) in favor and one (1) opposed (Mr. Nunes), to approve the property lease on 1048 Allen Street. So voted.

Discussion on Automated Solid Waste & Recycling

Curbside Collection Option revised on January 15, 2014. Mr. Hickox expanded on what had been discussed at the last meeting. It would be more efficient to maintain dual stream. Also if 64 gallon carts are distributed as opposed to a 35 gallon it may encourage more waste and less recycling. Mr. Nunes expressed concerned with the increase in trash and tonnage. Those that are conserving and do not spend as much on the bags would be effected negatively by the automation. Mr. Hickox added that those who currently divert waste now will utilize the carts.

The benefit would be worker safety. There would be no cost or environmental benefits. Mr. Azinheira noted that the cost benefits would be seen over time rather than immediate upon implementation of automation.

Along with automating solid waste three (3) trucks would have to be purchased at a minimum preferably four (4) would so that there is always a spare in rotation in case any breakdown or require maintenance.

Mr. Branco added that by decreasing labor on the solid waste end would result in a decrease in labor on snow removal.

Mr. Nunes asked how the Town's recycling compares to other communities, is it average, above average? Mr. Hickox replied that the Town is above average.

Mr. Cressman added to the discussion and noted that at first people are weary of the pay as you throw program however automation improves the cleanliness of the community. Worker safety and longevity also benefited from automation. The employee on the back of the packer has an average 5-7 year career as opposed to the employee driving who has the potential to work 20+ years. Mr. Cressman also believes that trash is being diverted and if trash is automated a lot of that will come back into the town and fees to the landfill would increase per year. He added that the program should start with 35 gallon and if residents want a larger cart they can get one for an additional fee.

Manny Soares

Mr. Soares was sent correspondence demanding payment. He and his attorney met with Mr. Hickox to fight the fee and were notified that a year ago Mr. Soares was told that he needs to test the grease trap to close out this inspection. At that meeting he was told to test this promptly and Mr. Hickox would recommend removing fee once he comes through. To date this has not been completed. Mr. Cressman suggested taking him to small claims court.

A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to increase the fee from \$1,000 to \$2,500. So voted.

Mr. Hickox recommended that the letter come from the board rather than from Mr. Hickox.

SIGNATURE DOCUMENT

Property Lease for Telecommunications Purposes

Mr. Azinheira requested that Town counsel review the Telecommunications Lease.

OTHER BUSINESS

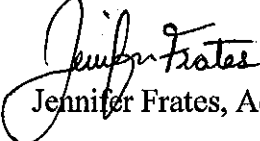
Snow Removal Policy

Discussion on the updated snow policy and the sidewalk shoveling requirement. Students are walking to school and sidewalks aren't touched. Currently it is the resident's responsibility and they are fined if sidewalks are not cleared.

Having no further business to discuss that morning, at approximately 8:40 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

