

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order at approximately 7:35 a.m.

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 February 5, 2014. 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 January 24, and 31, 2014. So voted.

A motion was made by Mr. Branco and duly seconded by Mr. Nunes to approve and accept the meeting minutes of January 23, 2014, as amended. So voted.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of DPW FY 2015 Budget & CIP

The Director updated the board on the budget. As previous years, the operating budget has not changed dramatically however; the CIP for FY 2015 has increased. From FY 2014 to FY 2015 the budget has increased approximately \$60,000 due to overtime in solid waste, salary increases and the Engineering Division's Autocad and software expenses that had to be included into the budget this year.

A comparison sheet of the budget was included for the board and Mr. Azinheira requested a similar summary sheet on the DPW CIP for FY2015.

CIP Review:

Mr. Nunes asked what the status was on the Faunce Corner Road (Phase II) Relocation Project. Mr. Hickox responded that the 25% plan will be submitted on April 15, 2014. By next year the right of way plans will be finalizing and the funds requested in this year's CIP will go towards engineering and appraisals. Next year's CIP should include the costs for the takings and business relocation. Phase I is a priority for the state and is being pushed to 75%.

The second priority on the CIP is repairs to the Rock O' Dundee dam culvert and Stone Bridge on Russells Mills Road. The Stone Bridge needs some masonry work. All the permitting, engineering and conservation commission is complete and the only thing left is the funding.

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The next CIP request for intersection improvements at Cross Road & Old Westport Road includes an engineering design and pedestrian study. A request came in for a crosswalk at Cross Road and Old Westport Road. After hearing the recommendations from the safety officer it was determined that it may not be enough due to the high traffic in the area.

The Dartmouth Street Phase II project was removed from the CIP due to other projects that are a higher priority right now.

The Highway Division's first project on the CIP is the garage expansion. Weston & Sampson has been putting together a proposal based on the Town's needs. This project will likely fall under the procedures for Design/Bid/Build procurement. Mr. Azinheira is concerned with possible bid protests from filed sub bidders and would like to get a legal opinion to make sure this is acceptable.

Mr. Nunes and Mr. Azinheira would like to see more funds requested towards road maintenance and pavement preservation. At least \$1,000,000 for FY 2015 and 10% increase thereafter.

As stated in a previous meeting, the front end loaders are old and need to be replaced. The Town did an efficiency study and found that our fleet is old and costs us more money to maintain.

Continued Discussion on Automated Curbside Collection

The Board decided to discuss the Solid Waste & Recycling CIP and the Automated Curbside Collection which is on the agenda under "Old Items" at the same time.

Mr. Nunes recommended waiting to see what happens with ABC Disposal Service, Inc. to see if there is still a market for dual stream once their operation is up and running. If the Town switches to single stream recycling, the purchase of the additional carts needed for solid waste may be unnecessary.

Mr. Azinheira recommends making a status for the spring Town Meeting and postponing funding to the fall. Mr. Hickox recommended that this CIP request go into a spring meeting rather than the fall since there is a 7-8 month waiting period for a new truck. Also the implementation of the program and delivery of carts would be ideal in nicer weather and would coincide with the start of a new fiscal year.

Mr. Hickox recommended amending the CIP request to allow for flexibility rather than make a decision now on what option is best.

CIP Review:

The Construction Division is requesting a Utility Body Truck which will allow for efficiency in repairing roadways, water mains and drains.

The Water Pollution Control Inflow and Infiltration (I/I) project CIP request includes remediating areas identified through the recently completed smoke testing and addressing the issue of clean water getting into the sanitary system.

The Water and Sewer Division CIP includes the dehumidification of the water treatment plants. The cost of maintaining the treatment plants due to everything being wet and rusted is becoming costly. There was a monetary error on the CIP to be modified. The total cost is \$75,000 which includes \$15,000 for construction and \$30,000 per unit. Also the water loop at Old Fall River Road and Reed Road is another project that is a high priority for FY 2015 due to the levels of THM (Trihalomethane).

Discussion on Water Pollution Control Division staffing

Mr. Cardoso briefed the board that he would like promote a heavy machine operator to an SMEO. This person will have more responsibilities and be more involved with the WPC operation. The number of employees would remain the same and with this promotion more can get done. The Board is in agreement with the recommendation and the necessary changes will be made to the budget before it goes to Town Hall.

Discussion on water bill for 130 Clarendon Street

Last year there was an extension project at the end of Clarendon Street where homes were added as well as additional connections to the Town's water. Last summer Mr. Silverstein contacted our office and he brought to our attention that there was a leak out in the street. No leak was found at the time. In the fall it stopped, coincidentally it was when Mr. Silverstein winterized his irrigation system. The water bill came to \$25,502.98. There was either a leak in the system or a valve that was not closed properly. The recommendation of Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Hickox would be to abate the sewer \$16,205.87 and he would have to pay the water that was metered which came to \$9,297.11.

A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to accept the recommendation and abate the sewer charge from the bill. So voted.


Discussion on road disturbance request on 307 Highland Avenue

A permit was submitted by the gas company and it was denied because this road had undergone full reconstruction in 2008 and the Town has a 7 year moratorium. Soon after the denial, the resident contacted our office and explained that they are building a house this summer. The resident is willing to pay for additional costs incurred by this road disturbance.

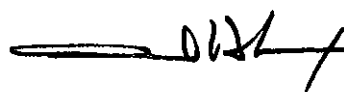
A motion was made by Mr. Branco and duly seconded by Mr. Nunes to allow the road disturbance and any additional costs will be the resident's responsibility. So voted.

Having no further business to discuss that morning, at approximately 9:00a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to adjourn the meeting. So voted.

Respectfully submitted:


Jennifer Frates, Administrative Assistant

Approved:



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