

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

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*Mr. Branco was absent due to a previously scheduled vacation.

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. Azinheira to accept and approve the warrants for the bills payable for the period ending May 22, 2014. So voted.

A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Azinheira to accept and approve the payrolls for the weeks ending May 2, 9, and 16, 2014. So voted.

A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Azinheira to approve and accept the meeting minutes of May 1, 2014. So voted.

NEW BUSINESS

Agresource, Inc. agreement for Bio-compost - Approval and Execution

Mr. Hickox briefed the Board on the current revenue sharing agreement that the Town has for the bio compost with Agresource, Inc. This three year agreement is set to expire in June of 2014. Mr. Cardoso noted that Agresource, Inc. has done a great job with the compost and have produced a high quality product.

A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Azinheira to award the bio-compost contract to Agresource, Inc. for a three (3) year period from June 10, 2014 through June 9, 2017 under current terms and conditions. So voted.

Review of FY 2014 Water and Sewer Revenue/ Discussion on FY 2015 Water and Sewer Rates

Mr. Hickox reviewed the water and sewer revenue projections with the Board for fiscal year 2014. Water revenue as of May 7, 2014, was \$4,530,610 and the amount of revenue required for this fiscal year is \$4,214,012 which will produce a surplus of approximately \$316,598. The rate increases last year were two percent on water and three percent on sewer. Mr. Hickox recommended a three percent increase to the water rate for FY 2015 due to the estimated debt service increase for FY 2015 of \$254,300. The debt service increase is a result from the Panelli Well development project, the automatic meter replacement project and the Old Fall River Road water main loop.

A motion made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Azinheira to increase the water rate by three percent. So voted.

Mr. Hickox then reviewed the sewer revenue with the Board. As of May 22, 2014, the sewer revenue was \$4,579,842 and the amount of revenue required for this fiscal year is \$3,831,499 which will produce a surplus of approximately \$748,343. Mr. Hickox recommended a three percent increase to the sewer rate for FY 2015 due to the estimated debt service increase from the Comprehensive Wastewater Management project and Inflow/Infiltration remediation.

A motion made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Azinheira to increase the sewer rate by three percent. So voted.

Review of Water and Sewer Fees

Mr. Hickox presented to the Board a comparison table that was put together by Sarah Concannon of DartStat, of the water and sewer fees in Dartmouth as well as similar Massachusetts municipalities. Mr. Hickox felt that the fees the Town has in place are reasonable and the Board agreed that at this time there was no need to change the fees.

Discussion on FY 2015 Road Maintenance Funding

Mr. Hickox reminded the Board that at the last meeting the road maintenance was discussed and the Board had requested a letter be sent to the Selectboard explaining the Town's needs for road maintenance. Mr. Hickox spoke to Mr. Cressman at a Dart Stat meeting and he suggested the possibility of bonding as a means to acquire the minimum funding needed for pavement preservation.

Mr. Nunes expressed his concern with the Bliss Corner area which is too far gone to just patch with crack sealing. It needs full reconstruction. The Board stressed that \$500,000 is not enough to maintain the roads and would like to see another presentation to the Selectboard.

Mr. Cressman suggested that the pavement management report should be the base of the presentation with more emphasis on a visual presentation to show the areas that are in need of funding.

Letter of Support for Ledgewood Boulevard signalized Intersection

Mr. Hickox requested a letter of support from the Board for the intersection improvements on Ledgewood Boulevard. The Town is funding half of the engineering services and the contractor is paying the other half. The Project Initiation Form (PIF) is the next phase to be completed with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and as part of that, obtaining letters of support is a requirement.

Letter of Support for Old Westport Road and Cross Road Intersection Improvements

Mr. Hickox reported that the Project Need Form (PNF) has been completed and next step is to complete the PIF. A meeting was recently held with representatives from the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, MASS Highway and David Cressman. The University is interested in being involved in the design of the project by using faculty and graduate level students after the 25% plan is complete. The funding for the engineering is on the CIP 2015 and subject to funding in the October Town Meeting. At that point a contract will be negotiated.

Motion made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Azinheira to support the Ledgewood Boulevard signalization and Old Westport Road/ Cross Road Intersection Improvements according to a meeting with the University of Massachusetts and MASS Highway.

Recommendation to Award – Old Hixville/ Old Fall River Road Project

Mr. Hickox informed the Board that this project has been bid twice with no response each time. The third time, LAL Construction, Inc. was the only bidder to submit a proposal. Mr. Hickox stated that they are a reputable company and recommended to award to the sole bidder, LAL Construction Inc.

A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Azinheira to award the Old Hixville/Old Fall River Road Project to L.A.L. Construction for \$137,099.50

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Water Management Act Plan Condition 10

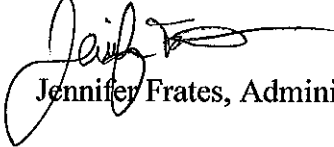
Mr. Hickox informed the Board that as part of the Water Management Act Permit, one of the conditions is that all Town buildings need to be retrofitted by January 16, 2016.

Mr. Hickox also updated the Board on the status of the disposal of recyclable materials. For the past several months Mr. Hickox has been looking at alternatives. He had received a verbal agreement of \$25 a ton for the Town's comingled however higher management at ABC Disposal wants all materials for that price. The Town would not be able to take comingled materials to one facility and receive the revenue for the cardboard /paper materials from another facility to offset the costs.

Having no further business to discuss that morning, at approximately 8:55 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Azinheira to adjourn the meeting. So voted.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:



Jennifer Frates, Administrative Assistant

