

May 14, 2015

**Present:**

Lee M. Azinheira, Chairman  
\*Manuel Branco, Clerk

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

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

\*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 14, 2015. 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 April 11, 18, 25, May 2, & 9, 2015. So voted.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Azinheira approve and accept the meeting minutes of April 9, 2015, as amended. So voted.**

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**APPOINTMENT**

**Philip Brodeur, 1 Glen Street – Water Bill**

Mr. Brodeur did not appear before the Board at this meeting. The resident will be contacted to reschedule.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Application for Licensed Utility Layer – BOJ Construction**

Mr. Hickox informed the Board that the Department of Public Works received an application for a Licensed Utility Layer from BOJ Construction. The application included references and the insurance certificate as required. Mr. Hickox's recommendation is that the Board approves their application.

***A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Azinheira to approve BOJ Construction as a Licensed Utility Layer. So voted.***

**Application for licensed Utility Layer – Nathan J. Gomes**

Mr. Hickox informed the Board that the Department of Public Works received an application for a Licensed Utility Layer from Nathan Gomes. The application included references and the insurance

certificate as required. He informed the Board that this applicant has worked with a number of engineering firms and recently started his own company. Mr. Hickox's recommendation is that the Board approves their application on a conditional basis.

*A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Azinheira to approve Nathan J. Gomes as a Licensed Utility Layer on a conditional basis. If completes 3 jobs without any issues he can be approved on a permanent basis without coming before the Board. So voted.*

#### **Water and Sewer Rate Review**

Mr. Hickox reviewed the Water and Sewer Rate reports for FY 2015. The water rate revenue required is \$4,360,939 and his estimate was \$4,221,424 with an estimated deficit of \$139,515. Revenue is down due to the mandatory water use restrictions imposed last summer. Also, the Violette Wells being off line due to low production and poor water quality is reflected in the deficit. As of July 1 the required water rate revenue required will be \$4,419,057. Mr. Hickox's recommendation is to increase the water rate by three (3) percent.

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

Mr. Hickox reported that this year there will be a surplus of \$895,874 and recommended to increase the rate by two (2) percent. Mr. Azinheira pointed out that the surplus exceeds the debt service needed for fiscal year 2016. He doesn't feel at this time there is need to continue the sewer rate index for fiscal year 2016. Mr. Nunes requested to revisit the sewer rate review in six months.

#### **Discussion on E-1 pump 80 Slade Street**

Mr. Hickox briefed the Board on a letter received from Mr. Gil Borges of 80 Slade Street. In 1999 an E-1 pump was put in as part of the Route 6 sewer project. A few years back he started to have issues and called FR Mahoney who did a number of things and unsuccessfully fixed the problem.

The Town was contacted for assistance and found a blockage of rags. Mr. Pacheco explained that the rags found will ruin a pump and has had similar documented reports of blockages due to these types of rags. Mr. Azinheira asked if there was information given to the resident on what to do and not to do. Mr. Pacheco responded that everyone is given a packet with information but the problem is that these rags claim to be flushable.

Mr. Hickox initially responded to the resident and notified him that he needs to stop using these rags at which time he claimed that he did but acknowledged that his mother's caretaker was unaware and continued flushing the rags.

*A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Azinheira to deny based on the use of rags that caused the blockage. So voted.*

**FS&T – CWMP Amendment #1**

Mr. Hickox updated the Board that this project is almost completed and this amendment includes the air emission permit work, NPDES permit, sewer outfall at Salter’s Point and the PCB issue. The additional work is above and beyond the original scope.

*A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Azinheira to approve Amendment #1 to the CWMP contract for FS&T which will be an increase of \$70,935. So voted.*

**AECOM – Wetland Monitoring Panelli Wells Amendment #1**

Mr. Hickox briefed the Board on Amendment # 1 for the wetland monitoring of the Panelli Wells. This will be an annual amendment until the results are given and accepted by MADEP.

*A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Azinheira to award Amendment #1 to AECOM for the Wetland Monitoring of the Panellie Wells and have the Director sign. So voted.*

**Award Dartmouth Street - Phase II Project to Medeiros & Sons Construction, Inc.**

Mr. Hickox briefed the Board on the Dartmouth Street Phase II project that recently went out to bid. There were two bidders; LAL Construction proposed \$411,500.00 and the apparent low bidder was Medeiros & Sons who bid \$400,435.43. Mr. Hickox recommended that the Board award the contract to Medeiros and Sons.


*A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Azinheira to award the Dartmouth Street Phase 2 project to Medeiros & Sons Construction for \$400,435.43. So voted.*

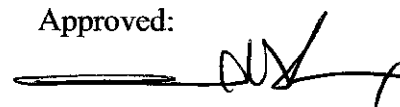
**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Nunes asked Mr. Pacheco when Allen Street and Hawthorn Street will be scheduled for repair. Both roads are in need of repair. Mr. Pacheco stated that he is currently four weeks behind due to the weather conditions but will put Allen Street on the schedule for next month.

**Having no further business to discuss that morning, at approximately 8:25 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Azinheira to adjourn the meeting. So voted.**

Respectfully submitted:

  
Jennifer Frates, Administrative Assistant

Approved:  6/4/15