

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 7:30 a.m.

ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made by Mr. Branco and duly seconded by Mr. Nunes to approve and accept the warrants for the bills payable for the period ending January 19, 2012. So voted.

A motion was made by Mr. Branco and duly seconded by Mr. Nunes to approve and accept the payrolls for the weeks ending December 16, 23, 30, 2011, and January 6, and 13, 2012. So voted.

A motion was made by Mr. Branco and duly seconded by Mr. Nunes to approve and accept the meeting minutes of December 15, 2011. So voted.

APPOINTMENT

Hearing – Union Grievance/Mr. Joseph Pimentel, Engineering Division

The Chairman recognized Mr. Joseph Pimentel.
Mr. Pimentel informed the Board members that Timothy Mahoney, Union Representative, was not able to make the morning's appointment. He added that they both understood the hearing was a formality and the next step would have the grievance forwarded to the Select Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to deny the grievance submitted by Joseph Pimentel on December 21, 2011. So voted.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Fleet management system

Mr. Hickox reminded the Board members that the Department purchased a fleet management system in 2008, which consisted of 25 mobile units. Since that time, there have been some problems with units shutting off and the vendor has tried to resolve the issues. At this time, the Chief of Police is evaluating a couple of systems that will not have a monthly cellular phone charge per unit. Mr. Hickox and the Chief are currently working together to evaluate a system for the entire Town's fleet.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposal for Engineering Services – Preparation of Bid Documents for Repairs to 3.0 MG Prestressed Concrete Water Storage Tank

A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to accept the proposal for engineering services for the preparation of bid documents for repairs to 3.0 MG prestressed concrete water storage tank as submitted by Fay, Spoffard & Thorndike for the lump sum of \$5,000. So voted.

Utility request for Rogers Street – Map 133/Lot 116-2

Mr. Hickox informed the Board that after the work was completed on Roger Street the property owner made the request to disturb the roadway. Mr. Hickox informed the property owner of the seven-year moratorium on street disturbances. The owner of the adjacent to the property is willing to provide an easement in order to avoid disturbing the road. Mr. Branco pointed out that the Department should be assured that the easement is recorded before any work commences.

Town of Dartmouth – Covenant for Recovery Agreement

Mr. Hickox stated that the lot in question was obtained by the Town through a tax lien. The lot has a balance for sewer betterment and the having the covenant recovery agreement in place will notify any prospective buyers in the future of that betterment.

A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to approve the covenant for recovery agreement for lot 49 assessors' map 189 as submitted. So voted.

Discussion relative to format of rate information on water bill

Mr. Hickox informed the Board that the Town Collector brought it to his attention that a number of telephone inquiries come in to her office when there is water and/or sewer rate change. Mr. Hickox suggested adding the information in the message section on the front of the bill. The Board members agreed to a brief message that denotes that there is a rate change and the addition of the water department's phone number for rate change questions.

Discussion on FY 2012 Capital Improvements Projects

NPDES Funding – Storm Water

Mr. Hickox noted that the NPDES Permit is a federal mandate, which has become more complex and stringent through the years. The Chairman commented that he did not believe it is a CIP item but rather an item that should be budgeted as a new reoccurring line item.

Faunce Corner Road Congestion Study Phase 2 Recommendation Funding

Mr. Hickox noted that due to complexity of the project it was divided in to two phases. The first Phase is Route 6, Faunce Corner Road, Old Westport Road intersection improvements. Adding another northbound land to Faunce Corner Road and upgrading intersections at Best Buy, Anne & Hope, all the way to Cross Road, which will tie into the new 195 interchange. The engineering is ongoing for Phase I and the second Phase is the engineering for the relocation of Tucker Road. Mr. Hickox pointed out that it is up to the Town to engineer the project, have the land appraisals completed, and acquire the land acquisitions to move the project forward.

Padanaram Causeway Funding

Mr. Hickox informed the Board members that he is meeting with the Director of DNRT regarding an agreement for a land donation to build a sidewalk between Smith Neck Road and West Smith Neck Road. The Padanaram Causeway Rehabilitation Project is at approximately \$5,670,000. There is a federal earmark of \$1,600,000 funding from the Seaport Council for 100,000, which leaves a

balance of \$3,970,000 to complete the project. A brief discussion on safety improvements ensued. The Chairman recommended adding it to the five-year plan.

WPC – 5 year Short Term CIP

Mr. Hickox reported the engineering is being completed at this time and the project should be bid at sometime late next summer or early fall.

Renewal Application for Licensed Utility Layer – J.L.C. Construction of Tiverton, RI

The Chairman recognized Mr. Demetrio Costa of J.L.C. Construction. Mr. Demetrio informed the Board that he was present requesting consideration to approve the status of his temporary utility license to an annual license. Mr. Hickox reviewed the recommendation from the Department's associate engineer.

Based on the recommendation of staff, a motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to approve the renewal application for a licensed utility layer submitted by J.L.C. Construction of Tiverton, RI. So voted.

SIGNATURE DOCUMENT

The Board members signed the following signature document: **Agreement for Engineering Services – Stone Arch Bridge MHD Bridge No. D-04-020 Russells Mills Road over Paskamansett River.**

OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman asked those present if they wished to discuss any other business that morning.

Mr. Nunes took the opportunity to congratulate Michelle DeFranco on her nomination for Dartmouth Women of the Year.

Having no further business to discuss that morning, at approximately 8:35 a.m. a motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to adjourn the meeting. So voted.

Respectfully submitted:
Michelle L. DeFranco, Administrative Assistant

Approved: 3/1/2012