

Present:

Mark S. Nunes, Chairman
Manuel Branco, Clerk

Lee M. Azinheira, 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. Azinheira and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to approve and accept the warrants for the bills payable for the period ending May 4, 2010. So voted.

A motion was made by Mr. Azinheira and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to approve and accept the payrolls for the weeks ending April 16, 23, and 30, 2010. So voted.

A motion was made by Mr. Azinheira and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to approve and accept the meeting minutes of April 13, 2010. So voted.

OLD BUSINESS

Review and approval of Chief Water Operator job description

The Board reviewed the job description revisions as they pertained to education and experience. All present agreed that the position although not funded this year, would be a necessary and cost effective position within the Department. A brief discussion relative to water treatment ensued. The Board agreed to revise the condition to obtain a Grade 2 Water Treatment License, and a Grade 3 Water Distribution Operator's License within six months of employment. The Director recommended that the job description be forwarded to the personnel board.

A motion was made by Mr. Azinheria and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to approve the Chief Water Operator job description as amended and forward such to the Personnel Board. So voted.

NEW BUSINESS

Review/Report of Solid Waste Enterprise Fund

Mr. Hickox reviewed the Pay-As-You-Throw bags sales and the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund receipts to date. He also announced that the new recycling truck was delivered on Friday, April 30. He noted that it has a dual compactor, which will allow the truck to run a route all day without having to unload.

Review of biodegradable PAYT bags

Mr. Hickox presented the biodegradable bags, which recently have become available through Waste Zero. He noted the difference in the cost and also the benefits to the environment. A brief discussion ensued. It was noted that most PAYT customers double bag their waste; putting smaller

household trash bags into the large PAYT bags. Mr. Hickox will contact Ms. Virginia Valiela about the possible benefit the biodegradable bags may have on the landfill.

Bid Award Recommendation – Division of Services & Infrastructure – Highway Phase I

The Superintendent of Services & Infrastructure noted that the bid for item #12, Traffic Light Repair, resulted in a tie. Mr. Hickox recommended that they follow protocol and conduct a tiebreaker coin toss at a future meeting. The Board members agreed.

A motion was made by Mr. Branco and duly seconded by Mr. Azinheira to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Services & Infrastructure to award the following bids as part of the Highway Phase I bid requests:

#1 Tires

Roland's Tire Service, Inc., 11 Howland Road, Fairhaven, MA 02719

#2 Gasoline & Diesel Fuel

Noonan Brothers, 415 West Street, West Bridgewater, MA 02379

#3 Traffic Marking Paint – white & yellow delivered

Enis Paint, Inc., 1855 Plymouth Road, NW, Atlanta, GA 30318

White & Yellow Paint – picked up

Franklin Paint Co., Inc., 259 Cottage Street, Franklin, MA 02038

#4 Traffic Signs

Perma-Line Corp., of N.E., P.O. Box 4515, Brockton, MA 02403

#5 Bulk Rock Salt

Eastern Minerals, Inc., 130 Plain Street, Lowell, MA 01851

#6 Tree Work

G. Bourne Knowles & Co., Inc., 267 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven, MA 02719

#7 Catch Basin Cleaning

Vigeant Equipment Co., Inc., 2594 Acushnet Ave., New Bedford, MA 02745

#8 Catch Basins, Manholes, Batter Blocks, Bricks

Hi-Way Concrete Products Co., Inc., 2746 Cranberry Highway, Wareham, MA 02571

#8a Catch Basin, Manhole Precast – Complete

J & R Pre-Cast, Inc., 16R County Street, Berkley, MA 02779

#9 Manhole Ring & Cover, Catch Basin Frame & Grate

E. Jordan Iron Works, 14 East Union Street, Brockton, MA 02303

#10 Reinforced Concrete Pipe

Scituate Concrete Pipe Corp., One Buckeye Lane, Box 870, Scituate, MA 02066

#11 PVC Storm Drain Pipe-DR-18, DR-21, & SDR-35.

E. J. Prescott, Inc., 159 Manley Street, Brockton, MA 02301

SCHD 40 & 80 Rib Pipe

Cape Cod Winwater Works, Inc., 174 Airport Road, Hyannis, MA 02601

#13 White Thermo Epoxy Traffic Control Markings

Hi-Way Safety Systems, Inc., 285 Circuit Street, Hanover, MA 02339

Street Line Painting

Hi-Way Safety Systems, Inc., 285 Circuit Street, Hanover, MA 02339

#14 Equipment Rental

Medeiros & Sons Construction, Inc., 620 Chase Road, Dartmouth, MA 02747

The Chairman took the opportunity to ask if the catch basin cleaning had started earlier this year than prior years. Mr. Pacheco replied in the negative and explained how the job is bid. Mr. Azinheira asked why the annual bids do not have the option of three-year renewal. All present agreed that adding the three-year renewal clause to the bids specifications would be prudent.

Bid Award Recommendation – Division of Services & Infrastructure – Crack Sealing

Mr. Hickox noted that the item was bid in two ways. It was bid by listing the roads where every crack was to be sealed as well as the annual bid for roads that would be added after the listing was compiled.

A motion was made by Mr. Azinheira and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to accept the recommendation of staff and approve the bid from the low bidder, Superior Sealcoating, Inc. of Wilmington, MA, for joint and crack sealing of various roads in the Town of Dartmouth. So voted.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

The Chairman took the opportunity to commend the crews for their response to a fallen tree on Tucker Road. He asked if the Department had planted a replacement tree. Mr. Hickox replied that to date the resident has not responded to his letter requesting input in the replacement location.

The Chairman asked the status on the trees that were donated by Nstar. Mr. Hickox said he met with Nstar arborist Paul Sellers, and they will work with the Town Planner in the best locations to plant them in the fall. The Chairman commented that he believes they should be planted along the circuit where the trimming occurred. Mr. Branco noted that some residents do not mind having a tree planted on their property abutting the public way. He added that although the tree is planted on private property in such a case the tree would remain classified as a public shade tree because public funds were expended to plant it.

The Chairman asked for a status update on the leak on Milton Street. Mr. Pacheco informed Mr. Nunes that the repair work has been scheduled.

Mr. Azinheira commented that he noticed a cobblestone curbing laid within the public way over the weekend on Russells Mills Road. Mr. Hickox replied that a permit is required for any work conducted in the right of way. Mr. Azinheira suggested a letter be sent to inform the resident that the Town is not liable for items placed in the right of way.

Mr. Hickox informed the Board that he was in contact with MassDOT Assistant Chief Construction Engineer about the Dartmouth Street Reconstruction Project. He was notified that Nstar gas informed the state that they had two to three months of work to complete on Dartmouth Street. It was noted that Nstar had not attended the MassDOT pre-construction meeting for the project. He added that Nstar is also claiming that they would have had to move their main anyway due to the relocation of 25 poles, which are currently on top of the main.

Mr. Hickox also informed the Board that the contractor, LAL, has notified the state that they are filing for damages because the project has been delayed. Mr. Branco suggested that a letter be drafted to

the Executive Administrator denoting how Nstar has delayed the project. Mr. Azinheira added that the utility company should receive a copy of the letter.

Mr. Hickox informed the Board that Mr. Azinheira and he attended the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) at MassDot last week. The MPO has voted to remove the Faunce Corner Interchange Project from the TIP because the project cost exceeded the MPO budget. Mr. Azinheira explained that the project sheet was unbalanced and federal highway would not allow it. He added everyone in the group spoke in favor of the project. Mr. Hickox noted that since that meeting, he has been in contact with Senator Montigny's office about the project. They are working to schedule a site meeting.

Mr. Hickox notified the Board members that a tentative meeting with the Select Board has been scheduled for May 24, 2010. SRPEDD is also scheduled on that date to present the Faunce Corner Road Congestion Study.

The Board members agreed to meet again on May 27, 2010, at 7:30 a.m.

Having no further business to discuss that morning, at approximately 8:20 a.m. a motion was made by Mr. Azinheira and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to adjourn the meeting. So voted.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved: 05/27/10

Michelle L. DeFranco, Office Manager/Confidential Secretary