

Present:

Lee M. Azinheira, Chairman
Mark S. Nunes, Clerk

Manuel Branco, Vice Chairman
David T. Hickox, Director

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

*Mr. Sullivan 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. Branco to approve and accept the warrants for the bills payable for the period ending September 16, 2010. So voted.

A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to approve and accept the payrolls for the weeks ending August 27, 2010. So voted.

A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to approve and accept the Meeting Minutes of August 31, 2010. So voted.

A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to approve and accept the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2010. So voted.

APPOINTMENT

Meeting with Claire Karvonen, Town Accountant – Recap of FY’ 2010 Enterprise Funds (Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste).

The Chairman recognized Mr. Karvonen. Ms. Karvonen presented the Board with an overview of each enterprise account year-end report for FY 2010 (herein attached as Item A).

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion on solid waste/recycling operations

Mr. Hickox announced that the item was placed on the agenda to present the Board with an overview of FY’10 and a review of options to continue to provide a safe and efficient service. The industry is moving to a more automated form of providing solid waste/recycling services.

Mr. Hickox informed the Board members that three of the trucks the Department owns can be converted to semi automatic wherein a tote can be manually wheeled over and than an arm empties the tote into the truck. The Chairman said he could understand retrofitting the existing fleet but ultimately the Department should move forward with an automated truck. All agreed that the goal is to have one type of truck that can be used for both solid waste and recycling. Mr. Nunes asked what the cost difference is in buying a new fully automated truck rather than retrofitting an existing truck. Mr. Hickox replied that he would come back to the Board with a cost analysis, including the costs of totes. Mr. Azinheira said he could organize a meeting with WasteMangement’s fleet manager.

Mr. Branco suggested that a report to Select Board be prepared that explains the Department's intentions of advancing the recycling program to an automated system with 64-gallon rolling bins.

Mr. Hickox took the opportunity to present the Board with a review of the one-man packer that was demonstrated this week along the solid waste routes. A brief discussion regarding single-stream recycling ensued.

NEW BUSINESS

Application for Licensed Utility Layer – JLC Construction of Tiverton, RI

The Chairman recognized Mr. Demetrio Costa, owner of JLC Construction. Mr. Hickox informed the Board members that the name on the applicant's bond needed to be revised to reflect the business name. Mr. Demetrio said he would have the bond revised immediately. It was also pointed out that the applicant only had two of the prerequisite letters of recommendations. Mr. Hickox commented that the application could be approved with conditions. Mr. Nunes suggested that the Board could approve the application subject to a review after two completed jobs.

Upon the recommendation of staff, a motion was made by Mr. Branco Andy duly seconded by Mr. Nunes to approve the application for A utility license submitted by JLC Construction of Tiverton, RI with the conditions that the bond be revised to reflect the business name and upon a positive review of the first two jobs completed. So voted.

Discussion regarding brine production and delivery system for snow/ice operations.

Mr. Hickox reported that the Department has been reviewing the direction the snow removal industry has been moving toward. He explained how the salt brine systems works and how it is applied. He also commented that the goal is to use less rock salt and realize a return on the purchase within the first season of use.

The Chairman asked how much the completed system would cost. Mr. Hickox replied that system including storage tank is approximately \$29,400.00. He noted that they currently have a Chapter 90 request to the State for the purchase. Once approval is received, it will take approximately five weeks to setup the system.

Discussion on request from Alteris Renewables to add a new utility service on an easement owned by the Town of Dartmouth Department of Public Works to service Friends Academy/1088 Tucker Road.

Mr. Hickox informed the Board that Friends Academy is looking to install a solar field and are requesting to tie into transmission lines that the Department owns and maintains along its sewer easement on Tucker Road. Mr. Nunes asked what type of maintenance is required to the easement and lines. Mr. Cardoso replied that they keep the easement trimmed and plowed. The Board members agreed that sharing in the maintenance should be considered.

A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to approve the request from Alteris Renewables to add a new utility service on an easement owned by the Town of Dartmouth Department of Public Works to service Friends Academy with the condition that a 50/50 division of the maintenance cost for the easement and the line from the point of connection to Tucker Road be agreed upon. So voted.

Mr. Nunes took the opportunity to ask if the trees that were donated by Nstar have been planted. Mr. Hickox replied that Nstar has donated the funds for tree replacement and the Town Planner had supplied the Department with a listing of species and suggested planting locations. The trees are scheduled to be planted this fall. Mr. Hickox will contact the nursery and the Town Planner.

Superintendent of Services & Infrastructure's bid award recommendation (subject to Chapter 90 approval) – Roadway Improvements/Russells Mills Road-Roger Street

Mr. Hickox explained that the project is an improvement project to a small section of road, which will tie in to the Dartmouth Street Reconstruction Project. He further explained that the project would place the Town in a better position when applying for the Community Block Grant for Potter Street.

A motion was made by Mr. Branco and duly seconded by Mr. Nunes to award the contract for Roadway Improvements-Russells Mills Road to Medeiros and Sons Construction subject to Chapter 90 approval. So voted.

The Board agreed to meet again on September 28, 2010, at 7:30 a.m.

Having no further business to discuss that morning, at approximately 8:45 a.m. a motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to adjourn the meeting. So voted.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved: 09/28/10

Michelle L. DeFranco, Office Manager/Confidential Secretary