

**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

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 October 21, 2010. 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 October 1, 8, and 15, 2010. So voted.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Branco and duly seconded by Mr. Nunes to approve and accept the Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2010. So voted.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Discussion regarding FY'11 Salt Bid**

Mr. Hickox informed the Board that town counsel is sending the salt company a letter regarding the language of the bid contract. He added that he spoke to another salt company and learned that there is a surplus of salt this season.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Sewer Betterment Assessment Deferral Renewal Applications**  
**Plat 123/105 – 98 Willis Street**  
**Plat 123/116 – 107 Adams Street**  
**Plat 171/80 – 601 Reed Road**

Mr. Hickox informed the Board that the betterment assessment deferral applications are in order.

**A motion was made by Mr. Branco and duly seconded by Mr. Nunes to approve the sewer betterment assessment deferral renewal applications for the following properties: 98 Willis Street, 107 Adams Street, and 601 Reed Road. So voted.**

**Update on Water Quality Related Issues**

Mr. Hickox reported that over the last two weeks the Department has received a number of water quality complaints from residents in the Chase Road area, in the immediate vicinity of the 687 water treatment plant. After speaking with Mr. Sullivan, he has learned that some neighborhoods have experienced on-going water quality issues for a number years related to chlorine levels. The Water Department has identified that due to a chemical vendor change for sodium hydroxide, there has been a

jelling up in the system. The chemical has a lower freezing point. As a result, there may have been some inconsistency with the chemical dosages that react with the chlorine. The Department reissued an aggressive flushing schedule to move the water through the system.

Mr. Sullivan said he is currently waiting for a waiver approval from Department of Protection regarding storage of another chemical. He added that the well operators are addressing the issues.

### **Request for assistance to tie into municipal water system**

Mr. Hickox informed the Board members that the homeowner at 416 Old Westport Road contacted the Department because his well went dry. The home is in close proximity to the Panelli Well site. As a result, the resident has connected to municipal water. Based on past practice, Mr. Hickox recommended that the connection fee, frontage fee, and the meter connection fee be abated.

**Based on past practice, a motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to abate the water connection fee, meter connection fee, and the frontage fee assessed to 416 Old Westport Road. So voted.**

### **Request for special consideration of PAYT abatement**

Ms. DeFranco reviewed the request for consideration for a PAYT abatement that was denied based on its late submittal as well as not having a contract with another hauler. Ms. DeFranco explained that the resident was ill and thus missed the deadline.

**A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to deny the request for a PAYT abatement for property located at 21 Bayview Avenue based on the absence of a contract for trash/recycling removal and to waive the demand and interest applied to the account. So voted.**

### **Bid Award – Prospect Street Stormwater Treatment System**

Mr. Hickox reminded the Board of the Stormwater grant the Town received a number of years ago that was used to install a Vortech unit at the bottom of Delano Way. He said this project will be similar in nature and this unit will be installed at the end of Prospect Street. The unit will collect sediment for a good part of the watershed and discharge at the Water Street outfall. The tank has been ordered and will be delivered to the site.

Mr. Hickox recommended that the contract be awarded to the low bidder. He added that the contractor is be responsible for hiring the crane

**A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to award the bid to install stormwater treatment system at Prospect Street to Medeiros & Sons Construction, Inc., of Dartmouth, MA for the low bid amount of \$49,792.00. So voted.**

### **Bid Award – Sander**

Mr. Hickox recommended that the bid for a 304 stainless steel hydraulic drive sander/spreader be awarded to the low bidder. He noted that the sander would be mounted on the surplus equipment that was acquired by the police department.

**A motion was made by Mr. Branco and duly seconded by Mr. Nunes to award the bid for a 304 stainless steel hydraulic drive sander/spreader to J.C. Madigan, Inc., of Harvard, MA for the low bid amount of \$21,535.00. So voted.**

**Application for Licensed Utility Layer – Parkside Excavation Inc., of Acushnet, MA**

Mr. Hickox recommended that the utility layer application be approved conditionally for two jobs because it only had one of the three required letters of recommendation.

**Based on the recommendation of the Director of Public Works, a motion was made by Mr. Branco and duly seconded by Mr. Nunes to approve the application for a licensed utility layer submitted by Parkside Excavation Inc., of Acushnet, MA, conditionally for two jobs. So voted.**

**SIGNATURE DOCUMENT**

The Board members signed the *Contract Agreement between the Town of Dartmouth and Medeiros & Sons Construction, Inc., for Sidewalk and Roadway Improvements – Russells Mills Road/Rogers Street.*

**OTHER BUSINESS**

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

Mr. Sullivan reported an incident that occurred during hydrant flushing. A basement along the route was flooded. Mr. Sullivan contacted the Legal Department and the insurance company was notified. He explained how the incident occurred. Mr. Hickox asked that the standard operation procedures for flushing be reviewed with all of the crews.

The Board agreed to meet again on November 16, 2010, at 7:30 a.m.

Having no further business to discuss that morning, at approximately 8:10 a.m. a motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to adjourn the meeting. So voted.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved: 11116110

Michelle L. DeFranco, Office Manager/Confidential Secretary