

**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  
David G. Cressman, Executive Administrator

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 December 16, 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 November 19, 26, December 3, and 10, 2010. So voted.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Branco and duly seconded by Mr. Nunes to approve and accept the Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2010, as amended. So voted.**

**APPOINTMENTS**

**Hearing – Request to remove public shade tree abutting 42 Wilson Street**

The Chairman opened the duly advertised hearing in accordance of M. G. L. Chapter 87, Section 3 and recognized Ms. Mary Treseler of 42 Wilson Street.

Ms. Treseler presented the Board with photographs of the tree in questions, which depicted it at different times of the year. She also presented the Board with a copy of a letter from a neighbor in favor of the tree removal. The photographs and letter were received and made part of the file. Ms. Treseler informed the Board that the tree often loses limbs that fall on her property and vehicles. She pointed out the odd way it had been trimmed. She also informed the Board that she would plant an ornamental tree to replace the tree if its removal was approved.

The Chairman asked if there was anyone present that wished to speak in favor or in opposition of the request. Hearing no one, he closed the hearing.

**A motion was made by Mr. Branco and duly seconded by Mr. Nunes, to approve the removal of the 18” diameter Maple tree abutting 42 Wilson Street at the petitioner’s expense with the condition that the petitioner would also replace the removed tree with a new tree. So voted.**

**Meeting with Fay, Spofford, and Thorndike re: Update on Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan**

The Chairman recognized Mr. Brian Shea, P.E.; Mr. Parviz Amirhor, PhD., P.E.; and Mr. David Graham, P.E. of Fay, Spofford, and Thorndike, Inc.

Mr. Amirhor informed the Board that FS&T is scheduled to submit the first CWMP draft by the end of January 2011. He added that they were before the Board that morning at Mr. Hickox’s request to present the Board with their findings and recommendation especially those with cost implications.

Mr. Amirhor and Mr. Shea presented their findings in a PowerPoint® format. The Board members were provided with a hard copy, herein attached.

Mr. Nunes noted that 10% of Dartmouth's sewage is routed to New Bedford. He asked if that could ever be changed. Mr. Hickox replied that the cost of upgrading or adding capacity to the Town's facility must be weighed against the costs of redirecting the waste to the City of New Bedford. Mr. Nunes said those ratepayers are paying the city rate rather than the Town rate. Mr. Branco replied that the cost to upgrade for the adding capacity is the issue. He added that the rate is higher and the Town conducts all of the maintenance. The Chairman noted the Town should receive some type of credit for the maintenance. Mr. Branco replied that the item has been brought up with the City in the past.

During the review of the existing conditions survey results, Mr. Nunes asked Mr. Cardoso if there were any immediate major issues. Mr. Cardoso replied that the Chief Maintenance Operator has addressed the four older pumping station immediate needs. They are now addressing the newer stations.

After the review of the summary of estimated costs for short-term improvements, Mr. Azinheira asked if the long-term personnel costs were calculated in the estimates. Mr. Hickox replied that the current salaries and overhead costs were used in the calculations. Mr. Azinheira asked that the estimates be recalculated to include post-retirement health insurance, etc.

Mr. Azinheira suggested that the planning process for the upgrades begin over the next 12 months. Mr. Hickox asked Mr. Amirhor if he could provide the timeframe for the detail engineering in order to have the work completed in prioritized phases. He recommended that the monies be appropriated at the next Town Meeting so the Department could move forward with the engineering in order to meet SRF deadlines.

Mr. Shea informed the Board that the PEF submittal deadline is August 2011, in order to meet the construction funding for 2012. DEP's design deadline is October 2012.

At the conclusion of the presentation; Mr. David Cressman, Executive Administrator, questioned the recommendation of not providing service to sub area number 5. He said the area is in close proximity to the water treatment plant. He asked if there is a connection to the coliform issues with the plant associated with the septic systems. Mr. Sullivan replied that is not affecting the system but does have an effect on the Groundwater Rule. Mr. Cressman also noted that the nutrient study at UMass Dartmouth is coming to a conclusion and will create a demand for public sewer for a lot of the Cape and the Southcoast area. He added that all but one of Dartmouth's rivers do not meet compliance.

Mr. Cressman questioned the operating and maintenance calculated for the sludge removal. Mr. Graham replied that they contacted a number of facilities that accept sludge but were not successful in finding any landfill sites that would accept it.

Mr. Hickox pointed out that one of the items they had discussed at an earlier meeting was how the Town would address restricting sewer extensions based on the Town's Master Growth Plan. One item that was discussed was incorporating a sewer district. Mr. Azinheira agreed and suggested having Town Meeting accept a sewer district to define the line.

The discussion concluded with Mr. Hickox asking FS&T to provide the figures to phase the project starting with the engineering costs. Mr. Azinheira asked the rate projections be developed.

On another item, Mr. Hickox informed the Board members that they would be discussing the Faunce Corner Road/Route 6/Tucker Road Improvements at their next meeting. He added that the state has issued a number to the project.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Bid Award Recommendation – Sodium Hydroxide (25% solution)**

Mr. Hickox reviewed the bid award recommendation to award the bid for sodium hydroxide to the low bidder.

**A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to award the bid for Sodium Hydroxide (25% solution) to the low bidder, Borden & Remington, of Fall River. So voted.**

**Bid Award Recommendation – 3-4 c.y. Dump Truck –2011**

Mr. Hickox reviewed the bid award recommendation to award the bid for a 3-4 c.y. dump truck to the low bidder.

**A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to award the bid for a 3-4 c.y. dump truck to the low bidder, Framingham Ford of Framingham, MA. So voted.**

**Bid Award Recommendation – Obsolete Vehicles**

Mr. Hickox reviewed the Assistant Superintendent of Services & Infrastructure’s bid award recommendation for the obsolete vehicles. He noted the recommendation to reject all bids for the 1993 Kodiak Recycling truck so that the aluminum body could be scrapped.

**After a motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco, it was unanimously voted to award the following bids to the high bidders and reject all bids for the 1993 Kodiak recycling truck:**

**Chuckran Auto Parts, Bridgewater, MA (\$1,626.00)**

1997 Chevy one-ton dump truck	1994 Chevy pickup truck
1993 Plymouth Colt	1994 Chevy Corsica Sedan

**LaMountains, Charlton, MA (\$2,555.56)**

1997 Ford utility truck	1992 Chevy 3-c.y. dump truck
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**Request for Do Not Litter Signs – Rock O’Dundee Road and Gaffney Road**

The Board members reviewed the request and sympathized with the resident’s concerns about the amount of litter generated along the scenic roadways. They did not believe adding signage along the scenic way would alleviate the problem but asked that the area be monitored and the litter addressed by the Department. Mr. Branco suggested requesting the sheriff department’s assistance in picking up the litter.

**Request of PAYT abatement – 115 Center Street**

The Board members discussed the request for reconsideration of a PAYT abatement. It was noted that the resident did not receive the original bill because the home was purchased at the end of October.

**A motion was made by Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to abate the Pay-As-You-Throw base rate and any demand and interest applied to 115 Center Street based on the resident’s statement that he did not receive the original billing and thus could not meet the original abatement filing period requirements. So voted.**

**Letter Agreement for Environmental Monitoring Reporting**

Mr. Hickox abstained from discussion noting that his brother is an employee of CDM.

**A motion was made by Mr. Branco and duly seconded by Mr. Nunes to approve the letter agreement between the Town of Dartmouth and CDM for environmental monitoring reporting. So voted.**

Mr. Nunes asked if the solar development project request for proposals included language that the successful developer would assume the cost of landfill monitoring. Mr. Hickox replied in the affirmative.

#### **Bid Award Recommendation – Construction of Landing-Bank Stabilization –Hill Street**

Mr. Hickox informed the Board that the repair was necessary due to the coastal damage at the end of Hill Street during the March 2010 storm.

**A motion was made by Mr. Branco and duly seconded by Mr. Nunes to award the bid for the construction of landing-bank stabilization, Hill Street to Medeiros & Sons Construction for the submitted low bidder amount of \$21,600.00. So voted.**

#### **SIGNATURE DOCUMENT**

The Board of Public Works members signed the following signature document: **Certification of Betterment of Special Assessments – Birchfield Sewer Extension & Tucker Road Sewer Extension**

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

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

Mr. Hickox presented the Board members with a copy of an email from the Executive Director of the Greater New Bedford Regional Refuse Management District Virginia Valiela, which referenced the cost to repair the City of New Bedford's Cat loader used at the New Bedford Transfer Station to process both the city's and Town of Dartmouth's recycling. The cost to repair the piston and the front axle is \$11,200. On behalf of the city, Ms. Valiela requested the Department consider paying 40% of the repair out of its recycling custodial account as Dartmouth is responsible for 40% of the recycling tonnage at the New Bedford Transfer Station.

**A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to approve the request to expend \$4,480 from the Town of Dartmouth's recycling custodial account to pay 40% of the cost to repair the City of New Bedford's Cat loader, which is used to process the Town of Dartmouth's recycling. So voted.**

**Having no further business to discuss that morning, at approximately 9:05 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, Office Manager/Confidential Secretary

Approved: 01/18/11