

**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 bills payable for the period ending April 5, 2011. 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 March 25 and April 1, 2011. So voted.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Branco and duly seconded by Mr. Nunes to approve and accept the Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2011. So voted.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Branco and duly seconded by Mr. Nunes to approve and accept the Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2011. So voted.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Update on Wind Turbine and Solar Farm Projects**

Mr. Hickox reported that the Town decided to move the solar farm project forward with a long established firm by the name of Borrego. At this point, concerns about net metering are being discussed.

Regarding the wind turbine project, Mr. Nunes asked if there had been any discussion with land leasing. Mr. Hickox replied that at this time the Town is determining the best way to finance the project. Initially the Town was going to finance the project but it is now evaluating the merits of having a private or third party financier/developer participation due to the available tax credits. Another issues being reviewed at this time, is noise. A noise evaluation was conducted in June and new data was obtained from the latest noise evaluation in January. After review, a consideration to move the turbines further back from the road is being researched.

Mr. Hickox also noted that the Town received a \$400,000 grant to offset the cost of design.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Review of RFP – Curbside Recycling Services**

Mr. Hickox informed the Board members that the Department received two proposals for curbside recycling services last Friday. He noted initially the numbers look pretty good but requested more time to analyze all of the scenarios, i.e. a five-day route week rather than a four-day week, and including solid waste services, purchasing the containers, etc.

Mr. Hickox also noted the figures regarding price sharing of recycling products both single and dual stream. Mr. Azinheira said he personally likes the advantages of single-stream recycling, relative to the ease for users. Mr. Nunes commented that his concern is the end product that results from a single-stream system. Mr. Hickox agreed that at this time single stream does result in the best final product but more evaluation is needed.

Mr. Azinheira noted his experience with an automated system and how it somewhat stabilizes the costs. Mr. Hickox said the other thing he discussed with another community was an automated system with a Pay-As-You-Throw community. Their experience that was related to him is that they use cameras to view the containers as they are tipped by the operator. A second checkpoint is when they release the haul at the landfill.

Mr. Hickox reviewed the impact on the General Fund for personnel that is currently paid predominately through the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund. He also noted the impact to snow and ice operations with the loss of four drivers. The current average cost for contracting snow and ice is approximately \$60,000 a year should four replacement trucks be needed.

Mr. Branco and Mr. Nunes commented that they believe if the Department turns to privatization it should be both solid waste and recycling. The Board members agreed that Mr. Hickox should meet with the Operations Manager at ABC to discuss the various scenarios, and to ask the Town Accountant to provide overhead figures based on the proposed contracted numbers.

The Board members agreed that joint meetings with the Select Board and Finance Committee would be in order and with an objective to present the new program to the fall Town Meeting. It was the consensus of the Board to present the current solid waste/recycling budget as is to the spring Town Meeting with the mindset that it will be amended in the fall.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

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

Mr. Hickox informed the Board that there is a section of Ryder Street that is private that was not build to Town standards a number of years ago. The street has no drainage and is in a state of disrepair and a resident has approached him to have the road repaired. Mr. Branco added that years ago when he was Superintendent of Public Works he was approached by a resident that lived along that section and advised them to petition the Town for acceptance. At that time, due to the cost to the abutters to bring the road to Town standards, the residents never pursued seeking acceptance.

Mr. Pacheco commented that the Department plows the section because it leads to the accepted way. He added that they have also filled potholes in that area at the request of the police department. Mr. Branco suggested that they get the residents to petition for acceptance and inform Town Meeting the cost to bring the road to Town standards. He added that a determination should be made by Town Counsel regarding the question of entry.

Having no further business to discuss that morning, at approximately 8:30 a.m. a motion was made by Mr. Branco and duly seconded by Mr. Nunes to adjourn the meeting. So voted.

Respectfully submitted:

Michelle L. DeFranco, Office Manager/Confidential Secretary

Approved: 4/27/2011