

Present:

Lee M. Azinheira, Chairman
Manuel Branco, Clerk

Mark S. Nunes, 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 25, 2011. So voted.

A motion was made by Mr. Branco and duly seconded by Mr. Nunes to approve and accept the weeks ending October 7, 14, and 21, 2011. So voted.

A motion was made by Mr. Branco and duly seconded by Mr. Nunes to approve and accept the Meeting Minutes of October 6, 2011. So voted.

OLD BUSINESS

Application for Licensed Utility Layer – Babbitt Construction Corp. of Seekonk, MA

Mr. Hickox informed the Board members that he received a verbal recommendation for Babbitt Construction Corp. from the city of Taunton. He added that the contractor is seeking a permit for just one connection at this time, Spinnaker Lane.

A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to approve the application for Licensed Utility Layer submitted by Babbitt Construction Corp. of Seekonk, MA for one connection, Spinnaker Lane, Dartmouth. So voted.

Dartmouth Street Reconstruction Project – Request from Cumberland Farms to obstruct and disturb road pavement

Mr. Hickox reported that he met with the Cumberland Farms project managers on October 12, to discuss their project and how it impacts the Dartmouth Street Reconstruction Project. At this point, Mr. Hickox suggested waiting to see if the Cumberland Farms project receives state approval. Mr. Branco noted that the Select Board should be notified of any possible delays to the Dartmouth Street Reconstruction Project.

NEW BUSINESS

NSTAR Gas Company request to obstruct and disturb the surface of 66 Middle Street

The Chairman recognized Mr. Craig Mello of Nstar Gas Company and Mr. Robert Caron of 66 Middle Street. Mr. Hickox noted that the Department had previously denied the request based on the five- year moratorium on street disturbances on roadways that have been overlaid. Since that time, they have asked Nstar for more information. Nstar has provided a new sketch detailing an alternative plan. Mr. Mello explained the proposed plan.

Mr. Branco suggested extending the gas from Janice Lane on the opposite side of Middle Street. Mr. Hickox suggested extending the gas line down Janice Lane along the backside and back up Grove Hill Lane to service 66 Middle Street. Mr. Mello had no objection and noted that two additional gas services had been recently requested for residents on Grove Hill Lane. All parties agreed to the alternative. Mr. Mello said he would inspect the site to verify the size of the gas main on Janice Lane and provide the Board with a new plan crossing Janice Lane on the south shoulder.

The Chairman asked Mr. Mello if Nstar follows the PUC regulations for compaction. Mr. Mello replied in the affirmative noting that they have compaction supervisors on their trucks and guarantee the trenches for five years. The Chairman requested that road cuts be made in a perpendicular fashion rather than on the diagonal.

A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to approve Nstar Gas Company's Option #1 to the proposed plan to obstruct and disturb 66 Middle Street (crossing Janice Lane on the south shoulder of Middle Street). So voted.

Vote to Authorize Director of Public Works as Signatory – SRF I/I Application

The Chairman noted that the request was standard for a SRF grant applications.

After a motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco, it was voted unanimously in favor to authorize Mr. David T. Hickox, P.E., Director of Public Works, to act on behalf of the Town of Dartmouth, as its agent, in filing applications for, executing agreements regarding, and performing any and all actions necessary to secure for the Town of Dartmouth such loan(s) for construction or planning of Water Pollution Abatement Projects as may be made available to the Town of Dartmouth pursuant to the provisions of the Massachusetts Clean Waters Act (M.G.L. c.21, section 27-33E, inclusive, as amended) and the Water Pollution Abatement Revolving Loan Program (M.G.L.c.29C) for the following request: Infiltration/Inflow Analysis & Sewer System Evaluation Survey (I/I & SSES) for areas in the Town of Dartmouth, MA that are tributary to the South Dartmouth and Clarence Street pumping stations.

Review of Board of Public Works Policy – Sewer Betterment Assessment Abatements

The Board reviewed the draft policy.

A motion was made by Mr. Branco and duly seconded by Mr. Nunes to adopt the following sewer betterment assessment abatement policy:

In consideration of the TOWN granting an abatement of the said sewer betterment assessment, the OWNER shall hereby covenant that, in the event the said PREMISES should utilize the Town sewer system in the future, and prior to the connection of said system, the PREMISES shall incur a sewer connection fee in an amount equal to said sewer assessment plus interest at the rate of two (2) percent per annum from the date of

assessment to the date of connection. The COVENANT as against said PREMISES shall be considered to be a covenant running with the land and shall be recorded in said Registry with a marginal reference made on the recorded deed in said Registry. So voted.

To allow for the arrival of the Town Account for the next new business item, the Chairman called for a ten minute recess at 7:55 a.m. The Chairman resumed the meeting at 8:05 a.m.

Review of End of Year Reports/FY 2011: Sewer Enterprise Fund, Water Enterprise Fund, and Solid Waste Enterprise Fund

The Chairman recognized Town Accountant, Claire Karvonen.

Ms. Karvonen reviewed the revenue and expenditures for each enterprise fund. Ms. Karvonen asked the Board members if they had any questions on the end of year reports. Mr. Nunes suggested moving the budget monies for the salary of one engineer from I/I to an alternative budget. The other Board members agreed that since I/I revenues, driven by construction, are down it would be appropriate to do so.

PAYT Senior Citizen Discount Application – 23 Arthur Avenue

Mr. Nunes informed the other Board members that the applicant's son contacted him regarding the application, which was late due to documentation forthcoming from Portugal. The Chairman asked if the applicant met the financial requirements. Ms. DeFranco answered in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to accept and approve the late submitted application for a PAYT Senior Citizen Discount for the property owner of 23 Arthur Avenue. So voted.

Having no further business to discuss that morning, at approximately 8:20 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, Administrative Assistant

Approved: 11/17/11