

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 bills payable for the period ending March 1, 2012. 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 February 10, 17, and 24, 2012. So voted.

A motion was made by Mr. Branco and duly seconded by Mr. Nunes to approve and accept the Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2012. So voted.

A motion was made by Mr. Branco and duly seconded by Mr. Nunes to approve and accept the Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2012. So voted.

APPOINTMENT

Meeting with Mr. Reis regarding water invoice

The Chairman recognized Mr. Reis of 3 Schoolhouse Lane. Mr. Reis said he had a water leak on the other side of the meter under his kitchen sink in his rental property. Mr. Hickox noted that the water went through the meter. Mr. Sullivan said he spoke with Mr. Reis and discussed changing out the meter. The meter was tested and test results were accurate. Mr. Sullivan added that the water usage denoted more than a small leak. Mr. Reis replied that he checked the apartment and did not find any leaks. Mr. Azinheira pointed out that the water usage denoted more than a small leak, an average of more than 400 gallons per day over the normal usage. He added that a tenant could have left water running. Mr. Branco asked Mr. Sullivan if the high water use put the service in a higher rate block. Mr. Sullivan replied in the affirmative. Mr. Branco suggested adjusting the rate block charged for that time period.

After a motion was made by Mr. Branco and duly seconded by Mr. Azinheira, it was voted two (2) in favor and one (1) opposed (Mr. Nunes) to adjust the water invoice for 3 School House Lane to a lower rate block. So voted.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion regarding unaccepted ways- Ryder Street

Mr. Hickox noted that the item was a follow up to a previous discussion regarding an inventory of unaccepted ways. A brief discussion regarding the options to service unaccepted ways and to have those currently serviced accepted and eligible for Chapter 90 funding ensued. The Board concluded by agreeing that a request should be forwarded to Town Counsel seeking advice relative to how to proceed with a general acceptance of the roads currently serviced.

Discussion regarding recycling rolling carts

The Board discussed sizes and colors of the rolling carts. The members agreed with black carts/black lids for paper products and black carts/gray lids for commingled products. They also agreed to deliver one size initially and then present the option for alternate sizes after a few months into the program. The vendor suggested a 60-day time period before offering other sizes.

Mr. Hickox informed the Board that staff is currently reviewing whether or not solid waste/recycling services can be brought to private areas. A brief discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS

M. Soares Violation – Utility Layer’s License

The Board member reviewed the letter that was mailed via certified mail to Mr. Manuel Soares regarding the revocation of his utility license. They also discussed imposing a fine in accordance with section 5 of the Town of Dartmouth Department of Public Works Rules & Regulations for the Installation and Connection of Building Sewers if the item is not resolved within 14 days of receipt of the certified letter.

Faunce Corner Road – Center Island Maintenance

Mr. Hickox informed the Board that the engineering firm working on the state project is proposing a grassy strip installation in its upgrades recommendations to Faunce Corner. The state is not opposed to the improvement if the Town commits to its maintenance. The Board members denied the request due to the Department current maintenance commitments.

Discussion regarding Water Operator Training

Mr. Hickox stated that he brought the information to the Board’s attention because the water operator requirements have changed since January 1, 2012. The changes will have to be addressed in future budgets. The Board agreed that if one should fail the test they would not be eligible for reimbursement.

Request for Sewer Abatement – Smith Neck Road/Assessors’ Map 104 Lot 1-11

Mr. Hickox informed the Board that the lot was inadvertently billed in error during the Bay View Sewer Project. He recommended that the betterment be abated and a covenant recorded that a sewer connection fee be assessed if the lot should ever become buildable in the future.

A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to abate the sewer betterment assess to Assessors’ Map 104 Lot 1-11 with the condition that a covenant be recorded with the Registry of Deeds, which notes that in the event the lot should utilize the Town sewer system in the future and connect into said system the premises shall incur a sewer connection fee

in an amount to equal to said sewer assessment balance of \$19,929.12 plus interest at the rate of two (2) percent per annum from the date of assessment to the date of connection. So voted.

Recommendation for bid award 2012 street sweeper

The Board members reviewed the recommendation for the bid award.

A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to award the bid for the 2012 street sweeper to Donovan Equipment, Co., Inc., of Londonderry, NH for the low bid amount of \$199,712.00. So voted.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

Mr. Nunes asked Mr. Hickox if there was any response to the correspondence mailed to Mr. Eric Smith. Mr. Hickox replied that he had spoken to the contractor about the permit and the contractor resolved the issue.

Having no further business to discuss that morning, at approximately 8:45 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, Administrative Assistant

Approved: 4/12/12