

**Present:**

Lee M. Azinheira, Chairman  
Manuel Branco, Clerk

Mark S. Nunes, Vice Chairman  
David T. Hickox, Director

Paul Pacheco, Superintendent Services & Infrastructure      \*Carlos Cardoso, WPC Plant Manager  
Steven Sullivan, Superintendent Water & Sewer Division

\*Mr. Cardoso was absent due to a previously scheduled vacation.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 a.m.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to accept and approve the warrants for the bills payable for the period ending June 26, 2014. So voted.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to accept and approve the payrolls for the weeks ending June 6, 13 and 20, 2014. So voted.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Azinheira to approve and accept the meeting minutes of June 3, 2014. So voted. Mr. Branco abstained due to his absence from that meeting.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Discussion on Hydrant Inspections and Dartmouth Fire Department water used for training purposes.**

Mr. Hickox informed the Board that at a previous meeting there was discussion about a fire in Nonquitt and a complaint that some hydrants that were not operational. Since then an inventory has been done on all commercial hydrants and the private residential hydrant inventory is almost complete. He feels that the Fire Districts should have some responsibility in maintaining the system. He would like to sit with the fire chiefs and Steve Sullivan to discuss properly training firefighters on how to correctly operate the hydrants. Mr. Hickox has contacted DartSTAT to check other towns and communities on their hydrant assessments. Mr. Azinheira feels that the Town should be maintaining the hydrants not the Dartmouth Fire Districts. Mr. Hickox pointed out that the Town does not have the man power however there are private firms who are capable of doing this type of work.

Mr. Azinheira recommended purchasing a valve exerciser. Mr. Pacheco mentioned that the Town owns one but does not have enough personnel to operate it. The Board then discussed a possible hydrant assessment and the fairness of those who do not pay into the water but benefit from having a hydrant.

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**Recommendation to Award – Guardrail Barrier and Replacement: Gulf Road and Apponagansett Landing to Bartlett Consolidated LLC.**

Mr. Hickox informed the Board that this project is being funded through an article from the June Special Town meeting. The currently structure around Apponagansett Park is a potential hazard.

*A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to approve the recommendation by Mr. Hickox and award the Guardrail barrier and Replacement at Gulf Road and Apponagansett Landing to Bartlett Consolidated, LLC. So voted.*

**Application for Licensed Utility Layer – Carricorp Industries, LTD.**

Mr. Hickox recommended that the Board accept the application for Licensed Utility Layer from Carricorp Industries, LTD. They have been doing business for a long time and he feels that they are a reputable firm. They will be servicing the Lincoln Park Development in the near future.

*A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to approve the recommendation by Mr. Hickox and accept the application for Licensed Utility Layer from Carricorp Industries, LTD. So voted.*

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Discussion on Automated Solid Waste Collection**

Mr. Hickox reviewed with the Board the “Implementation Plan for Automated Solid Waste Collection” that he put together. It would go into effect next fiscal year starting July 1, 2015. The market looks like it is going towards single stream recycling. Option #1 would convert one cart to solid waste and the other would be single stream recycling. The Town signed a contract for one year with We Care at \$10 per ton which gives the Board time to figure out what direction to go. Mr. Hickox recommends to keep the orange bags as a metering system in option #1 and convert to single stream. Mr. Azinheira wants to give people an option to buy a sticker for the year and pay a fixed price in lieu of the bags.

Mr. Hickox provided data on the number of pick-ups for recycling and the unknown factor will be how often residents put out their recycling. Right now the Town services less than half of SMART customers and more trucks will be needed if everyone puts out each cart out every week potentially doubling the existing fleet.

The large unknown factor is how much the Town assessment will increase due to New Bedford’s increase in recycling and reduction in waste tonnage. Next month, the Greater New Bedford Refuse Management District will be contacting Mr. Hickox on the Town’s approximate assessment. Also the ban on COMM-97 soil will have an impact and at this time is an additional unknown factor.

The rate impact will be about \$145 per unit, an increase of \$65 per unit. Mr. Hickox will obtain a cost estimate from Waste Management on privatizing automated solid waste collection.

As part of the "for your information" packet to the Board, Mr. Hickox included the slides from last month's Dartstat meeting. Mr. Hickox wanted to show the Board the summary of what topics are usually discussed. At the last meeting, Mr. Hickox was provided with a sick leave analysis produced by Sarah Concannon from DARTSTAT. Discussion commenced on the different patterns by particular employees and what steps have been done to address this issue.

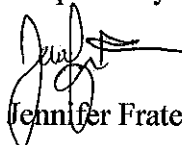
Mr. Hickox also informed the Board about a 4G license that our Heavy Machine Equipment Operators now have to obtain in order to perform duties in their job description.

Mr. Hickox announced that the Design Public Hearing for Faunce Corner Road Phase I has been scheduled to take place on July 17, 2014 at 7:00PM at Town Hall.

Lastly, the Automatic Meter Reader installation is behind schedule due to software issues with Munis however it is near completion.

**Having no further business to discuss that morning, at approximately 8:55 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to adjourn the meeting. So voted.**

Respectfully submitted:

  
Jennifer Frates, Administrative Assistant

Approved: as amended on page 1 & 2. 7/23/14

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