

December 15, 2015

Present:

Mark S. Nunes, Chairman
Lee M. Azinheira, Clerk

Brian Hawes, Vice-Chairman
David T. Hickox, Director

Paul Pacheco, Superintendent Services & Infrastructure
Steven Sullivan, Superintendent Water & Sewer Division

Carlos Cardoso, WPC Plant Manager

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

ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made by Mr. Azinheira and duly seconded by Mr. Hawes to accept and approve the warrants for the bills payable for the period ending December 15, 2015. So voted.

A motion was made by Mr. Azinheira and duly seconded by Mr. Hawes to accept and approve the payrolls for the weeks ending November 28, December 5, & 12, 2015. So voted.

A motion was made by Mr. Azinheira and duly seconded by Mr. Hawes to approve and accept the meeting minutes of November 23, 2015. Mr. Nunes abstained due to his absence from the previous meeting. So voted.

APPOINTMENT

Kevin Ponte – 57 Cove Road Water Bill

Mr. Sullivan stated to the Board that this bill for \$5,284.81 is for a rental property where Mr. Ponte pays New Bedford sewer and it was an actual read from April 29, 2015. Mr. Ponte explained that the home has all new plumbing and that there was one instance where the outdoor faucet was broken however it was only on for about 2-3 hours. He is at the home often since he runs his business out of there and did not see any issues that could have contributed to the high read.

Mr. Hickox noted that the Town has had similar cases in the past where an exterior leak was suspected and recommended the Board adjust the rate as done previously.

A motion was made by Mr. Azinheira and duly seconded by Mr. Hawes to adjust Mr. Ponte's bill to the lowest rate. So voted.

Goncalo Rego – 3 Gulf Hill Road Water Bill

Mr. Hickox informed the Board that the leak was in the irrigation system in this case. Mr. Rego was unable to attend the meeting but spoke to Mr. Azinheira regarding this water bill. Mr. Azinheira

explained that Mr. Rego will have to pay for the water at a lower rate and issue an abatement for the sewer.

A motion was made by Mr. Azinheira and duly seconded by Mr. Hawes to adjust Mr. Rego's bill to the lowest rate and abate the sewer. So voted.

NEW BUSINESS

Recommendation to Award Sprinkler System at the Highway Division Cold Storage Building

Mr. Hickox updated the Board that construction on the new sprung building has begun and this bid is for the installation of a dry sprinkler system. He recommended that the bid be awarded to the low bidder, Carlysle Engineering, Inc. of Boston, MA for \$76,300.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Azinheira and duly seconded by Mr. Hawes to award the Sprinkler System at the Highway Division Cold Storage Building to Carlysle Engineering, Inc. of Boston, MA for \$76,300.00. So voted.

Revisions to the SMART Abatement/Senior Discount Policy

The Board was given the draft SMART Abatement/ Senior Discount Policy with the following additions to acceptable alternative to municipal trash:

- Summer/Seasonal Resident Trash Disposed at Primary Residence- (abatement application, notarized affidavit stating seasonal use and that garbage/rubbish is transported to primary residence & Dartmouth SMART bill required)
- Vacant Property - (abatement application, notarized affidavit stating that the residence will be vacant for the entire billing cycle (July 1 – June 30) & Dartmouth SMART bill required)

Also proposed to be included in the policy was the following:

- Partial abatements are not available. If ownership of a property transfers, the paid annual fee will allow for continued participation in the program by subsequent owners/occupants.
- If there are recycling carts at the home, abatements will not be processed until they have been collected by the Department of Public Works. To schedule a collection call (508) 999-0740.

Mr. Nunes requested an amendment to the current language “The Select Board will set the base rate fee for the collection and disposal and administration of the program annually.” He stated that it should be the Board of Public Works and not the Selectboard that sets the fee.

A motion was made by Mr. Azinheira and duly seconded by Mr. Hawes to approve the proposed additions to the policy as well as amending the language to read that the Board of Public Works sets the base rate fee. So voted.

OLD BUSINESS

Review of the Allen Street Memorandum of Understanding

Mr. Nunes updated the Board members on the meeting he attended in regards to this Memorandum of Understanding for the Allen Street Garage. He expressed concern that it was important to include language necessary to protect the Town's interests 15-20 years from now. Mr. Hickox explained that everyone was in agreement if the site needed to be updated with an additional water tank or put a treatment facility there 15 years from now that it would be fine. Mr. Hickox noted that at the meeting with the Town Administrator and the Park Director, they did not agree with the possibility if the Centralized Garage on Russells Mills Road grows exponentially that the Water Division revert back to Allen Street where their infrastructure currently exists rather than be moved to a remote site.

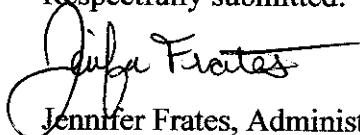
Mr. Hawes asked why the Water Department office is further down the street and not at this site. Mr. Sullivan explained that the intended use of the facility was as a garage and did not include office space.

Mr. Hickox expressed concern with the utility bills and paying for a space that the Water Department is not utilizing. Mr. Sullivan stated that utilities are being switched over to the Park Department.

Mr. Hickox stated that he would speak to Mr. Cressman expressing the concern of outgrowing the Russells Mills site in the future and if that site is needed to strengthen the Water and Sewer Division that the right be reserved to revert back and more the Park Department or build an addition. The other request to Mr. Cressman would be to amend the language to maintain access to restricted areas.

Having no further business to discuss that morning, at approximately 8:10 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Azinheira and duly seconded by Mr. Hawes to adjourn the meeting. So voted.

Respectfully submitted:


Jennifer Frates, Administrative Assistant

Approved:

