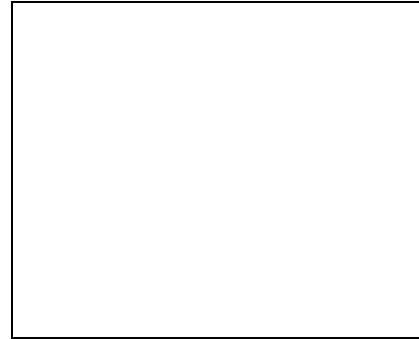


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Present

Michael Ristuccia, Commissioner
Brian Wotton, Commissioner
Robert Hobson, Commissioner
Keith Silvia, Commissioner
Cameron Durant, Commissioner
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent
Kathy Tripp, Administrative Assistant
Tammy Lamaire, Reis Asphalt



I. Call to Order

Mr. Ristuccia called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Routine Matters

A. Singing of Departmental Bills

III. Approval of Minutes

A. August 7, 2017

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve the minutes of August 7, 2017. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Appointments

A. Reis Asphalt – Re: 44 Grandview Avenue, Driveway Waiver & Violation

Mr. Lamaire – I am the office manager for Reis Asphalt.

Mr. Ristuccia – Reis is on our approved list. Disheartening. Person on list receives a violation. Didn't know or claim didn't know. Why?

Ms. Lamaire – There were permits sent in for three projects on Grandview. Misunderstanding. Yes pretty much what happened.

Mr. Hobson – There are only a few people that are on our list. \$3,000 driveway here and a \$4,000 driveway there and another guy another \$3,000. Fining you is ridiculous because it's only \$300. Our suggestion get fined \$300. I don't believe it's the homeowner's problem. We need to raise this to \$500 or \$1,000. Second driveway. I don't blame the homeowner, I blame you. After this we will discuss this further. Next time \$500 or \$1,000 and throw you off the list.

Ms. Lamaire - I understand.

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Mr. Silvia – He covered it.

Mr. Hobson – If not approved would you take it out?

Mr. Lamaire – We were not trying to pull a fast one. I had submitted three for that street.

Mr. Durant – I understand the possibly of an administrative error, but I agree with the Board moving forward changing the current guidelines. Serious issue to be addressed later on.

Mr. Wotton – \$300 to the homeowner and \$300 to the contractor. Our recommendation is that the contractor eats the \$300. Basically it's up to you how you handle it with Kathy tomorrow. Basically a final warning, happen again because the second driveway is illegal. First top coat it wouldn't be as big as an offense. Second the setbacks property water or sewer lines to deal with. So my recommendation is to do the \$300 to the homeowner and \$300 to the contractor.

Ms. Lamaire – That's fine.

Mr. Ristuccia – Has everybody gone by to see the second driveway?

Mr. Hobson – I know the guy. He said the contractor applied. The point is there is gas, water and if you lived next door and didn't want somebody have a second driveway near your house.

Mr. Ristuccia – I have not seen it. It may look good. Is it close to another property? Would we have approved it?

Mr. Hobson – Yes.

Mr. Wotton motioned to assess a \$600 fee to the contractor which essentially if contractor only pays \$300 we will send a bill to the homeowner and if there is a secondary offense there is a good chance of being removed from the list. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Durant – I would like to know what other areas like Dartmouth and New Bedford fine for similar violations.

V. Items for Action

A. Hart Engineering Corp. – Sewer Contract 29 – Notice to Proceed

Mr. Furtado – Hart Engineering was the low bidder for the work at the treatment and two pumping stations, Pilgrim and Railroad. They were reviewed and approved by the sewer engineer. We had a preconstruction with them. Money being paid from the \$10 million dollar article.

Mr. Wotton motioned to sign the Notice to Proceed for Contract 29. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

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B. Proposals for WPCF Discharge Permit Negotiations with E.P.A. and D.E.P.

Mr. Furtado – First contract that I want you to consider approving is from an engineer called Tighe and Bond. Linda and I met with EPA back in March and I thought that having another engineering company there that had been to negotiate for the town before would serve the town well. Linda felt the most comfortable with these folks. I think that the town would be well serviced by these people. Not to exceed \$15,000. We will be having a meeting with EPA in the not so distance future. Nitrogen permit; hope these people are here are going to push the EPA scientifically in the direction we want to push them. New Bedford and Acushnet are a part of this. Acushnet will be sewerage. Let's look at the receiving waters and see what the results are.

Mr. Durant – This engineering firm will give us ammo to negotiate with EPA. Also sit at the table to negotiate as well. Legal counsel with environmental background.

Mr. Furtado – They are going to present the scientific.

Mr. Furtado – Stantec is the design engineer. The reason for this how we make out. They need to be in the room because they will do the design. People for negotiations and people for the design.

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve the agreement with Tighe and Bond not to exceed \$15,000. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve the Stantec agreement not to exceed \$10,000. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

VI. Tabled Matters

n/a

VII. Board Members, Superintendent – Old Business / New Business

Superintendent's Report for August 21, 2017:

From Last Meeting

- Requested, again, for strobing light at Alden and Route 6
- Sent letter to Lovegrove family re: Memorial bench at Little Bay – family said that they would remove extra items
- Tree at 396 Sconticut Neck Road is on private property
- Slide at Cushman looked at for reported concerns
- Added additional barrel at Hoppy's

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- Sent in request for weed removal in center aisle on Route 6
- Weed whacking at all the Town curb lines nearly complete

New Items

- Meet with Engineers re: NPDES contract
- Attend pre-construction meeting for treatment plant and pump station upgrades
- Attend/Chair monthly Mattapoissett River Valley Water meeting
- Attend NIMS training at the Worcester DEP
- New IT personnel are researching methods to increase internet speed at BPW office
- Various phone calls with EPA and DEP representatives trying to set-up conference call or meeting for draft permit
- Attend meeting with John and BETA – update to our pavement management program and storm water efforts
- Write letter approving sewer work completed to date at Manjiro House
- Event that took place at Cooke Park was placing a bouquet of flowers as a memorial token on the bench that is located at this property – and not a festival
- Ordering new bucket for CAT - versus replacement – may have to seek a transfer later depending on how repairs are later on throughout the fiscal year

A. Marine Resources Committee

Mr. Hobson – Last meeting Union Wharf with lights. Some issues thinking about putting cameras at both places. Taylor Seafood wants to renew their contract. Little issue with it. Selectmen were supposed to meet, 35 acres and Taylor has 45 acres. Issue 100 foot barrier. Settle by the selectmen. They have to pay so much an acre.

Another issue picnic benches and some ten gallon buckets in the ground with hooks so nobody would steal them. Somebody from conservation had an issue. Not town conservation, someone from the state.

Mr. Wotton – Driving down Scoticut Neck I noticed some vegetation that was a little high that comes really close to the asphalt line, after Sunset Beach but before Winsegansett. It's low hanging. Bikes going down have to duck their head. Almost complete with the curb line around town.

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Mr. Hobson – Some lady at 55 Grandview, the water goes down the street and down the driveway and into her yard. Other issue was that tree that we keep talking about. I understand it's on private property. No common sense between the building and safety officer. Some more branches went this week. It's just mind boggling. Take it down, check with town counsel. If you go by there you will see it.

Mr. Furtado – The department who is in charge of trees would be the one to tell the homeowner to take it down.

Mr. Hobson – I would like to get a precinct book. Last one I have is 2016.

Mr. Wotton – The intersection at the bike path. We've been approved right?

Mr. Furtado – We have what's needed. From memory the cost is \$600,000. Maybe the bike people can get a grant.

Mr. Silvia – I have nothing.

Mr. Durant – I was asked by a resident on West Island what is the reason we cannot get cleaned in terms of shells and debris?

Mr. Furtado – We have used a beach comber a few times. I could ask to borrow it. We don't have one. We didn't do it this year.

Mr. Durant – I love the progress with the fight with EPA. I think I'm not going to be able to sleep at night until we get creative to offset costs. Push for a joint session with the selectmen. Get some new revenue in.

Mr. Ristuccia – The parking lot at the town beach. Go forward to conservation so we can pave that.

Mr. Furtado – I have contacted GCG. They have given us a proposal. The issue is not paving. The issue is what to do with the water. If we do not have the right design they will disallow us to move forward.

MR. Furtado – I just wanted to bring up this weekend with the water. It seems that the water treatment plant got struck by lightning Friday night, the same time that water was being distributed to the town. Stirred up a bunch of sediment in parts of town. From that we've gotten quite a few dirty water calls. I would think in the next few weeks we would receive some claims.

Mr. Wotton motioned to bring back Cooke Park to find out what Ms. Vilandry has.

Mr. Ristuccia – We can't talk about. It's not on the agenda.

Mr. Furtado – I requested quotes and received one. So eventually, the only way that our town counsel suggests that you move forward is with Mass Historicals blessing. Hire an archeologist. Someone could donate money to the town, create an account or go before town meeting. Regardless of what anybody submits you can't do anything per our town counsel until they render a decision.

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VIII. Set Date for the Next Meeting

Mr. Wotton motioned to hold the next meeting on September 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Ristuccia seconded. Vote unanimous.

IX. Adjourn

Mr. Wotton motioned to adjourn at 6:57 p.m. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. Tripp
Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved on September 11, 2017