

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Friday, January 15, 2016 @ MSD OFFICE, 43 West Bow Street, Franklin, NH**

**Scott called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.**

**Members Present: Councilor Clarenbach (Chair); Councilor Starkweather; Councilor Desrochers; Councilor Dzjuna; Councilor Wells; City Manager Dragon; Finance Director Milner; Operations Superintendent Turcotte; Director Sullivan; Intern Bill Stuart.**

**Item # 1 – Discussion on Prospect Street funding**

**Brian mentioned he wanted this MSD Committee Meeting now in order to get the discussed work on the City schedule for the Summer of 2016.**

**Suggested work – Prospect Street (Section 1 from Central Street to Kidder’s house); Prospect Street (Section 2 from Kidder’s house to Town Line). Total cost - \$822,000. Brian stated that the challenge is that there are numerous other City roads that are just as bad as Prospect Street in need of repairs.**

**Brian typed a sample Resolution and distributed to Committee members. It was discussed and agreed upon that a Workshop should be set in early February and a public hearing set in order for the resolution to be approved at the March Council Meeting.**

**After lengthy discussion, the Committee agreed it would be best to Bond the road repairs of 1.55 miles from the Northfield Town Line in a northerly direction. Additional MTIF money, along with any remaining bond money, would be used on shimming various roads, including a section of Prospect Street, along with a list that Brian would develop for the Workshop.**

**Councilor Wells requested the list of priority road projects in advance of the February Council Workshop so that he and others could go out and view the road conditions.**

**The Committee also felt it would be helpful to prioritize the road list, beyond the funds requested for this project, to provide guidance at year end or other times when funds may become available.**

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Bob made a motion (Ted 2<sup>nd</sup>) to recommend to the Council bonding (or long-term note) in the amount of approximately \$550,000 to complete the work necessary for the upper section of Prospect Street (estimated at \$503,000) and apply shim/overlay where needed for the lower section. In addition, to use the current funds available in the \$5 motor vehicle fund (currently \$167,000) to do work on other roads as prioritized by Director Sullivan to address high maintenance demands on the Department. Motion was approved unanimously.

Judie will do an up-dated Resolution and a bond payment schedule for review before the Workshop.

Scott mentioned that the funds from the bond for the garbage truck (\$152,000) will be available soon. The question was asked if we could use these funds towards road repairs. Elizabeth and Judie suggested that these funds be kept for future equipment needs.

**Item # 2 – Other Business**

- A. Ted mentioned the new street lights and that this work was going well. Feedback has been mostly good.
- B. Ted mentioned that back a month or so ago, traffic lights at Central & Franklins Streets were on flashing for a good period of time and that traffic seemed to flow nicely. Can we put them on flashing from time to time? Brian answered that the problem with this is the turns that have to be made off the main road.
- C. Brian mentioned that Tim Morrill has requested a meeting with him regarding a proposal for Franklin High School art students to paint streetscapes on traffic island curbs. Brian is opposed to this for numerous reasons: paint fades, painting will be vandalized, this will promote graffiti, the overall look of the City will be lowered, long-term maintenance and this will be a distraction to drivers. Elizabeth suggested that when Tim meets with Brian, he should explain these concerns to him and to possibly find some other outlet (such as painting a mural on the side of a building – maybe Greviors).
- D. Bob mentioned that Chance Pond Road is better now that it is dirt.

Bob made a motion (Scott 2<sup>nd</sup>) to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m. Motion was carried.