

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SHEPARD MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MINUTES OF JULY 11, 2016**

PRESENT: Mr. Dario F. Nardi; Chairman, Mr. James A. Gagner; Vice-Chairman and Mr. Marc W. Richard; Clerk

ATTENDEES: See Attached List

Mr. Nardi reconvened the meeting at 3:17 PM and dispensed with the Pledge of Allegiance at this time.

MassDOT Project No. 605559 – Downtown Redesign Project

Today's meeting is to discuss an issue that was recently brought to light with regard to the Downtown Project which is being administered by MassDOT.

Mr. Johnson, Superintendent from the Warren Water District addressed the Board today that he was recently advised by Ludlow Construction (GC) that the "mains" were not being replaced. The project only calls for the installation of new services and two hydrants. Mr. Johnson stated that a former Selectmen assured him that the main lines would indeed be replaced.

Initially, the discussion did take place on replacing the lines, however that was too costly to undertake. By their own admission, the Water District stated that they did not have the money to do so. They did provide \$25,000.00 of funding, however that is only a portion of the work. A rough estimate to remove and replace the water mains would run approximately \$100,000.00 based on estimates from 2014. Again, all members of the Water District agreed that they just don't have the resources to fund such work. The Water District feels that the town should honor the verbal statement by a former member, however Although sympathetic, Mr. Gagner stated that the District is privately owned and it is not the town's responsibility to fund their projects which this should be a maintenance item. Ms. Vadnais (Commissioner) requested a copy of the contact by and between the Town and MassDOT.

Both parties will check and see if there is any additional documentation regarding this subject and will meet again if necessary. With no further discussion, the following motion was made: Motion to enter into Executive Session in accordance with M.G.L. c39, Section 23B (3) to discuss the Administrative Secretary position without returning to open session made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous. Roll Call Vote – 3 Yey Votes
Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra
Administrative Secretary

Marc. W. Richard, Clerk