

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Meeting January 22, 2018
Minutes

In Attendance: Courtney Manning
Doug DeCesare
Kevin Bartlett
Robert Pelletier

Doug DeCesare called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Board read and approved the minutes of December 18, 2017.

48 Squire Shaler Abatement Reconsideration Request: Courtney said he would not change his vote. Doug suggested waiting for a meeting when King is here.

Roads took a beating with the cold weather snap followed by the fast warm up. Keeping up with the potholes.

Correspondence – Highway received a new truck was delivered (lights installed, lettered) had mechanical issues during the last storm. Hydraulic issues – brought it to Madigan's and it died. Taylor and Lloyd towed it back to the dealership to do some diagnostics. They think it's the DEF sensor – might be back tomorrow or Wednesday.

Sidewalk construction conference call with the company that is doing the sidewalks for the grant that was received. Kevin showed the plans – they plan to start at Thayer memorial at the Town Hall – at the back entrance end of the town hall and heading south, down to Neck Rd, to the Voss Bridge. Kevin thinks that the curbing and wheelchair ramps will be included – granite curbing. Will look to see if any water services could be done in conjunction.

Letter received from people up at Shaker Village Condo and Trust – - BOH was copied - stating that they had their wells tested again and they are high in sodium, and asked DPW to back off on salt road mix in their area. They asked DPW to use straight sand – and Kevin said they do not do straight sand. Town adopted road in 2004/2005 timeframe. The current mix is 50/50. Board suggested that the sand/salt mix is still used as it is a town road and safety is a concern. They also sent in a request for the Town to install a gate – people are dumping trash, etc down there at the end of Old Union Turnpike. Board stated that the problem is everywhere in town and it is a public way, there isn't much they can do there.

Water: This month's water samples were good. Pumps are turned on and churning the water prior to samples being taken. Plan is to run the pump to 2 hours each month – when the samples are taken. Consumption has been low without AUC. No equipment issues for the Water Division.

Scott Miller is working on DCAM land swap – sent it out to Harold Naughton. The piece on Kilbourn Road is the one they are looking at.

Bethany will be getting the final setup on the Water Project. Water upgrade project – North Main Street first. (Then maybe the crews could break off and do the rest simultaneously.) Go out to bid, then be shovel ready, then get the money. Hopefully begin April 1 and complete by October 1.

Cemetery – Paul has an appointment on Wed in Boston with Doctor to be re-evaluation. Has started therapy and is halfway to recovery. Better answer Wed or Thursday, when he brings his papers in.

No equipment issues there. Three maples cut down in front of Town Hall. Stumps will be pulled up and new maples will be planted. New Trees supposedly will be donated by the nursery up on Ballard Hill. Two more trees are scheduled to come down by Creamery and Main. Then National Grid will have a tree hearing on Feb 26th for the trees that are hazards to the wires – Kevin guesstimates about 60-70 trees (primary and secondary). Five trees on George Hill Road will also be taken down as a thank-you. They will not grind the stumps however.

Kevin showed the Board a draft of a Snow and Ice Policy and Procedure he had written, so it is now on paper and in black and white. Kevin asked for the board to take a look and get back to him with any suggestions they might have.

Kevin is attending the Finance Committee meeting tonight to go over the budget request.

Courtney fielded a phone call about a mailbox on Center Bridge Road, while Kevin was on vacation. (Last house on the right before the bridge). Courtney went down there to check it out – and dropped off the mailbox policy to her.

All the AEDs are here – Courtney asked if everyone needs training. Could be used for water license credits as well.

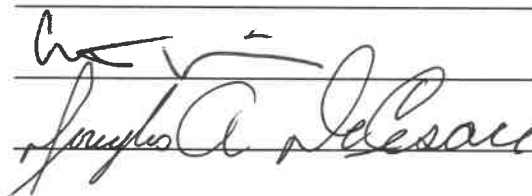
Next meeting date set for February 5, 2018.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:13 PM.

John King Jr., Chairman

Courtney Manning, Member

Douglas DeCesare, Member

The image shows three handwritten signatures in black ink, each written on a horizontal line. The first signature is for John King Jr., the second for Courtney Manning, and the third for Douglas DeCesare. The signatures are written in a cursive, flowing style.