

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Meeting February 5, 2018
Minutes

In Attendance: John King Jr.
 Courtney Manning
 Doug DeCesare
 Kevin Bartlett
 Robert Pelletier

Also in attendance: Jim Cost
 Paul Rouleau

John King Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

Board read and approved the minutes of January 22, 2018.

Public Comment: Jim Cost and Paul Rouleau of Public Road (James McCarthy, Harold Ogilvie not here) but came discuss the 32 unit development (40A) going in on Rigby Lane, which is currently on private property. They would like to see if Public Road can be turned into a Dead End at the town line. Would there be any issues with plowing? Clinton and Lancaster both plow due to the turn-around. Public Road is too narrow for 2 cars to pass each other – one has to pull over to let the other pass. Courtney said there are bylaws currently for emergency apparatus needing a turn-around – might not apply to older roads, but going forward it would. Planning Board decides, DPW Board stated – but Noreen had said no, that they create roads, not stop them. DPW stated that they really can't dictate orders to another town, abutters would need to come to an agreement with Clinton. Recommend that they come to an agreement with the builder and Clinton's Planning Board.

48 Squire Shaler Lane, Water Abatement Request for Reconsideration: Board had voted previously to deny the abatement request (for Dan Gill). Mr. Gill had a leak he was unaware of, and upon discovery he fixed it immediately. The 2012 bylaws state that service line owners must take significant action to repair within 10 days – fine of \$50/day thereafter. Doug DeCesare made a motion that as it was repaired well within the 10 days, the abatement request should be reconsidered and he should be allowed to pay for all of the water but at the lower rate. John King seconded. Vote was 2 in favor, 1 opposed (Manning). Motion passed.

Roads have taken a beating – with temperature fluctuations – they are keeping up with the cold patch. John King would like to recommend that when cold patch is used, that not just one person goes out to work on it. John made motion, Manning second, all in favor. Too dangerous – at least 2 people must go out for cold patching.

Superintendent Correspondence:

Orlando called him last week – stated that in the plans for the Prescott building there was extra office space and would like to move Barbara up there. Kevin explained that he thought there was too much interaction between Barbara and the water dept. John King stated his opinion that the Secretary should be here and they should decline the offer. Courtney stated that he had no problem with it. Possibly

Barbara could still come here on Fridays when the Town Hall is closed. Doug stated it would be nice if she could be both places. Doug could see the benefit both ways. Representation at the Town Hall could be good. John would like more information. He said he doesn't see a benefit. Kevin said he sides with John. Courtney asked Kevin to see if there is a deadline for a decision and to talk to Orlando tomorrow. He would even be interested in running it for a few months and see how it works.

Snow and Ice Policy that was presented by Kevin last month meeting – was looking for Board's input. Courtney stated in regards to confusion about police making the determination to call – clarification would help to be reworded, or statement removed. Other comment – if snow accumulates so quickly, do you keep treating? Courtney recommends setting a specific MPH for the term "safe speed". Re: Intersections – could really be a training issue. Sidewalks – anything written from Eagle Ridge? (Was only verbal, would like to have something in writing stating that sidewalks in Eagle Ridge are not the Town's responsibility.) Hydrants: snow accumulation during storm – 12" is really too much. Perhaps monitor beginning at 6" inch snowstorm and go from there. King asked for changes to be made a brought back at next meeting for a vote.

Kevin had a request for vacation for the Board, beginning Feb 23rd. Doug would like to know policy for when he is away. Only the Board needs to be notified. Kevin asked Board if they would prefer that one person gets the calls? Or should each division Foreman get the calls for their dept. Board would rather it be delegated to one person. Simplifies things for dispatch and for tracking calls.

Highway: New truck is back after problems, codes were investigated and it's all squared away now. They think it was the def system. H5 oil leak was fixed in house – then they noticed that the turbo in the linkage was no good and it was sent to Ricky's.

Water: No equipment issues. 2002 Backhoe should be in the Capital Plan for this year.

Cemetery: No equipment issues. Larrie was out with the flu all last week – had a doctor's note. Paul will be out another 5 weeks. Patrick has been up there with Larrie.

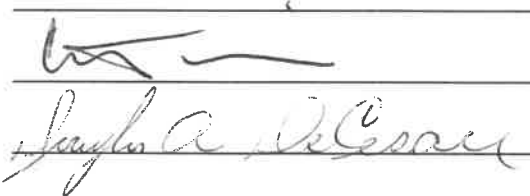
Next meeting date set for February 26th 2018 – Kevin will not be there – agenda will just include unresolved issues from this meeting – and Rigby/Public Road can be invited.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM

John King Jr., Chairman

Courtney Manning, Member

Douglas DeCesare, Member

The image shows three handwritten signatures, 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 dark ink and are somewhat stylized.