

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
Meeting February 27, 2017  
Minutes

In Attendance: John King Jr.  
Ted Manning  
Doug DeCesare  
Kevin Bartlett  
Robert Pelletier  
Steve Jones

Also in attendance: Noreen Piazza  
Stanley Starr  
Gregg Corbo, Town Counsel  
Blain Alvarez-Backus (Devonshire)  
Arthur Johnson (Eagle Ridge Liaison)

Chairman John King Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:38 PM

Inter Municipal Agreement with Lunenburg

Noreen began stating that following the last meeting, she felt that everyone was in agreement with moving forward with the Inter Municipal Agreement with Lunenburg, and asked for confirmation. She then presented the latest draft of the agreement. She also explained that the Town did not get the full \$8.5M Massworks Infrastructure Grant (that would include water tank, pump station, metering station, etc.) but instead, 10% (or approx. \$341,000) of total design cost. The Town (or private developers) would be responsible for the other 90%. She stated that the 2 developers (Boucher and Stanley) have agreed to split the 90%, but only if the construction is also funded by grant.

A couple of new developments may affect this. One is that the Lancaster Tech Park property (Stanley's) is now on the market, and there is a question as to whether the new owners will be willing to contribute. Boucher is also waiting to sell a piece of his property as well, which is currently hung up with DEP (for septic issues) but will hopefully be resolved in early March.

Gregg Corbo explained that the next steps for the Board are to:

- 1 – Figure out how much water we need. (Noreen suggests a different amount for the first year, second year, etc until arriving at full build-out.)
- 2 – Figure out the cost. (Lunenburg was planning to charge Lancaster their residential rate, with a surcharge on top of that.) He suggested coming up with an amount of our own to present.
- 3 – Figure out what Lancaster's rate to charge is going to be. Discussion led to a decision to bring in a rate consultant, which needs to happen ASAP.

Also, a decision needs to be made as to who will maintain the system within the Lancaster town boundary.

The Board was concerned about the minimum amount – what if they didn't use all of the water and they still had to pay for it. Corbo suggested that perhaps they could pay a "reserve capacity fee" to reserve the amount they think they will need, yet only pay for the water they actually use.

### Eagle Ridge and Fort Pond Inn Road for Town Acceptance

Superintendent explained to the Board that Eagle Ridge, Fort Pond Inn, and recently Devonshire, have all petitioned for roads to be accepted by the town, and no longer private. Eagle Ridge is 2.1 miles long and 40 feet wide. Art Johnson (liaison) was in attendance as he believed there would be questions on the wording of the warrant article for Town Meeting. The article states that Parcel B would not be included (the parcel that has the water and sewer pump stations). He also stated that they currently contract out the snow plowing and clean up in the spring and pay \$38,000 for the year, regardless of the amount of snowfall.

### Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

The Board read and approved the meeting minutes of January 23, 2017.

### Superintendent Correspondence

Kevin reported that there have recently been breakdowns of equipment, specifically C-2 and H-5, that are fixed now. He also informed the Board that the first request for the new mailbox policy had been received from 251 High Street Ext. The Board voted to deny the claim, as the mailbox was not hit by the plow itself.

### Public Comment

Ted Manning presented a map of a 30 acre parcel of land owned by the Town since 1940. He would like to run some test holes of the property to see what material may be there, perhaps for mining in the future to make money for the Town.

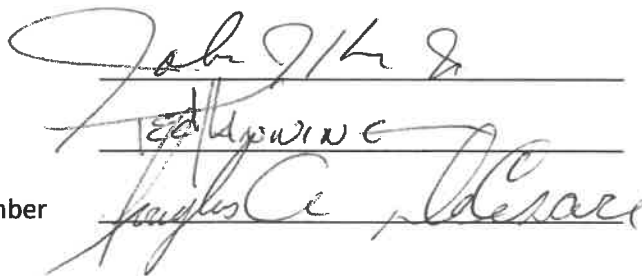
Doug DeCesare stated in follow up to a previous meeting with the Historical Commission, that he has been in touch with his contact in Shirley regarding inmate labor for the cemetery clean-up, but that there is none available at this time. He will try again soon. Kevin stated that they could also try the Sheriff's Department.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:21 PM.

John King Jr., Chairman

Ted Manning, Clerk

Douglas DeCesare, Member



Handwritten signatures of John King Jr., Ted Manning, and Douglas DeCesare over horizontal lines.