

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Meeting October 15th, 2018

Minutes

In attendance: Courtney Manning, Chairman

Doug DeCesare, Member

John King, Jr., Member

Kevin Bartlett, DPW Superintendent

Steven Jones, Water department foreman

Greg Jackson, Resident

Call meeting to order: 5:30PM

Review meeting minutes from August 20th, 2018 and October 1st, 2018. Minutes approved, all in favor.

Water project updates:

-Rigby Road and Public Road are waiting to be pressure tested, chlorinated, and flushed. Parker Road keeps failing its tests. The first test passed, but 2nd and 3rd failed. They are planning to chlorinate the whole line including Charlotte Street, let it sit, then take 4 samples. The sample spicket was changed in case it was the cause of the test failures. Will chlorinate tomorrow 10/16. Once that is completed, the service tie ins will be done. Packard is being worked on as well, but Wednesday 10/17 they will be filming which will cause work to be delayed.

-We are working on getting the final yes or no to mill route 117. KJS doesn't want to do it. Supt. Bartlett asked Bethany Ordnung what the problem is on that, who is the engineer from Haley and Ward. She didn't have an answer right away.

HWY:

-Grant Way and Evelyn Place was paved on Friday, 10/12/18.

-Thursday night during the big rain storm, there were wash outs in a resident's yard across from Shirley Road.

-Seven Bridge Road was milled from Main Street to the railroad crossing. Adjustments will be being made to the catch basins. Water gates will be raised. Paving will be completed on Thursday, 10/18/18.

Water:

-While the highway department was using the backhoe, it broke down. Supt. Bartlett called and emailed CAT to figure out when the new backhoe will be arriving, and requested a demo until then.

-The guys have been working with KJS to keep up on projects.

Cemetery:

-One mower is down. It will be under \$100 to repair. The prison crew will be here October 23, 24, 25, and 26 to do the leaves.

Superintendent's Correspondence:

-Supt. Bartlett received a phone call from Mr. Weaver requesting a speed bump on Charlotte Street.

Board member King responded that he would need to go to the Police with that request first.

-R. Steele letter regarding vacation time- moved to the next agenda on 11/5/18.

-Received a call back from Mrs. Durost in reference to her request for an abatement for the reading in June 2018. She would like the usage dropped to what she usually uses.

Member King made a motion to deny the abatement. The leak was in her house and the water department was not made aware of the leak. Chairman Manning was 2nd in motion, and member DeCesare 3rd. All in favor.

-Ali from Goodridge Estates called for water approval. The plan is up to the Board of Appeals. They are the total deciding factor.

-We still have not received anything from Scott Miller. Supt. Bartlett reached out, and he said he would try to get it together this week.

-Chairman Manning commented that a post or information piece should be added to the DPW Facebook page that it is not regularly monitored.

Greg Jackson:

Stated the question of whether the Board believes there will be a substantial change in water usage. Is Ali questioning whether there is enough water?

The Board of Appeals did not see comments that lead him to believe water is being reviewed. Specific questions were asked on whether Ali's water being added will negatively affect the town. He believes the town would be better off if Goodridge Estates was not built.

Mr. Jackson also questioned whether we have a permit for more water usage in play. Did Scott Miller look at upgrades to the system?

Member DeCesare:

We have submitted all information we have; we need to wait for information to come back from Scott Miller and the Board of Appeals.

Greg Jackson responded that he believes that if the town needs more water down the road, Ali should have to cover that since his development would be taking our water usage buffer level.

He also noted that the study done by Scott Miller didn't account for quality, capacity, or structure, only usage.

Debbie Gifford:

861 George Hill Road.

Stated her water was shut off after she noticed water coming up when mowing the lawn. She has no idea how long it was leaking for. Her bill is typically \$70-\$130, and it is now over \$700. She is looking to receive any kind of reduction to help. She understands it was on her property.

Water foreman Jones:

Debbie had the water shut off immediately when they noticed the leak. They left the house to allow it to be repaired.

Usage was up at 11,600 while her average is 1800.

Decision was made unanimously to table this until the next meeting. Supt. Bartlett told Mrs. Gifford to pay her bill to avoid interest, and a credit will be made when the Board comes to a decision.

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 6:18PM. All in favor.

Courtney Manning, Chairman

Doug DeCesare, Member

John King, Jr., Member
