

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Meeting April 1, 2019

Minutes

In attendance: Courtney Manning, Chairman

John King, Jr., Board member

Doug Decesare, Board member

Kevin Bartlett, DPW Superintendent

Steven Jones, Water foreman

Call meeting to order 5:30PM.

**Read and approve minutes** from 3/4/19. All in favor.

**T. Steel vacation time:** The board came to an agreement that before this topic can be voted on, Steele needs to do his own research with other municipalities and departments to find proof that vacation time can transfer between municipalities. Member Decesare remains opposed to refusing the vacation transfer.

**Water project:** KJS will be back to start the final project. Tomorrow, they will be cutting and capping the old main at Langen Rd and RT117. On April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, PJ Keating will mill the east and westbound lanes of RT117 from the bridge to Favreau's. April 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, they will add the overlay. They will be grinding 1-2". After paving, KJS will dress up the area and landscape.

**HWY:** Street sweeping started last week. Steele is out on medical leave for the month of April. The truck that suffered a broken frame has been placed on Municibid. Member King asked if the Highway Department will be receiving a new truck. Supt. Bartlett informed the board that the purchase of a new truck will have to be voted on in Town Meeting. He is waiting to hear back on a price quote.

**Water:** There was a service leak on RT117 that needed to be trenched. Supt. Bartlett has someone coming from EJ Prescott to demo a mole for trench digging.

Last August, Kalon Farm contacted the Water Department about getting water for a mud run. Cool Events, LLC was billed for the water used. Both Supt. Bartlett and the Administrative Assistant have tried endlessly to contact the company for payment. Keith Copley of Kalon Farm requested water again for another mud run, but we still lacked payment from the first event. Copley contacted Cool Events, LLC himself, and they sent payment. Chairman Manning and Member King both suggested this time around that the water be fed straight through Kalon Farm's service meter, and be billed to Kalon Farm. Member

Decesare also suggested they pre-pay for the water usage, and advised they post a sign saying “No Drinking”, as they hold the water in large plastic drums.

Member King made a motion that Kalon Farm provides the water for their events. All were in favor.

**Cemetery:** Everything is ok in the department; mowers are all operating and ready. Cemetery cleanup has started. Supt. Bartlett requested the Worcester County Sheriff and Department of Correction for workers to help. Member Decesare pointed out to keep in mind the safety of the town employees that they not interact personally with the inmates.

Chairman Manning requested we put a sign in Eastwood Cemetery stating “Non-drinkable water”.

**Superintendent’s Correspondence:** The Grater was picked up from the cemetery. It sold for \$650 on Municibid. The money will most likely be put into the Town’s general fund.

Supt. Bartlett has a meeting tomorrow with the representatives for the splash pad. He reached out to the company that supplies the splash pads. They informed him they run 42.6 gallons of water per minute if all programs are active at once. The intervals can be adjusted. Supt. Bartlett is going to report in the meeting the data he collected and let them know they will have to pay for that water, or drill a well which will be cheaper.

Member Decesare advised Supt. Bartlett please be careful of how long trucks are parked at Cumberland’s.

Member King questioned whether the bridges are going to be swept, to which Supt. Bartlett replied that they are. He also alerted Supt. Bartlett to a large wash out in the cement on the bridge on RT117 that needs to be addressed.

**Public comment:**

Chairman Manning made a motion to adjourn, all in favor.

6:16PM

Courtney Manning, Chairman

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John King, Jr., Member

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Doug Decesare, Member

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