

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Meeting March 2nd, 2020

Minutes

In attendance: Courtney Manning, Chairman

John King, Jr., Board member

Kevin Bartlett, DPW Superintendent

Steven Jones, Water Foreman

Call meeting to order at 5:32PM.

Read and approved minutes from 01/06/2020.

HWY:

A replacement dump body was found for H7 for \$1000.00 in Bolton from a 1986 GMC 7000. The plan is to replace the body, then send it to the cemetery department. We are looking into purchasing used trucks off Municibid, as a used truck will save the town \$50,000. The money would come from Chapter 90 as a complete truck.

We are still waiting on the flashing repair.

WTR:

Water foreman Jones is working on the statistical report for Mass DEP.

A replacement saw blade is coming for the air saw.

CEM:

We are starting to work on the mowers in anticipation of spring clean-up. The tire was replaced on the John Deere.

Abatement request at 465 Langen Road:

An abatement was requested on bills that resulted from a leak in 2018. Chairman Manning voted to deny the abatement, as too much time has passed since the bills went out. All in favor.

Abatement request at 2789 North Main Street:

An abatement was requested for a high bill due to a leak in the hot water tank. A plumber came and fixed the leak. Chairman Manning denied the abatement because the homeowner knew there was a leak, and the problem verified the water went through the meter. All in favor.

Abatement request at 861 George Hill Road

An abatement was requested for a high bill resulting from a leak that occurred between billing cycles. Chairman Manning denied the request because too much time had passed since the bill went out. All in favor.

Superintendent's Correspondence:

Superintendent Bartlett requested an amendment be made to the rules and regulations regarding the time frame on abatement requests, which was approved and the amendment will be brought to the board when completed.

Superintendent Bartlett received an email from 99 Rigby Road explaining issues with water for a few years. He is the only person from the area noting a water issue. Water foreman Jones did not flush his line because the water will go through the meter, which would run a high bill. It was noted that sediment is probably settling from South Meadow Road. Chairman Manning advised we supply him with what is left in stock for filters, but also noted we cannot keep supplying him filters as we have done so in the past.

Other business not intended to discuss:

Chairman Manning pointed out a tree on Langen Road that will need tending to, and requested the highway department fix the street signs between Mill Street and the center of town.

No further comments.

Next meeting, March 23rd.

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 6:14PM, all in favor.

Courtney Manning, Chairman

John King, Jr., Member

Doug DeCesare, Member
