

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Meeting September 25, 2017
Minutes

In Attendance: Courtney Manning
Doug DeCesare
Kevin Bartlett
Robert Pelletier

Doug DeCesare called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM

Postpone reading and approval of minutes and reorganization of the Board until the next meeting.

Water - DPW has been treating water for the past month and a half. Received approval from DEP to stop chlorination treatment at the end of this week. OK'd for seasonal chlorination going forward (June – Sept). Chlorine use is a gallon and half a day at \$3/gallon – 6 month shelf life. By July 1, 2018, need installation, activation and approval of permit for chlorine monitoring and reporting system – needs to be installed (\$8,000 for the unit, not including installation). This is due to the fact that there were 2 bacteria hits within one year, putting us in Tier 2.

Flushing completed last week.

Bought a new aluminum hydraulic shoring for trench box. Plan is approved and in place, guys were sent to competent person training.

Highway – sections of Bolton Station to town line, and Bolton Road spots have been paved. Doug asked about the catch basin area of Center Bridge by Highway barn – should be done before winter - Scott will be in charge of that. Doug would like an overlay done there by the driveway – the driveway was built up too much when it was put in. Courtney suggested feathering a little bit.

Downspouts were put on gutters 2-3 weeks ago at the back of the highway building. Try to get foundation and concrete guys to come in and look at the highway building.

New 6-wheeler truck for Highway should be ready by November 1st.

Kevin got flashing solar lights for the signs up at Lunenburg road.

Cemetery – everything caught up at the old cemeteries and being maintained well. Historical is pleased. Crews will be coming back again next month from Shirley, and they work a pretty full day.

Trees – Favreau was in and took down 2 big pines trees at the end of Charlotte and Parker Rd, and about ¾ of sycamore tree down on Mill St (across from grain store). National Grid came in and did some cutting – did around the power lines, about an 8th of it – Favreau did the rest. Will need a tree crew to come in a finish taking the rest down.

New Business

Propane tanks – waiting for them to come in and undo the tank and put theirs in – Suburban will come in then.

Waiting to hear from Kanis about when they are going to screen. Courtney would like Kevin to put a little pressure on HWY to clean up around the barn – and the compost because people love it.

Main Street trees are all good to go with approvals – just waiting to get the tree guy in.

At the interviews with the BOS, Ray had said, on camera, about rain flooding the 117 and they shut the road down, until they built up the shoulder to keep 117 open, but then it flooded the town. Why is the shoulder still there? The shoulder is deteriorating now - if it starts to flood again, are we going to build it back up – or let it go? Kevin said he does not want to build it up, does not want to repair that berm.

Eagle Ridge – plowing will go to Paul. Mailboxes – nothing back from them yet.

Regarding lunch period in contract. Courtney interprets the law to read that if an employee is being paid for lunch, they cannot leave the building. He suggests that Kevin speak with Orlando about it for clarification, and possibly bringing it to counsel. Doug said if necessary, they can change the contract to go back to punching out for lunch and work another half hour at the beginning or end of the day.

Brian DiPietro Leak Detection – DiPietro had contacted the police chief about a public safety hazard in front of his house. Police Chief contacted John King, who contacted Kevin about a possible water leak. Kevin did leak detection last March, but after this call, he sent the guys back up to listen again. No leak was detected, so Kevin sent a letter. Brian came down when he got the letter and said his problem was a sink hole – because the basin had settled about a ½ in – and no one would repair his driveway until the catch basin was fixed. Kevin said he's sending Highway up to feather around the basin.

Second Well status – situation is in same place as it has been for the last 20 years. Doug would like to have a meeting with Orlando and the Selectmen. They are saying it is the job of the DPW Board. But the problem is that they need to swap land, and find 15 acres of suitable agricultural land. DPW Board cannot do that – the BOS and Orlando need to do that.

Sidewalk Grant – Noreen has been working on a grant for the sidewalks in the center of town. "Complete the Streets". Should be going on the northbound side of Main Street, by Town Hall and perhaps starting at Center Ridge. Courtney asked Kevin to get details with Noreen about what area is being done. Doug says sidewalks need to be fixed regardless.

Superintendent Correspondence

Kevin goes Wednesday to Framingham to take the water test for distribution. Kevin had asked John King for an extension due to the time it took for the trench safety issue.

Doug requests to call Executive session meeting for next Monday, October 2, 2017.

Courtney stated that the agenda should come from the Board itself, as it is their meeting – to discuss later with John is there. Stick to the 1st and 3rd Mondays for scheduled meetings.

Work orders are working out better now. Guys are asking for their own email addresses – as opposed to Department emails. Courtney recommends individual accounts for reasons of accountability.

Capital Plan is together but will need to be revisited as Kevin had misunderstood what was needed when plan was originally made.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:28 PM.

John King Jr., Chairman

Courtney Manning, Member

Douglas DeCesare, Member


