

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Meeting December 18, 2017
Minutes

In Attendance: John King Jr.
 Courtney Manning
 Doug DeCesare
 Kevin Bartlett
 Robert Pelletier
 Daniel Gill, 48 Squire Shaler Lane

Chairman John King called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Daniel Gill at 48 Squire Shaler Lane was in attendance to discuss his abatement request that was denied, to ask for reconsideration. He explained that his irrigation was leaking without his knowledge – until the water department came and let him know that his water usage was unusually high at the last reading. Had the leak fixed the next day. Board reviewed his usage history. Doug DeCesare moved to table and look at past practice for the situation, Courtney seconded. Board decided to review.

85 Center Bridge Road. Owner has not been paying bill, they are in land court now. Discussion of shutting water off, but thoughts are that the Board of Health would possibly need to be involved. John King stated that the BOH should be notified that the water department needs to get in there to fix the meter. And notify them the BOH of the process that the water will be shut off next, after the registered letters which have already been sent.

Email from Eagle Ridge requesting detail on the agenda under generic headings. Discussion about the “roads and streets” item on the agenda. Kevin updated the Board about recent snow plowing of roads, which went well, but one complaint about a curb being hit on Mary Catherine Drive.

Highway Division Equipment Report – couple of trucks that the valves for the plow controls were sticking, now they have been fixed. Everything is up and running. Cutting edges have been taken care of. Still waiting on spinner for the new truck, which is at Madigans. (This will be H-3.)

Hits on the number one tank last week, the count of 1 for bacteria. Repeats came back the same, the third round hasn’t come back with results yet. Bobby thinks it is due to the teburculation in the main on Sterling Road. Not sure if chlorination is needed yet.

Cemetery and Tree – no major breakdowns of equipment. Courtney brought up sidewalk issue to Kevin, that in the bylaws of the Town (163-2) it says that the owner of the property at the sidewalk is responsible for snow removal and/or salt at that part of the sidewalk. John King states that it is Town Property. Kevin is making the point that the sidewalks should not be considered an emergency due to that, and perhaps overtime should not be used to clear the sidewalks. Doug says that the sidewalk on Centerbridge road needs to be done even is the sidewalk plow doesn’t fit. Doug asks if the purchase of a bobcat would be beneficial, or a smaller machine like that for sidewalks. John says to do the sidewalks as they have always been done, even if it is on overtime.

Update from Paul Normandin – went back to the doctor on the 13th, left proximal hamstring tear – will be going to physical therapy 6-8 weeks. Paul is on Worker's Comp. Backfilling with part-timer currently (Pat McLaughlin has been coming in.)

Next meeting date set for January 22, 2018.

Board read and approved the minutes of December 4, 2017.

Public Comment – Bobby Pelletier asked for clarification: does the board feel that the employees are abusing the lunch situation? The Board states that it had been, and will be addressed by Kevin if it happens in the future. John suggests that the lunch issue be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

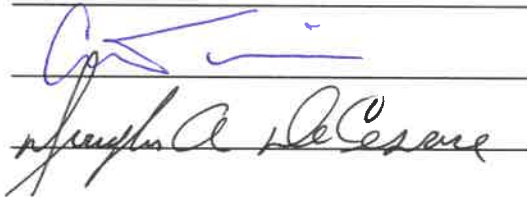
Christmas party on Friday for DPW – pizza at the Water Dept.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:46 PM.

John King Jr., Chairman

Courtney Manning, Member

Douglas DeCesare, Member

The image shows three handwritten signatures in blue ink, each written on a horizontal line. The first signature is for John King Jr., the second for Courtney Manning, and the third for Douglas DeCesare. The signatures are written in a cursive, flowing style.