

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Meeting December 16, 2019

Minutes

In attendance: Courtney Manning, Chairman

Doug DeCesare, Board member

Kevin Bartlett, DPW Superintendent

Steven Jones, Water Foreman

Call meeting to order at 5:30PM.

Read and approved minutes from 11/18/19.

**HWY:**

The bottom of the hydraulic tank on the 2012 International was replaced as it was rotten. H5's air hoses and tank were replaced. The roof flashing hasn't been done on the highway building yet due to weather.

**Water:**

Last Tuesday we received two hits in our water testing- One at Tank 1 and one on Langen Road. The repeat tests came back negative. HPC (Heterotrophic plate count) in the water testing was higher in November than in December, but the D.E.P. is mandating water chlorination anyway as precaution.

The water rules and regulations do not include anything regarding water pipes. We would like to add in that contractors must use ductile iron for home services. An amendment will be written up to be voted on in the next meeting.

Joey Arsenault passed his D1 exam.

**Water abatement request:**

5 Magnolia Ave called about a high water bill. Water Foreman Steve Jones checked the house and found the toilet was running. When reviewing the history report, it was found that the water bills were increasingly getting higher throughout the year. Because of this, the board found insufficient grounds for abatement because the leak could've been caught a few bills ago. Member DeCesare made a motion to deny the request, Chairman Manning 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Cemetery:**

The older lowering device was made to work enough, but a new one is being ordered.

The one ton truck had parts on the frame replaced.

Center Cemetery and Old Settler's Cemetery have been registered as historical sites by the State of Massachusetts.

We are still trying to find a replacement for the big truck.

**Superintendent's Correspondence:**

The plow operators were told to push past intersections so as not to block them.

Chairman Manning requested Supt. Bartlett to address the drainage at Langen Road and Old County Road.

Member DeCesare addressed the issue of plowing the lawn at Eastwood Cemetery, and made a motion that it is no longer to be plowed. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary actions according to the union contract. Chairman Manning 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Member DeCesare also mentioned a reminder to be thinking of the snow plow policy regarding lawns, mailboxes, etc. and be cautious of them.

**Public comment:**

Next meeting January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 6:05PM, all in favor.

Courtney Manning, Chairman

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John King, Jr., Member

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Doug Decesare, Member

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