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DPW Commissioners

Paul Whitman - Chairman
Jason Federico - Vice Chair
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Divisions: Cemetery Parks & Commons Highway Tree Water

DPW COMMISSIONERS MEETING
August 31, 2015

Meeting Place: 100 Center Street

The meeting opened at 5:30 p.m.

Present were: Paul Whitman, Jason Federico, Ben Bastianelli, Gene Fulmine, Scott Glauben, and Susan Jones

Payroll and warrants were approved and signed by the Commissioners.

- Motion made by Mr. Federico to approve meeting minutes (Aug 3rd & June 1st). Second by Mr. Bastianelli. All in favor

460 Washington Street

Commissioners reviewed letter to be sent out to Four Hundred Sixty Washington Street Trust, Gerald Berberian manager, regarding undetected water usage by Christina's Restaurant.

They also reviewed a spreadsheet which will be enclosed with the letter showing the breakdown of the cost of the back water fees for the last three years, 2013, 2014 and 2015.

The Commissioners had previously discussed how many of the 10 years of undetected water they would seek to redeem. After Gene discussed this issue with Attorney Robert Galvin, the Commissioners and Gene decided it was best to seek only the last three years.

- Motion was made by Mr. Bastianelli to send out letter as written. Second by Mr. Federico. All in favor.

Special Town Meeting Article

Commissioners discussed what we will be asking for at the Special Town meeting. Gene gave an overview of his Capital Plan which listed equipment and funds that we will be looking for. He stated that some of the equipment will come out of the water revenue and 100k is needed for the cleaning and rehabilitation of wells 2, 3, 4 and 5. Also discussed was the Learning Lane Drainage project and the Rt. 14 drainage improvement on the town owned easement on Furnace Lane. It was suggested to have the Board of Selectmen sponsor both drainage projects. Commissioners requested a copy of DPW's Articles before they attend Town meeting.

Snow Removal Operations

Request was made to the Commissioners to increase the snow plowing rates, so that we are more in line with other Towns. By increasing the rates, it should bring back in some of the contractors who applied at other Towns, who paid a higher rate than Pembroke. Scott G. suggested increasing \$5 to \$15 on the pick-up trucks; increase an 8" blade from \$65 to \$70 and the 9" blade from \$68 to \$73. He also would like to increase the rates for the grader. Standard for a grader with plow is \$175, we currently pay \$135.

Also discussed was the dedication of the snow removal equipment during a storm. It was suggested that some of the equipment up on Learning Lane be distributed to the roadways.

Mr. Federico mentioned again that he'd still like to display the new equipment to the public. A few sights were suggested maybe during First Graders' Day or at the Hobomock fields during soccer games this fall, or at Town meeting.

Update on Beta pavement work

Commissioners were given an e-mail from Conrad regarding the status of the pavement work. Listed was the re-inspections being performed, inspection of curb ramps, People Gis. Gene stated he has a meeting with them on September 10th, and they are looking at the end of September for to do a presentation.

Man Power

Commissioners requested update on alternative drivers for the winter season and the pay scale.

Open position applications were reviewed by the Commissioners. Gene recommended Michael Lincoln who is currently a temporary employee. He's been working with the DPW for the last 7 ½ months. He has the credentials needed for the position and showed during a "very bad winter" season to be an asset to the DPW department.

Commissioners would like to further review applications and table this issue until their next meeting which will be held on September 21st.

Water Tower Levels and Test Date

Gene stated we are looking at some time in September to test the towers and levels. The weather is still too warm plus Station 3 is down right now, so we are not able to overflow the tanks to get an accurate reading.

Unscheduled Business

Head Stones - Colonial Stone to restore (repair & reset) headstones at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, along the first row. We then need him to take care of an encasement at Center Cemetery. Scott G. will make a list of other things that need to be taken care of to give to Libby Bates, so she's aware of what we are doing.

Attorney George Boerger - Came before the Board to discuss a hydrant issue John Hanna is having. John wants to install solar panels on land in Kingston. Part of the issue pertains to placing a hydrant in Kingston that is connected to a Pembroke waterline. Because the hydrant is in Kingston, the Kingston Fire Department requests that the hydrant have Kingston threads.

The Commissioners listened to Att: Boerger as he explained all the issues John Hanna has been running into trying to get this project moved along. The Commissioners requested additional information from the Kingston Fire Department before they can make a decision. They will meet again with Att: Boerger at their next scheduled meeting on September 21st.

7:15 p.m.

- Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Mr. Federico, second by Mr. Bastianelli. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Jones,
Assistant To

DPW Commissioners