

DPW Commissioners Meeting

March 28, 2016

Meeting opened at 5:30 p.m. Federico Motion to open, seconded by Bastinelli.

Present: Ben Bastinelli, Paul Whitman, Jason Federico, Gene Fulmine, Jr., Ed Thorne and Tom Driscoll

Payroll Warrants signed.

Accounts Payable warrant signed.

February 29, 2016 minutes signed after Bastinelli made motion to accept with Federico seconded.

Water turn on/off policy reviewed. Discussion ensued as whether we should charge residents a fee to have their water shut off for a small window of time. Commissions all agreed to not charging the residents a fee as it is usually for plumbers to do work. No motion needed at this time as it is not a change to current policy. Will review at later point when reviewing all fees and rates.

Complete Streets Program: Ed Thorne wants to know how the commissions feel about the programs. What are the drawbacks other than people thinking that whenever a road gets paved they will think they are going to get a sidewalk and a bike lane? Board not in favor of at this time. Only one community on the South Shore (Norwell) has entered into this agreement. Thorne suggests looking into the Governors Community Compact Program. Town's people need to entertain a by-law. Federico suggested the Safe Route to School. State Rep Vinny DeMacedo was able to get funding from the state in the amount of \$ 100,000 for Public Safety improvements. He is also working on getting another amount for this project as well.

Whitman informed Thorne that DPW did a joint meeting with the Selectmen where they had the presentation of the Pavement Management Program as Thorne was not able to make the meeting. Thorne said he was aware and that it was televised as well. Everyone felt it was well received by all. Questions on whether the additional pavement funds can be put into the annual line item budget as opposed to articles that may or may not get approved each year. Discussion ensued. All in agreement that it should be annual line item but not sure if funds are available at this time because of health insurance increases. Federico asked if Advisory is supposed to inform on a weekly basis by law. Thorne said he unsure however in the past Selectmen and Advisory have been kept informed on a monthly basis as statements are processed. Thorne feels the letter and backup that gets sent to Selectmen and cc'd to Town Accountant and Advisory is sufficient but will check for his clarification. Federico asked what the possibility of getting the funds is. Thorne said he's not sure as it's not finalized at this time. May not know until town meeting.

Gerry Dempsey family sent a letter taken into consideration to waive the internment fee and refund it for his many years of volunteered service to the town. Federico made the motion, second by Bastinelli to refund the internment fee.

Articles for Town Meeting: Annual just has the paving improvement article.

Special Town Meeting has article to replace wooden guard rails at two old subdivision. Both have rotted and need to be replaced. Discussion ensued as to whether paving article could be used for safety related items. Federico adamantly opposed. Paving funds to be used for paving only.

New Business: Bastinelli asked about the iron fenced damaged near the 7-11 entrance. Top rail is push out. Who checks the cemetery out for repairs? Cemetery foreman does this semi regularly.

Driscoll asked when did DPW Commissioner vote to meet at this location as opposed to town hall. Bastinelli answer that the Commissioners voted to meet at Town Hall unless there is a presentation and space is a problem. Currently the town hall offices have all had new carpets installed and DPW offices were the last one. Both offices are still in the process of unpacking.

Driscoll followed up with a question as to why DPW has not had any meeting on PACTV? And when will minutes be posted on Town web-site? Minutes are posted on the web-site currently. As for airing meetings on TV DPW had a joint meeting with Selectmen which aired the presentation of the pavement presentation. PACTV has not requested any other meetings to be aired.

How much was the snow deficient last year? Fulmine responded around 1.1 million.

Driscoll's final question: The flashing light at the post office is no longer flashing, has the DPW thought to leave it flashing? Fulmine responded that the DPW has a line to repair the traffic lights. DPW does not control them and would not take on the liability to alter the controls from the designed engineered study . If there's an accident the liability would be on the town if they altered the engineered study.

Bastinelli made a motion to enter into Executive session, second by Federico and all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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