

REGULAR MEETING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE of April 14, 2021

Meeting of the Public Service Committee was held in the office of the DPW, 50 Manca Drive at 4:30 PM on April 14, 2021.

Members Present: Councilor Nathan Boudreau, Chairman; Councilor Judy Mack; Councilor Karen Hardern; Administrative Assistant Christine Harty

Attendees: Dane E. Arnold, DPW Director; and Chris Coughlin, City Engineer

CALL TO ORDER

Councilor Nathan Boudreau called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

OPEN MEETING RECORDING

ANNOUNCEMENT – any person may make a video or audio recording of an open session of a meeting, or may transmit the meeting through any medium, subject to reasonable requirements of the chair as to the number, placement and operation of equipment used so as not to interfere with the conduct of the meeting. Any person intending to make such recording shall notify the chair forthwith. All Documents referenced or used during the meeting must be submitted in duplicate to Secretary of the Committee, pursuant to the Open Meeting and Public Records Law. All documents shall become part of the official record of the meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Motion to accept the minutes of the February 24, 2021 meeting and the March 10, 2021 meeting as written made by Councilor Judy Mack, second by Councilor Karen Hardern, all in favor motion carries.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

Dane Arnold: Possibly more snow is coming Friday, snow and ice account not done as of yet.

Have completed a paving list, rated 1-4 (based on conditions of road vs traffic volume, etc.) to prioritize. Included approximate cost (only using factors of street width and length). GIS has placed this list on a map which is available. List has been given to Mayor. Once determined how much money available between City and Chapter 90 the Mayor will complete a paving list.

We will be paving the top coat over all areas of last year's water main project starting first week of May except Vernon Street (due to reconstruction w/sidewalks). Phase 2 will be out to bid beginning in May. To include Central St., Woodland Ave., Sec. of Pearl St., and Pond St./Robillard St. area.

We are in the process of building a trail around Cowie Pond (Wheeler/Stone St. area). Boy Scouts to put in bridges over the streams and perhaps create a disc golf course.

At Ovila Case Playground we have replaced the tennis court with a basketball court. In process of removing asphalt and laying down pavement. Also making small parking area off Norman Street.

Chris Coughlin: Have been looking into a long term project to propose to state, such as uptown rotary where we pay the design costs and the state pays the construction. We looked into Chestnut Street beginning at Union Square and down entire length of street to other end. It is too costly for design alone, (600,000-700,000).

Next week is the annual inspection of our dams with the Army Corp. This year will be a bit different with regards to ownership/repairs.

Spoke to two companies regarding the solar panels for municipals buildings in town. One company has come back to say we don't seem to be a good candidate, still waiting to hear from the second company. .

ABATEMENTS WATER/SEWER

15 Albion Street previously tabled to allow owner opportunity to present case. Two calls to reach out to owner with no return contact received.

Motion made by Councilor Karen Hardern, second by Councilor Judy Mack to deny abatement, uphold tampering fee, all in favor, motion passes.

Clark St. Lot Dane states not really an abatement the owner needed to attend meeting for. Resident wants to excavate road. He was advised to complete before paving of Clark Street was done but he did not. It is not an emergency, he is building a home. Paved 2 years ago, need permission when it is less than five years since paving. Could allow with the stipulation to trench fill with flowfill and pave.

Motion made by Councilor Judy Mack, second by Councilor Karen Hardern to grant the permission to the owner to open road with stipulation to fill trench with flowfill and paved once complete, all in favor, motion passes.

RULE 13 – AMENDMENT OF ORD. 632-3

Councilor Nathan Boudreau, received an email from Councilor Scott Graves regarding Rule 13. Public Service Committee Councilors received copy for review. Ask Dane and Chris for their thoughts, both agree would not make a recommendation but feel should be sent to legal.

Councilor Judy Mack, after review find we should refer to legal. Motion made by Councilor Judy Mack, second by Councilor Karen Hardern to refer to legal Rule 13, Amendment of Ordinance 632-3, all in favor, motion carries.

REPORTS & REQUESTS FROM ORDINANCE

#10414 – A Petition by National Grid and Verizon New England to install 1 JO Pole on Acadia Road beginning at a point approximately 20 feet in the northwest direction. Installing P14-50 in public way on Acadia Road

Chris Coughlin states would recommend the petition with stipulation pole is moved 1-3 ft toward pole 15 in a southwesterly direction. Motion made by Councilor Judy Mack, second by Councilor Karen Hardern, all in favor motion carries.

#10415 – A Petition by National Grid to install beginning at a point approximately 361 feet southwest of the centerline of the intersection of Chapel Street and Willis Road. Installing underground secondary cable and heavy duty handhole for service to city facility at 235 Willis Road

Chris Coughlin states he would recommend the petition. Motion made by Councilor Karen Hardern, second by Councilor Judy Mack, all in favor motion carries.

REPORTS & REQUESTS FROM COUNCILOR'S

Councilor Judy Mack: Would like to express do like the lit pedestrian signs. Do question why one was recently placed at Monument Park area but not in other areas possibly more dangerous? Can we expect more to be installed? Dane, at 800-1200 each, there will be some more in the future, but no current funds at this time, currently no plan.

Councilor Nathan Boudreau: Thanks to DPW workers for all their hard work during the winter. Also wanted to bring to your attention a stump on A Street, resident cannot put new driveway in until stump is removed.

Councilor Karen Hardern: Crosswalk at Statsukelis is dangerous area for pedestrians. Dane, area is on radar, the plan is to extend nose of island, move crosswalk and this will be addressed when Timpany Boulevard is paved.

Motion to adjourn, Motion made by Councilor Karen Hardern second by Councilor Judy Mack to adjourn meeting at 5:02 pm. Roll Call vote: Councilor Karen Hardern yes, Councilor Judy Mack yes, Councilor Nathan Boudreau yes. Motion passes.

Next meeting scheduled as needed.

All documents submitted at this meeting are stored in the office of the DPW 50 Manca Drive for any review.

Respectfully submitted:
Christine M. Harty, Administrative Assistant