

## REGULAR MEETING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE of June 29, 2023

Meeting of the Public Service Committee was held in the office of the DPW, 50 Manca Drive at 8:00 AM on Thursday, June 29, 2023.

Members Present: Councilor James M. Walsh, Chairman; Councilor Alek Dernalowicz; Councilor George C. Tyros; Administrative Assistant Christine Harty

Attendees: Dane E. Arnold, DPW Director; Rob Oliva, City Engineer; Sophie Dorow, Conservation and Planning Agent; Mr. David Kenney, homeowner of 73 Edgell Street

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Councilor James M. Walsh called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

### **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 a recording shall notify the chair forthwith. All documents referenced or used during the meeting must be submitted in duplicate to the 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.

### **APPEALS WATER/SEWER**

49 West Broadway- Mr. Bosque is present for appeal. States he had left the county for a period of time on family matters. During this period a pipe fitting had snapped out due to increase pressure from filtration system. The leak was found by his brother on a routine visit to check the home. Following presentation and discussion of leak with Committee an abatement to the water bill in question is agreed upon. A deduction of \$ 351.50 on water charges, reduce sewer charges to \$100.00, a reduction of \$ 555.00, allowing one year payment, no interest accrual.

Motion made to approve the appeal with a reduction in billing of \$ 906.50 and a waiver on interest accrual for one year. Motion made by Councilor George Tyros, by Councilor Alek Dernalowicz, all in favor motion carries.

### **POLE PETITION**

- **10993** – A Petition by National Grid and Verizon New England Inc., Elm Street – to install 1, Remove 1 and Relocate 1 Jointly Owned Pole on Elm Street beginning at a point approximately 360 feet southeast of the centerline of the intersection of Elm Street and Cross Street and continuing approximately 500 feet in a south direction. P6-80 Replace and Relocate +/- 30' West. Install anchor guy on West of Pole. P7-99 is being removed. P10-99 is installing Push Brace on West side of P10. (In the City Council and Referred to Public Service Committee 5/15/2023; Public Hearing 6/20/2023)

Rob Oliva begins stating a revised petition was submitted. He proceeds to explain the updates/changes. Homeowner within jurisdiction of petition questioning need for relocation of poles. Due to ongoing questions regarding pole petition 10993 Councilor Walsh recommends holding off on Council recommendation, place on agenda for next meeting.

### **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

Motion to accept the minutes of the meeting dated June 1, 2023, as written. Motion made to accept minutes by Councilor Alek Dernalowicz, second by Councilor George C. Tyros, all in favor motion carries.

## **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS**

### **Dane Arnold:**

1. Partridge Street paving is completed. Couple driveway aprons and looming of berms left.
2. On Park and Eaton now completing tree work and guardrails. No date yet for paving. While replacing sidewalk it was found City would receive a grant for the bike trail allowing for extension of the sidewalk to tie into the current project on bike trail.
3. Finishing sidewalk on Travers Street.
4. Wrapping up Robillard area, 95-98% complete.
5. Two retirements coming up at DPW, one in July other in January. Both will prove a giant loss to the DPW, currently both holding more than 25 years of experience.
6. 10 Wheel Dump ordered a year ago is now at J.C. Madigan. Should be in shortly.
7. Lyndsey Butler at Community Development is working on getting a grant for OC Playground. Could receive up to 400K, 30% match for City. City was looking to purchase new equipment spending 150-175K, grant is opportunity to bump that up to 550K.
8. Tree down on Jean Street, it is a National Grid tree with power lines through it. Received word they will be taking it down and chipping brush, we will need to remove the wood.

### **Rob Oliva:**

1. Notified of grant through federal level called Safe Routes for All. It is Similar to Safe Routes to School. They review entire community, goal is to improve vehicle and pedestrian safely, prevention of fatalities. We have reached out to a consultant. If received there will be couple rounds. First would review traffic data, second would be an action plan. Told it can be up to 200K for planning. Councilor Walsh inquires on what types of issues/topics. Rob states could be anything from conditions of roadways to lights, anything in our transportation infrastructure that could avoid/eliminate dangerous intersections.

**Sophie Dorow:** not present for update.

## **REPORTS AND REQUESTS FROM COUNCILORS**

Councilor Alek Dernalowicz: No requests today.

Councilor George C. Tyros: No requests today.

Councilor James Walsh: No requests today.

Motion to adjourn, Motion made by Councilor George Tyros, second by Councilor Alex Dernalowicz to Adjourn the meeting at 8:40 am. Roll Call vote: Councilor Alek Dernalowicz yes, Councilor George C. Tyros yes, Councilor James Walsh 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