

REGULAR MEETING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE of August 3, 2020

Meeting of the Public Service Committee was held remotely via Zoom/Broadcast on the City's YouTube Channel at 4:30 PM on August 3, 2020.

Members Present via telephone: Councilor Nathan Boudreau, Chairman; Councilor Judy Mack

Dane E. Arnold, DPW Director, Chris Coughlin City Engineer

CALL TO ORDER

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

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Dane announces Christine Harty will take minutes of meeting via the recording via Zoom.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Motion to accept the minutes of the July 1, 2020 meeting as written made by Councilor Judy Mack second by Councilor Nathan Boudreau, all in favor motion carries.

SEWER/WATER ISSUES

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

Dane Arnold: In regards to the loan order for the Water Dept. we reviewed last week, I will be resubmitting the same letter, revised. The revised letter will be sent to the Finance Committee for next meeting in August or September as a current dated letter to Mayor Michael Nicholson for the same amount.

The bid for the hot water tank was much higher than expected and a change to some the scope of the work will be completed and resent for bid in next few weeks. Councilor Mack, Council President Elizabeth J. Kazinskas sent the request to Finance.

With an update to the Water/Sewer project downtown, we are wrapping up services on Pleasant St. and City Hall Avenue mid next week providing no delays from tropical storm. In the next few weeks heading up Main St. to remove the temporary patch, milling existing and place permanent patch. Milling and paving of downtown looks to be Mid-September.

Pulverizing has begun in the Kelton, Stone, Wheeler, Raymond North Gardner area. Will pave from College, on Kelton, to Route 140 Bridge. As City acquires funds will prioritize from there for more paving in area. Councilor Boudreau, anything on Stone St. path, not drivable. Dane, to pulverize from culvert on Stone St. just prior to Wheeler all the way down to the furthest cul-de-sac. Dane, recommend it to be the next phase to pave, due to the density of homes, as more funds are acquired.

Councilor Boudreau, what about Comcast issues in that area? Dane, wouldn't have any part of that issue.

Chris Coughlin: Last October/November received an order from the EPA to pass 2 storm water ordinances. Requesting additional extension out to September 30th, due to New Mayor just here. Ordinances are ready to go, with new Mayor, hoping to push deadline, pass budget, address ordinances and come back to Committee first.

The dam at Bents Pond let go. Dane's crew cleaned it out and it seems to be holding water temporarily with sand bags. Very temporary measure. Will look into long term funding for a longer term fix.

A portion of Wayside Dam, East Broadway by Morse Electric, was washed out. Ownership has been contested for years with Army Corp. Will be having a meeting this week with Mayor & Army Corp to finalize ownership and address responsibility for work.

ORDINANCE

#10296, A Petition by National Grid for permission to install 6 SO poles on Clark Street beginning at a point approximately 25' northwest of the centerline of the intersection of Racette Avenue and Clark Street and continuing approximately 700' in a northwest direction.

Chris Coughlin says would recommend the petition. Motion made by Councilor Judy Mack, second by Councilor Nathan Boudreau to pass and suggest to Council to approve petition. Roll call vote was taken with all yes, motion passes.

LOAN ORDER

Discussed previously, heading to finance.

REPORTS & REQUESTS FROM COUNCILOR'S

Councilor Judy Mack: Would like to thank DPW for repairing Pine/Central Street area. To Dane, if possible could the wall on Cross Street painted with Wildcat logo be next on agenda to paint? Dane, yes it can be.

Has a new tree removal list been sent to the Mayor? Dane, there are about 168 trees on the list. Need a date from the Mayor far enough out, time to post, etc. Should see begin in next 30 days.

To Chris, where do we stand with Parker's Pond? Level is low. Has been issue for many years. This has been an ongoing issue for many years but first time addressed in my tenor. Dane, recalls it was found to be too extensive a cost back then, could turn into a multi-million dollar project. Chris, could put some money into a feasibility study, will dig deeper and look into this issue.

Councilor Nathan Boudreau: Would like to thank Dane, DPW for completing the work requested. Will head out to measure Airport Road/sidewalk regarding call for bushes removed.

Motion to adjourn, Motion made by Councilor Judy Mack second by Councilor Nathan Boudreau to adjourn meeting at 4:46 pm. Roll Call vote: 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