

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
MINUTES OF MEETING October 25, 2022

Selectmen's Board Room

Members Present: Robert Bartini, David Forrest, Roger Scheurer, Gary O'Brien, Robert Wright

Others Present: Len Tisdale, Zach Sorrentino, Lyndsay Patenaude, employees of the Lee DPW, residents of Chestnut St

Chairman Dave Forrest called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm on October 25, 2022 in the Selectmen's Board Room.

The following items were reported on:

Highway/Cemetery Department

*Paving:* There was much discussion on the paving of certain roads in Lee including George Street, Lander Road and Chestnut Street. The residents of Chestnut St were present at the meeting to voice their concern regarding their road. Superintendent Tisdale met with MASSDOT in regards to using Chapter 90 funds to pay for paving projects. He explained that their records go back to 1989 and that no funding has been used to maintain Chestnut St. George St is due to be completed by Palmer Paving. A bid has to be completed for different companies to pave Chestnut Street and Lander Road due to budgetary restrictions.

Bob Bartini made the motion to approve paving George St, Chestnut St, and Lander Rd. Gary O'Brien seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

*Truck Purchase:* Lyndsey Patenaude and David Forrest, as well as other members of the DPW, engaged in lively discussion about the purchase of a new truck for the Highway Department. Several members of the board expressed concerns over the specs of a truck that could be readily available in a weeks' time. Many factors were debated including the size of the engine, the material of the body, plow and sander attachments, the winter plow schedule, as well as the condition of the existing town trucks.

The possible new truck was on site and the Board was able to accompany Zach Sorrentino to the Highway Garage for further discussion.

Capacity Fees

*800 Pleasant St* – Stone Burdick applied for a capacity fee for a new garage at 800 Pleasant St. Capacity fees for businesses are calculated using the number of full-time employees, which Mr. Burdick reported as 4. The garage will only be used to wash vehicles, which will go through a submeter, with one toilet and sink. The Board discussed calculating the capacity fees based on two full time employees. Roger Scheurer made the motion to approve capacity fees based on two employees, Gary O'Brien seconded the motion. Bob Bartini abstained, all other members voted in favor.

Members Bartini and Forrest expressed concerns over the board roles and responsibilities. Bartini moved to request a meeting with the town administrator and select board. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairperson Forrest moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 pm to complete a site visit at the Highway Garage. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha Lovett