

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
MINUTES OF MEETING – April 29, 2014

Members Present: Robert Bartini Chairman, David Forrest, Bill Enser, and Monica Ryan
Others Present: Bob Nason, Chris Pompei, Dickie Neals and Bill Navin

Chairman Robert Bartini called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

Commitment

BPW signed Water and Sewer Commitment

Abatement

None

Water Dept

George St – No updates

Bill Navin came before the BPW expressing his concerns regarding his Water and Sewer Bill. Mr. Navin states that if you own a business or an apartment complex you can claim it as a tax deduction. If you own your own home and it's your primary residence you are not allowed to claim it as a tax deduction. Bill Navin would like to discuss a way that the whole town pays for major improvements for water and sewer instead of the Water and Sewer Rate Payers. For example: The whole town benefits from a fire hydrant and when a new hydrant is replaced the only ones paying for it are the rate payers and not the other 15% or 20% that are on well and/or septic. All Capital projects should be tax based.

Tyringham Rd - Notice to proceed.

Highway/Cemetery Dept

Pothole Repairs and Pothole Aid – Discussion amongst the Board went back and forth regarding pothole issues and pothole aid reimbursement.. Bob Bartini expressed his concerns regarding all the potholes in town that need immediate attention. Dickie Neales explained to Bob Bartini that the weather is playing a factor in attending to the potholes. Dickie stated that on Friday and Monday they put almost 10 ton of blacktop on Tyringham Rd. Even though Tyringham Rd is going to get torn up Dickie explained to the BPW that there are potholes on that Rd that are very deep and need to be attended to. Dickie Neales told the Board that the highway dept have done High St, Maple St, and almost every Street in Lee. Bob Bartini also suggested checking into the House of Correction for some help if possible.

New Equipment – Dickie Neales came before the BPW and asked why the Town cannot go to State Auctions to purchase new equipments. BPW will discuss further....

Paving- Paving bid had to be readvertised and will be opened on Thursday May 15,2014 at 2:00PM.

Dump Truck - Bob Bartini stated that due to the conditions of the roads in town we do not need the new truck and should take the \$175,000 and use for paving. Angela will write a memo to the Selectmen requesting that the \$175,000 goes towards paving.

Bill Enser made a motion to approve moving the \$175,000 for new truck over to Paving, seconded by Monica Ryan. The motion passed unanimously.

Main St – Discussion went amongst the BPW regarding the Engineering on Main St. Bill Enser expressed his concerns about the 2 articles. 1. Approve a loan for \$700,000, which the Finance Committee suggests not to. 2. To come up with a \$100,000.00. Bill Enser feels as though if we borrow the funds it will cost a total of \$40,000.00 more, however if we hire an Engineer we should have the design done within 3 years, If we go with the \$100,000.00 a year it will be

approximately 6 years to go and we will be spending tons of money repaving Main St and it will not last 10 years.

Other

Executive Session

No Executive Session at this meeting.

Approve March 25, 2014 Minutes

David Forrest made a motion to approve March 25, 2014 Minutes, seconded by Monica Ryan. The motion passed unanimously.

The next BPW meeting will be Tuesday, May 13, 2014 @ 3:30 p.m. at the Airolldi Building.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Cook

cc: Selectman, Assessor, Clerk, Treasurer, Planning/Zoning Board, Building Inspector, Collector, and
Town Administrator, Highway Dept, Sewer Plant, and Water Plant