

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING – May 24, 2016**

**Members Present:** Dave Forrest, Don Zukowski, Jonathan Terry, Roger Scheurer, & Pete Scolforo.

**Others Present:** Chris Pompei, Bill Enser, Bill Robataille, and David Bussard.

Acting Chairman Forrest called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

**Commitments**

None.

**Abatements**

The Board signed the cover sheet for pending abatements.

First application was for Bill Robataille. In January of 2015 he had a water line rupture for 3 days. He was asking for consideration on the amount that didn't go down the sewer. Roger Scheurer made a motion to abate 10% of an average sewer charge (3500 cu ft). Pete Scolforo seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Second was Mr. Bussard. He had received a larger than normal bill as a result of being underestimated for several quarters. He was asking for a credit for the maximum allowable minimum cu ft for a 75.00 minimum bill. He had paid 8 minimums over the course of the underestimations. After a lengthy discussion Roger Schuerer made a motion to adjust based on past practice of allowing 450 cu ft for a minimum. Pete Scolforo seconded the motion and the vote was as follows; Forrest-opposed, Schuerer- yes, Scolforo-yes, Terry-Yes, Zukowski-opposed.

Third was an application from 281 Spring St. They were seeking an abatement because of a substantially high bill as a result of being underestimated. Roger Scheurer made a motion to deny the application. Don Zukowski seconded it and the vote was unanimous in favor.

**Water Dept**

The surcharge passed at Town Meeting at 1%. The discussion of water/sewer rates has been tabled until the next meeting when Bob Nason can be present with fund balances. Roger stated that rates need to be looked at to properly plan for future shortfalls.

Bill Enser asked if replaced hydrants are being tested for flows.

**Waste Water Dept**

Discussion about rates was tabled.

**Highway/Cemetery Dept**

A sample of steel was taken from the West Park St Bridge. When results are back we will know is a repair or rebuild is in order.

Waiting for the State to unpost Valley Bridge.

In regard to paving we continue to wait for the final numbers on Tyringham Rd. We are hoping to pave High St. and Marble St. this season. Dave Forrest asked if in the future we can split the bid up by streets to entice more bidders.

Chris informed the Board that we are down two trucks, with one projected to be replaced. Nutmeg and Zwack have looked at the frames on these two trucks and said they are too expensive/ far gone to repair.

**Other**

None.

**Executive Session**

None.

**Minutes**

Pete Scolforo made a motion to approve the minutes from May 10th as written. Roger Scheurer seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in favor.

**The next BPW meeting will be Tuesday June 14th @ 4:30pm at the Airolti Building.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Brandi Page

cc: Clerk, & Website