

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
MINUTES OF MEETING – August 20, 2013

Members Present: Bob Bartini, Chairman, David Forrest, Bill Enser, Roger Scheurer, Peter Jahn, and Monica Ryan

Others Present: Bob Nason, Chris Pompei, and Jan Smith

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

**Commitment**

None

**Abatement**

**145 Old Pleasant St** - Georgette Sorrentino requested in writing to abate her water and sewer bill from \$712.94 to the minimum of \$75.00. Georgette states that she lives alone and has had water issues which were corrected by Wilcox Plumbing. In order to determine the abatement the BPW requested to get a copy of the bill from Wilcox to show what has been done to fix the leak and where. Once the bill from Wilcox Plumbing is received the BPW will review and make a decision.

**Highway Dept.**

**2014 Ford F550 Truck Bid** - Bob Bartini asked why the truck bid is not going through the State. Bob Nason explained that we have a purchase agreement through the Greater Boston Police Association and there is no contract agreement for the truck. Bob Nason also checked into Compass which is the State purchasing system and they also did not have a contract agreement for that size truck. Bob Nason said that there are no purchasing agreements that we have access to that has the truck that we are looking for. Bob Bartini asked if things have changed. Bob Nason explained that on the quote there is over 60% of the quote that is not covered under the contract.

**Tyringham Rd Update:** Chris told the Board that there will be a preconstruction meeting tomorrow (08/21/2013) at 9:30am. Bob Bartini asked about the time, Chris said should be completed by 11/15/2013. Bob Nason informed the BPW that the formal order of taking is going to be voted on by the Select board tonight (08/20/2013) and that will complete the actions we have to take on the right of way.

**Blacktop** - Bob Bartini expressed his concerns about the blacktop and thinks we should do some blacktopping this year. Bob Nason explained that the holdup was Chapter 90 and by the time you go through all the process it will be too late in the season to blacktop. Dave Forrest asked Bob Nason if there is any possible way we can know ahead of time what roads can be done. Bob Nason explained that first you have to put in a project approval request, then the State checks to see if the roads are eligible or not for State Aid and then they look at the specifications. All this cannot be done until the Chapter 90 money apportion is official and this year it happened late. Monica Ryan asked if we can do that part of the process. Roger Scheurer said that you have to have the current estimated rates in the application and you cannot do this 6 months ahead or more. After more discussion back and forth the Board agrees to leave as discussed at the last BPW meeting on 08/06/2013.

**Wastewater Department**

See below....

**Water Dept.**

**Water Plant Injector update** - Chris said that if all parts are in LB Corp will start either this week or next week. Chris informed the BPW that LB wants to be held harmless for any of the work being done during construction and after. According to the letter that was submitted by LB Corp they do not recommend the wraps.

**Water Tank Fairview St** – Bob Bartini and the Board are very disappointed with the paint job at the water tank and want to know what we are going to do about it. Chris Pompei informed the Board that they had a deal with Payeur to come and recoat the tank and Foresight was going to oversee the project. Town requested \$10,000.00 to dump the tank and Payeur refused. The town refuses to pay the \$10,000.00 and Payeur has backed off on the deal and now wants a check for \$310,000.00 to recoat the outside of the tank. Chris said that in order to go after the bonding company we have to do a failure analysis test. Chris told the BPW that there will be a recommendation tonight at the selectmen's meeting to hire KTA to do the failure analysis.

Bob Bartini asked what Payeurs take on this is? Chris told the Board that Payeur is stating that the town recoated the tank sometime in 1987s. Payeur claims that it is not Tnemech paint and that's what caused the chipping. Chris told Payeurs that to his recollection the town has not painted it... Once the report comes back from KTA to prove that it was not the towns fault then the town can go after the bonding company.

**Delinquent Water/Sewer Bills** –Jan informed the board that on 07/02/2013 she sent out 83 final notices totaling \$92,141 and as of 08/20/2013 there is \$22,281 outstanding. Jan also informed the BPW that \$11,000 is going to be paid by Greylock Federal Credit Union, once received then we would have collected 90%. 4 People were turned off and 2 paid, 1 is still off and the other is a foreclosed home and is vacant. Jan told the Board that 2 other properties were going to be turned off but there are no curb stops.

**925 Pleasant St** – BPW approved water and sewer capacity fee for CTSB/Leo Mahoney in the amount of \$7481.00.

**Monica Ryan motioned to approve capacity fee for 925 Pleasant St, seconded by Bill Enser. The motion passed unanimously**

#### Other

#### Executive Session

No Executive Session at this meeting.

#### Approve Minutes from the August 6, 2013 BPW meeting.

**Approved as written; Bill Enser motioned to approve minutes seconded by Monica Ryan. The motion passed 5-1 (Bob Bartini was not present at meeting).**

**The next BPW meeting will be Tuesday, September 10, 2013 @ 3:30 p.m. at the Airoidi Building.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 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