

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
MINUTES OF MEETING – February 5, 2013

Members Present: Bob Bartini, Chairman, David Forrest, Bill Enser, and Monica Ryan
Others Present: Bob Nason, Janette Cimini, Dennis Welch, Alan Zerbato and Chris Pompei

Chairman Bartini called the meeting to order at 3:30pm

Highway Dept.

Tyringham Rd – Chris Pompei updated the BPW regarding Tyringham Rd. Chris informed the Board that the only easement that we are waiting for is from Tom Touponce. Chris stated that Bob Nason has contacted 3 appraisers for quotes. The appraisers will cost \$12,000.00, Chris informed the BPW that the state intends to advertise July 1, 2013. Chris Pompei also believes that if all easements are not signed it will put a stop to the project. Dave Forest agreed that all easements need to be put in place in order for the project to move forward.

Willow St /Meadow St Bridge – Chris Pompei updated the BPW regarding the Bridges.

Loader – Chris Pompei informed the BPW that the Loader disposition bid will be set at a minimum of \$15,000.00.

Water & Sewer

Commitment: BPW signed Water and Sewer Commitment.

Cemetery

Chris Pompei informed the BPW that Jim White is officially hired to replace Harold Heath.

Sewer Dept

49 Chanterwood Rd – Janette Cimini from 49 Chanterwood Rd was present to request the BPW to sign a letter stating the Town of Lee has no plans to construct a public sewer system servicing the property from now or in the next five years.

Bill Enser motioned to approve, seconded by Dave Forrest. The motion passed unanimously.

Generators- Al Zerbato informed the BPW that the 3 generators at the South Lee pump stations eventually need to be replaced and will cost \$25,000.00 for each one. The generators have been put in back in 1978. Al Zerbato stated that Andrus has done an evaluation on all 3 generators and at this time they are all operating but down the road they will have to be addressed. Dave Forest asked if there is a way we can purchase a portable generator for this year and then ask start asking for a permanent one next year until all gets replaced. Al Zerbato also informed the BPW that the north pump station generator by Laurel Lake is down at this time. Al Zerbato went to Henry's Electric to have an adapter installed allowing a the portable generator to be used from the fire dept in case of an emergency. Andrus and Cat estimated the cost to repair at \$9,000.00 and a replacement will cost \$25,000.00. The generator was installed when the Nursing Home was built. One of the stipulations when the nursing home was built back in 1996 was to provide the generator because of the flow. Al Zerbato said that he had met with the Nursing Home and they will not replace the generator. Town Counselor is going to send a letter that they are in violation of the Zoning Board permit. Al Zerbato stated that it is very important that the generator gets replaced.

St. Mary Church – Al Zerbato informed the BPW that the Sewer line constantly backups and needs to be replaced. After discussion back and forth Al will get an estimate on what it will cost to replace.

Push Camera – Al Zerbato told the BPW that the push camera has gone bad and a new one will cost approximately \$7000.00. Dave Forrest and the BPW all agreed that it's important to purchase a new push camera.

15 Silver St – Al Zerbato informed the Board that the sewer line at 15 Silver St was frozen and Roto Rooter was thawing out the line. Roto Rooter stated that there was ice in the town line, Al said that when he arrived at the property there was no ice in the town's line. The home owner Jim Castranova stated that the town put the stub in and wants to know why the town is not responsible for it. Al explained to Roto Rooter that according to the regulations the home owner is responsible from the house to the main and the town is only responsible for the main. BPW all agree..

Transformer – Currently the Town has no ownership of the transformer at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The proposed solar project calls for the town to take over ownership of the transformer. However Monica Ryan states that the transformer will remain ownership of WMECO and not the towns. BPW all agreed.

Water Dept.

Enlighten Next: After discussions back and forth with Dennis Welch the BPW agreed to have Dave Carver present the Board with a letter stating to have the Town resubmit the January water and sewer bills as the Town has done in the past, and each Condominium receives invoices moving forward. Meadow Wood Condominium Trust will be responsible for the difference between the master meter and the total of the individual meters. The BPW agreed to meet on February 12, 2013 with Dennis Welch to discuss further.

Other

Abatements:

1405 Pleasant St.- Rebecca Carlson requested an abatement regarding excessive usage charges that incurred from October 2011-October 2012.. The BPW approved to abate a onetime 10% courtesy of \$242.57 on sewer portion but the bill has to be paid in full first before the abatement is applied.

Bill Enser motioned to approve, seconded by Monica Ryan. The motion passed unanimously

Executive Session

No Executive Session at this meeting.

Approve Minutes from the January 8, 2013 BPW meeting.

Approved as written; Dave Forrest motioned to approve, seconded by Monica Ryan. The motion passed unanimously.

The next BPW meeting will be Tuesday, February 12, 2013 @ 3:30 p.m. at the Airolidi 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