

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
MINUTES OF MEETING
March 27, 2012

Members Present: David Forrest, Bill Enser, Monica Ryan, Nelson Daley, Roger Scheurer

Others Present: Bob Nason, Mike Towler

Meeting called to order by David Forrest at 3:36 PM.

Commitments

None

Highway/Cemetery Department

Tyringham Road has two easements to complete, which is in progress by Bob Nason. Fuss & O'Neill have been advised to complete the drawing updates in response to comments by reviewing authorities under their current agreement. The town is not interested paying in additional fees.

Discussion held on the condition of bridges, roads and infrastructure repair needs. These capital improvements continue to be necessary despite the poor economy and the Board continues to prioritize the needs. A source of money to pay for these projects remains the challenge.

Waste Water Department

Abatement to William Navin, 151 E. Center St., was reviewed and presented by Mike Towler. Meter was replaced and an abatement of \$150.94 recommended. Abatement moved by Enser, second by Scheurer, unanimous approval. New amount due is \$64.99.

Water Department

Abatement to William Navin, 151 E. Center St., was reviewed and presented by Mike Towler. Meter was replaced and an abatement of \$92.68 recommended. Abatement moved by Enser, second by Scheurer, unanimous approval. New amount due is \$39.91.

Discussion on use of undesignated funds, source of additional revenues and overall improvements required. Considerable improvements are required beginning with a Water Tower Painting project estimated at \$270,000, which exceeds available funds. In round numbers a 1% increase in water rates equates to \$10,000 in annual revenue. A capital plan is being reviewed and a water rate increase is expected within the next meeting. The last rate increase of 5.3% was July 1, 2009.

Calibration of meters discussed. Mike Towler is to have 10 random meters tested for accuracy. Radio readers fail at a fairly consistent rate of 20 units per meter reading cycle.

Other

Minutes of January 10, 2012 approved with spelling of Pezzotini checked and corrected.

Next Board Meeting: April 10, 2012, 3:30 PM at the Airolti Building.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM

Respectfully submitted

Roger Scheurer

Cc: Selectmen, Assessor, Clerk, Treasurer, Planning/Zoning Board, Building Inspector, Collector, Town Administrator, Highway Dept., Waste Water Dept., Water Dept.