

Board of Public Works – Minutes of Meeting

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
MINUTES OF MEETING – February 14, 2012

Members Present: Robert Bartini, Chairman, David Forrest, Bill Enser, and Monica Ryan

Others Present: Bob Nason, Chris Pompei, Chris Connell, Bill Navin, Nelson Daly, Stuart Bartle, and Fred Sears from Hill Engineer

David Forrest called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

Highway Dept.

Tyringham Road – Bob Nason stated that we are currently waiting for 3 easements.

Bridge on Mill St – Chris Pompei informed the BPW that the state had sent us a letter regarding the bridge. They said to either close the bridge or move some guardrails in. Chris Pompei stated that we will be losing 30” to the Rd if guardrails are put in. Chris Pompei has a quote from Bartlett Consolidate and is waiting on another price from Commonwealth Guardrail.

David Forest asked what the final results were. Bob Nason responded that Chris Pompei drafted a letter and it will need to be signed by the Chairmen of the Board of Selectmen. There will also be a meeting scheduled with Representative Smitty Pignetelli, Pete Niles and possibly one of the Select Board members.

Commitment

BPW signed Water and Sewer Commitment

Wastewater Department

151 East Center St Abatement

Bill Navin addressed the Board concerning his water/sewer bill. He stated that he is very conservative with his water. Bill informed the BPW that his January and April water/sewer bill were minimum charges. When Bill received his July bill it was over \$200.00 and he wanted an explanation why there was such a jump in usage. Bill explained to the BPW that he had come down to the DPW and had discussed his bill with Jon Lucy who was present at that time. Jon Lucy had made an appointment with Bill to change his meter. Bill explained that Jan Smith had adjusted his bill for usage that he didn’t have. When Bill received his October bill he paid it. Bill Stated when he received his December bill it was \$350.00 because the usage was not calculated correctly last July. Bill Navin expressed his concerns that he should not be responsible for the bill because this issue has been going on for 14 months. Chairmen Robert Bartini asked if Jon Lucy had changed the meter. Bill Navin responded that Jon Lucy changed the meter in early July.

Chris Pompei informed the BPW that the January usage of 2914 is actual usage not an estimate. Chris Pompei explained that when the meter was changed all the usage that was not recorded has been recorded on the January bill. The usage had caught up because the last 2 billings were estimated low.

BPW agreed to discuss abatement further at the next meeting on March 20, 2012

19 Franklin St Abatement

Chris Connell addressed the BPW regarding the location of the meter. Chris expressed his concern that if there is another break in between his property and Cerniks property he would still have pay. Chairman Robert Bartini asked Chris Connell if the meter had been changed. Chris responded no. Chris Connell explained to the BPW that Wilcox had replaced the line and did not put the meter in. Dave Forest suggested that the Town should pay for the installation of the meter. Chris Pompei said that we will call Tim Leprevost Plumbing and install a new meter inside Chris Connells cellar.

Chris Connell expressed his other concern regarding the last bill received in January and is requesting an abatement. Chris Connell informed the BPW that there are 2 meters one is a 1 ½” and the other is ½”. For the past year the bills have been consistent. Chris Connell explained to the BPW that the 1 ½” meter is about 5 times higher than the ½” meter, Chris Connell has also discussed this matter with Mike Towler from the water dept. David Forest suggested that Chris Connell have the meter calibrated first and if the meter is out of calibration he is to bring the results back to the BPW and the BPW will grant an abatement. If there is no problem with the meter then Chris Connell will be responsible for the entire water and sewer bill.

The BPW agreed to accept a deposit of \$1036.00 towards the bill with no late fee or interest charges until Chris Connell can bring back some proof to the BPW if the meter is out of calibration.

Dave Forest moved and Bill Enser seconded. The motion passed unanimously

355 West Rd sewer connection

Fred Sears from Hill Engineer explained to the Board that Mr. Bartle's septic system has failed and is requesting approval from the BPW for Stuart Bartle to tie into the Towns sewer system. Fred Sears did express to the BPW that this is contingent until they can get easements from his neighbors.

Dave Forest moved and Bill Enser seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Water Dept.

Abbey Court Drainage

Chris Pompei informed the BPW that the Abbey Court Drainage is in working progress.

Other

Nelson Daley

Nelson Daley introduced himself to the BPW and gave a brief history about himself. Nelson is very interested in becoming a BPW member. Chairman Robert Bartini asked Nelson if he has any experience in budgets. Nelson responded yes.

The BPW agreed to take it under advisement to be discussed further.

Executive Session

No Executive Session at this meeting.

Approve Minutes from the January 10, 2012 BPW meeting.

Minutes were approved with the following modifications: Bill Enser requested to add the following to Mark Pezzotini abatement request – **"To advise Mark Pezzotini to install a new electric sump pump"**.

Bill Enser moved and Dave Forest seconded to approve January 10, 2012 meeting minutes with the above changes. The motion passed unanimously.

The next BPW meeting will be Tuesday, February 28, 2012 @ 3:30 p.m. at the Airolti 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