

REGULAR MEETING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE of JANUARY 17, 2019

Meeting of the Public Service Committee was held in the office of the DPW 50 Manca Drive at 4:30 pm, January 17, 2019.

Members Present: Councilor Nathan Boudreau Chairman, Councilor Craig Cormier, Councilor James Boone, Administrative Assistant Denise Merriam

Attendees: Christopher Coughlin City Engineer, Robert Oliva Assistant DPW Director, John Awdycki, Ludgar Robichaud; Jeff LeGros Conservation Agent

CALL TO ORDER

Councilor Nathan Boudreau called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

OPEN MEETING RECORDING

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ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Motion to accept the minutes of the November 28, 2018 meeting as written Councilor Craig Cormier second by Councilor James Boone, all in favor motion carries.

ORDINANCE ISSUES

Code #10007: An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Gardner, Chapter 156 Thereof, Entitled “Municipal Grounds Commission, to Add Provisions relating to a Community Bandstand Committee (In City Council and referred to Public Service 11/5/18). John Awdycki stated over the years Municipal Grounds Committee was five people three of which served as Cemetery Commission, 2012 departments were reorganized and Municipal Grounds no longer existed only stayed with three Cemetery Commission members (per state law). The last six years the Cemetery Commission has only been doing cemetery business, no one to meet with for Municipal Grounds. John feels the Council could eliminate bandstand committee. Councilor Boone said recreate Municipal Grounds with a subcommittee for bandstand. Councilor Boone add duties on Recreation Director. Motion made by Councilor Craig Cormier to accept offer amendment to have bandstand report to the Recreation Director and have him be on the committee, now active at this time. No second. Ludgar stated he has always been on bandstand committee just volunteers. Councilor Boudreau options: 1. Approve let Council as whole do; 2. Move to amend go to Recreation Director; 3. No Commission. Councilor Boone stated we already process permits and funds. Councilor Cormier recommend #10008 to pass as is and ask for more time on #10007 no active members get info from Mayor, table #10007 until revised. Councilor Cormier recommend to Committee as a whole. Councilor Boudreau dissolve

Municipal Grounds Commission find different way to handle, we do recommend #10008. Motion made by Councilor Craig Cormier second by Councilor James Boone to not support #10007 until revised to take Municipal Grounds Commission out of Ordinance. All in favor motion carries.

#10008 – A Measure Authorizing Acceptance of Donations and Gifts for Use by the Community Bandstand Committee for Musical Concerts and Other Entertainment Events (Ref:#10007) (In City Council and Referred Jointly to Public Service and Finance, 11/5/2018). Motion made by Councilor Craig Cormier seconded by Councilor James Boone to accept, all in favor motion carries.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

Robert Oliva: Crews out doing potholes.

Gearing up for big storm

WWTF Dewatering moving forward with small items, getting ready for spring to move forward.

Chris Coughlin: LED Street Lights 75% done, cars were parked in some areas and other primary wires in way getting special crew out for that.

Recently signed Notice of Intent for storm water with DEP, drafting new Ordinance to meet milestone of that permit. Councilor Boudreau asked if we were in a group, grant opportunity. Chris moved to one getting information in a couple months draft ordinance and do in-house. Jeff make sure Con Com, Planning Board, and others are in the loop. Chris said yes we will get all the information first. Storm water permit will be separate. Jeff we will be able to get them to do outside, give us some teeth to force.

Jeff LeGros: Reviewing large solar projects, everything sent all at once, need to close out. All wetlands accurately delineated, 1/28 will continue on notice of intent.

Revision set on fencing plan 100 acres excluding wild life. New plan has two open site sections. Wildlife connector unknowns zoning overlay, recreation trail within or around backing off for now. Public access to parkers Pond. Two parcels of land to City, subdivision never finalized. We hope to get solar to honor unknowns, ZBA wants input. Councilor Boone between road and pond, Jeff 100' buffer.

WATER ABATEMENT/REBATE APPEAL

110 Temple Street: Meter readings are fine, bill is fine. Had irrigation system. Motion made by Councilor Craig Cormier second by Councilor James Boone to give credit for sewer portion of bill per his usage. All in favor motion carries.

119 Graham St.: Had an angry tenant ran water in sink went down drain. Sent letter.

REPORTS & REQUESTS FROM COUNCILOR'S

Motion made by Councilor Craig Cormier second by Councilor James Boone to adjourn meeting at 5:43 pm. All in favor motion passes.

Next meeting will schedule at later date.

All documents submitted at this meeting are stored in the office of the DPW 50 Manca Drive for any review.

Minutes approved at the March 12, 2019 meeting