

REGULAR MEETING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE of MARCH 12, 2018

Meeting of the Public Service Committee was held in the office of the DPW 416 W. Broadway on Monday, March 12, 2018.

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

Attendees: Director Dane Arnold, City Engineer Chris Coughlin, Assistant Dir. Rob Oliva, Jeff LeGros Conservation Agent

CALL TO ORDER

Councilor Nathan Boudreau called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

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No one is recording the meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Motion to accept the minutes of the January 22, 2018 meeting as written Councilor Craig Cormier second by Councilor Nathan Boudreau, all in favor motion carries.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

Dane: Drafting a Code Change for Snow & Ice on City property. Prohibit people from dumping snow on playgrounds, parks and City property. We have a company that is dumping all their snow over the fence onto Bickford Playground and it makes a messy clean up in the spring. Motion made by Councilor Craig Cormier second by Councilor James Boone to approve recommendation on Code Change when it comes to the Council as a whole. All in favor motion carries.

There is another snow storm coming, the last storm we had a lot of plow damage to berms and lawns because the ground was not frozen. Sidewalk cleaning with loaders cannot be done as ground is too soft. Only have two working sidewalk tractors so clearing is going slow. Dane informed the committee we do walks around the school's first then branch out. Dane stated we could use more equipment \$165,000 for a new sidewalk tractor.

Budgets are due the February, will be doing Water and Sewer with personnel and materials.

New building moving right along maybe moving in mid-April or May 1st.

Starting new list on road conditions and meet with Mayor to put a list for paving together. South Main Street Bridge has been closed indefinitely.

Chris Coughlin: Upgrading the street lights to LED's getting quotes from manufacturers then going out to bid, 4-5 months to canvas City. Councilor Cormier asked if the whole light was being changed Chris stated just the bulbs. Councilor Boone asked if there was a projected savings. Chris 4.5 -5 year. National Grid has different tiers on pricing.
Rte 2A & Rte 68 meeting with Mass. DOT on Monday on design time line.

Rob Oliva: We have two projects for water mains coming up. Clark Street from West Street to Ryan and Acadia Road. Now there is a single source of water to the Leo Drive, Century Way area and this will give us a second line in case of breaks. We will repave these roads when done. Dane stated we will only be shutting off their water to make the connection.

Jeff LeGros: Wetlands permitting moving forward on a couple issues, order of conditions. Timpany @ W. Broadway.
Planning and Transportation on Complete Streets \$327,000, going through, planning meeting on construction. (Improve crosswalks, pathway from rink to downtown, bike lanes)
Made a presentation at conference at Holy Cross
Councilor Boudreau asked for a date for earth day.
Jeff stated we were getting Arbor Day trees, City wide cleanup, guided hike trail project.
Trees taken down by the hospital were bad.

WATER ABATEMENT/REBATE APPEAL

Request from Benna Powers 65 Olde Colonial Dr. Unit-4 for rebate on water bill, she does not live in the building but has had the same tenant for several years. (One person) She went through all the proper channels, had Suez check for leaks and had meter tested, had plumber check for leaks and they found nothing. Suez replaced the meter, tested old meter and it was working properly. Dane stated he has been here 16 years and meters stop do not jump ahead. Councilor Boudreau asked if she had suggestions. Councilor Cormier asked what is typical of a leaking toilet. Dane 2 to 3 gals. a minute. Feasible it could be a toilet was leaking. Councilor Boudreau but we do not know. Councilor Cormier stated tenant is there all day they could hear toilet leaking. Dane not necessarily. Councilor Boone meter replaced and now reading is good something could have been stuck. Councilor Boudreau advise Ms. Powers that they would take under advisement and get back to her. Councilor Cormier stated she did do everything she was suppose to outside of her tenant lying. Had plumber come out, act of good faith give back half of sewer, her bill is always in good standing. Councilor Boone we do not know what happened. Motion made by Councilor Craig Cormier second by Councilor James Boone to give an abatement on half of the sewer portion above her average bill. All in favor motion carries.

REPORTS & REQUESTS FROM COUNCILOR'S

Councilor Boudreau: Conant Street plow ripped up driveway. Dane it's on the list for repair.
10 Jackson Hill complaint on water settling.
Lovewell Street bad is it on paving list. Dane not this year.
LaJoie: Dane said swale behind his house is private property we cannot do anything. Jeff: he would have to get a permit.

We are looking at changing the winter parking ban, Dane stated it's in the Mayor's hands.

Motion by Councilor Craig Cormier second by Councilor James Boone to accept the petition for the Pole, all in favor motion carries.

Councilor Cormier: Nothing today

Councilor Boone: Nothing today

Motion made by Councilor James Boone second by Councilor Craig Cormier to adjourn meeting at 5:20 pm. All in favor motion passes.

All documents submitted at this meeting are stored in the office of the DPW 416 West Broadway for any review.

Minutes approved as written at the May 7, 2018 meeting.