

REGULAR MEETING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE of NOVEMBER 8, 2018

Meeting of the Public Service Committee was held in the office of the DPW, 50 Manca Drive, at 4:33 p.m. on November 8, 2018.

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

Attendees: Dane Arnold, DPW Director; Christopher Coughlin, City Engineer; Robert Oliva, Assistant DPW Director; John Awdycki; Terry Hillman; and Thalia Tignor.

CALL TO ORDER

Councilor Nathan Boudreau called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

OPEN MEETING RECORDING

ANNOUNCEMENT – any person may make a video or audio recording of an open session of a meeting, or may transmit the meeting through any medium, subject to reasonable requirements of the chair as to the number, placement and operation of equipment used so as not to interfere with the conduct of the meeting. Any person intending to make such recording shall notify the chair forthwith. All Documents referenced or used during the meeting must be submitted in duplicate to Secretary of the Committee, pursuant to the Open Meeting and Public Records Law. All documents shall become part of the official record of the meeting.

No one is recording the meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Motion to accept the minutes of the September 13, 2018 meeting as written Councilor Craig Cormier second by Councilor Nathan Boudreau, all in favor motion carries.

ORDINANCE ISSUES

Request for Committee approval to dispose of various pieces of equipment. Motion made by Councilor Craig Cormier second by Councilor Nathan Boudreau to sign and accept request, all approved motion carries.

#9998 A Petition by National Grid for permission to install 1 SO Pole on snake Pond Road beginning at a point approximately 386' northeast of the center line of the intersection of Airport Road (in City Council, referred to Public Service, and Ordered to Public Hearing, 10/15/2018; Public Hearing held 11/5/2018). Motion made by Councilor Craig Cormier second by Councilor Nathan Boudreau to recommend to Council with addition, all in favor motion carries.

#10005 A Petition by National Grid to install one (1) solely-owned pole on Parker Street beginning at a point approximately 270' southwest of the centerline of the intersection of Jean Street. National Grid to install a new solely-owner 40 foot class 2 pole for existing customer upgrade (In City Council, referred to Public Service, and Ordered to Public Hearing, 11/5/2018; Public Hearing scheduled 11/19/2018 at 7:30 pm). Motion made by Councilor Craig Cormier second by Councilor Nathan Boudreau moved to accept, all in favor motion passes.

#10006 A Petition by National Grid to install one (1) solely-owned pole on Main Street beginning at a point approximately 340' west of the center line of the intersection of Sherman Street. National Grid to install a new solely-owned 45 foot lass 2 pole for existing Wood's Ambulance upgrade. (In City Council, Referred to Public Service, and Ordered to Public Hearing, 11/5/2018; Request from NGRID to withdraw the Petition, 11/8/2018; No Hearing scheduled).

No action needed by Committee withdrawn by National Grid.

#10008 – A Measure Authorizing Acceptance of Donations and Gifts for Use by the Community Bandstand Committee for Musical Concerts and Other Entertainment Events (Ref:#1007) (In City Council and Referred Jointly to Public Service and Finance, (11/5/2018).

John Awdycki Chairman of the Cemetery Commission stated the Municipal Grounds Commission reorganized when Mike Gonyeo retired and that department was put under the Department of Public Works Dane Arnold in charge. All meetings they have been having are Cemetery Commission only, Municipal Grounds used to be a five member Board, now only three, we do not make decisions for anything but Cemetery issues. According to Law there has to be a Cemetery Commission. Dane stated the Council wants this committee to control funds and issues for the bandstand, Dane feels this should go under the Recreation Dept. that was created this year. Motion made by Councilor Craig Cormier second by Councilor Nathan Boudreau to ask for more time, all in favor motion carries.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

Dane Arnold: 93 Ash Street resident requesting Committee approval to dig is the street prior to 5 year moratorium. Resident would like to have gas installed before winter, street was paved in 2014 so 5 yrs. would be spring 2019. Chris stated he is not sure it can get done this year. Motion made by Councilor Craig Cormier and second by Councilor Nathan Boudreau to waive moratorium and allow resident to install gas, all in favor motion carries.

Paving is done for this season.

School work is done for this season

I will be sending a letter to the City Council and Mayor regarding what is going on in the City and upcoming projects. Councilor Cormier asked if Clark St. was done. Councilor Boudreau asked why it took so long. Dane: weather was a big factor, doing Ryan and Acadia and found Acadia needed to be replaced so this means we need to set up a temporary service line for residents and we ran out of time. Councilor Boudreau asked if the pipe not installed would be picked up for the winter. Dane yes.

Two large scale designs gone out to bid with 3-5 million in replacement of mains for next year.

WATER ABATEMENT/REBATE APPEAL

325 Brookside Drive: Bought new house used water to water new grass, did not know there was a process for watering lawns, (read meter before and after) asking for rebate on sewer portion of bill as the water did not go into the sewer system Rob informed the committee that they moved into the house in third week of February and their May bill was high from watering

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lawn. Dane asked if they had another bill to go by. Rob stated we would have to wait for the next bill. . Councilor Boudreau informed the homeowner the Committee would take this under consideration and get back to him by letter. Motion made by Councilor Craig Cormier second by Councilor Nathan Boudreau to table until the next meeting, all in favor motion carries.

497 Chestnut Street: Rob is going to adjust their bill to the minimum quarterly charge removed from agenda.

266 Brookside Drive: High water usage, Rob contacted them and did not get a response, it's over 30 days. Committee if they call for the next meeting will allow them to come in otherwise they will have to pay the bill as is.

20 Chatham Street: Received a high water bill, she was away all summer and could not have used that much water. Always received a bill for the minimum usage, do not know what happened. Came home during the summer and did not have a leak, had someone checking her house weekly. After she came home she found a leaking toilet had plumber come in and it was fixed. Councilor Boudreau informed Mrs. Tignor the Committee would take this matter under consideration and get back to her by letter. Motion made by Councilor Craig Cormier second by Councilor Nathan Boudreau hold until the next meeting, get copy of plumber's bill, adjust her bill to her highest, all in favor motion carries

PACC: Suez got a reading for the summer usage and we have averaged out their bill made the adjustments and they are happy, remove from agenda.

REPORTS & REQUESTS FROM COUNCILOR'S

Councilor Boudreau: Wickman Drive drain issue, all water goes in one spot and puddles can it be checked. Dane yes

I see some trees on Foss Road are marked are they coming down. Dane we are holding a public hearing.

Councilor Cormier: Snake Pond pole is OK, Chris yes..

Motion made by Councilor Craig Cormier second by Councilor Nathan Boudreau to adjourn meeting at 5:20 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 as written at the 11/26, 2018 meeting