

REGULAR MEETING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE of September 15, 2022

Meeting of the Public Service Committee was held in the office of the DPW, 50 Manca Drive at 4:00 PM on September 15, 2022.

Members Present: Councilor James M. Walsh, Chairman; Councilor Alek Dernalowicz; Councilor George C. Tyros; Administrative Assistant Christine Harty

Attendees: Rob Oliva, City Engineer, Trevor Beauregard, Conservation Director

CALL TO ORDER

Councilor James M. Walsh called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

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REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

Dane Arnold: Not present.

Rob Oliva:

Uptown Rotary, reached out to appraisers for quotes for both appraisal of the property and review of the appraisals. Starting to receive costs back now.

Paving project out in Robillard area is underway. Currently pulverizing, to begin paving Friday.

Trevor Beauregard:

A new Conservation Agent has been hired, hoping to begin end of October.

Sludge landfill on agenda for next meeting to vote on scope of service that engineering needs to undertake.

Open meeting law complaint filed in August by Paul Demeo. Commission met and discussed at last meeting and a response was sent.

Councilor James Walsh, directed to Rob Oliva, any update to status of sludge landfill?

Rob, next step will be filing with MA MEPA, thorough environmental review the state conducts, separate from DEP. Once complete DEP will proceed.

POLE PETITION

Keyes Road – A Petition by National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc., Keyes Road – To relocate 1 Jointly Owned Pole on

Keyes Road beginning at a point approximately 700 feet southeast of the centerline of the intersection of West Street. Relocate Pole #2 across the street to accommodate for bridge construction and upgrade to a 45-foot class 2

Rob Oliva, the Tighe & Bond plan was taken, in error, as the current plan. National Grid pole petition stands as current. Original comments submitted for July 26th meeting stand as stated, no changes, no issue with petition.

Motion made to recommend approval of the petition. Motion made by Councilor Alek Dernalowicz, second by Councilor George C. Tyros, all in favor motion carries.

REPORTS AND REQUESTS FROM COUNCILORS

Councilor Alek Dernalowicz: Any update on utility poles out on West Broadway? Rob, had checked them (one was in particularly bad shape) contacted National Grid who will check into them.

Second request, were you able to look at the light at intersection of Timpany Blvd & West Broadway? Rob states Daryl Sweeney, City Wire Inspector, was contacted. Will follow-up.

Councilor George Tyros: Possible to create a process flow of the sludge landfill of views and reports? Rob, we have a graphics, may be insightful of the project. Can also write/add something on the project process.

Councilor James Walsh: makes note that the interest in sludge landfill regarding those following along appears to be more of an interest in looking for alternatives rather than expansion of sludge landfill. Should keep that in mind. Rob, there is technology we are looking into that is new and worth following. If it works as indicated could result in no need for sludge landfill. In meantime must move forward with sludge landfill, running out of time, and must proceed with sludge landfill expansion for now.

Motion to adjourn, Motion made by Councilor Alek Dernalowicz, second by Councilor George Tyros to Adjourn the meeting at 4:16 PM. Roll Call vote: Councilor Alek Dernalowicz yes, Councilor George C. Tyros yes, Councilor James Walsh yes. Motion Passes.

Next meeting scheduled as needed.

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

Respectfully submitted:
Christine M. Harty, Administrative Assistant