

# BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

March 10, 2021



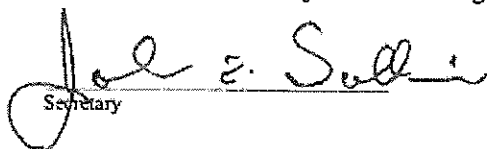
Convened: 7:08 P.M.

Present Fran Cain, Acting Interim Director of Public Works  
Casey Berube, Deputy Superintendent  
Mark Cressotti-City Engineer  
John Sullivan, Chairman  
Tom Pereira-Secretary  
Brittany Rash-Senior Clerk

Reading of the minutes of the February 24, 2021 meeting waived until April 13, 2021 BPW meeting.

1. **Public Participation:** None
2. **City Councilor Communications:** None
3. **Department of Public Works Monthly Report:** Chairman Sullivan brought up the discussion about the Recycling Barrels that were mentioned at the last meeting to see if there has been any talk of the potential cost associated with an additional recycling barrel. The disposal of trash is about \$84.00 a ton and the newly incurred costs of disposal of recycling is about \$97.00 a ton. Deputy Superintendent Berube and Acting Interim Director Cain stated that the additional trash barrels for residents are \$80.00 per year (\$20.00 per quarter added onto the combined utility bill) and were hoping to mirror that cost for the additional recycling barrels. Once the Board of Public Works is in agreement the proposed fees will then be presented to City Council. Pothole season has begun and the DPW is prepared to address them; DPW will look at Pochassic. Hillside Road and City View Road are slated for resurfacing this year. New positions will be potentially available soon working alongside with Personnel to post the openings.
4. **City Engineer Mark Cressotti:** Engineer Cressotti stated the Central Phase is wrapped up for the most part on Western Ave with the next Phase (West Phase) going out to bid at the end of March, and working with City Council on some resolutions. Mass DOT will hopefully be able to open the bid in June with the potential that some work will be seen this construction season. Columbia Greenway is moving forward although there have been some unexpected problems with bridges causing a little bit of a delay, but looking to have it open by the end of the summer. Engineer Cressotti stated they are moving forward with the Westfield River Liberty Multiuse Trail and with some delays they are at 75% with the design. There is discussion with Mass DOT about the interchange backup onto the Turnpike and down Clay Hill. A couple of complete streets, as they are called, are a pedestrian and bicycle combination with the installation of sidewalks on Main Street and East Main Street all the way down to Meadow Street. Another initiative is going to be a multiuse trail on Southampton Road starting north of the underpass to North Road with multi turning lanes where it is pertinent. A grant was received for a multi-use trail on Court Street from Holcomb Street to Holland Avenue. Additional funding was received for paving purposes and will be utilized for resurfacing projects on Hillside Road and City View Blvd, as well as sidewalk installation on Union St. A list is being finalized for streets that will be paved, but a few points need to be discussed prior. The Chapter 90 funding is the same that has been received for the past 25 years. The plan is to start paving the beginning of April and once the paving plants open. Superintendent Berube stated the Department has been approached by City Council that the residents of Old Park Lane are requesting resurfacing but the road is private.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 PM.

  
Secretary