

# BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

June 14, 2022

Convened: 7:00PM City Council Chambers

Present Francis Cain- Acting Director of Public Works  
Casey Berube - Deputy Superintendent  
Thomas Pereira-Board Chairman  
Stephen White-Secretary  
Brian Richards- Member  
Joanna Williams-Budget Analyst  
Alison Daigle-Head Clerk

Reading of the minutes of the May 10, 2022 meeting waived and approved vote 3-0.

**Public Participation:** Bob Pac from the Friends of the Columbia Greenway presented figures from 05/14/22 that included the total number of users on the bike path for that day between the hours of 7AM-7PM. The total was 584 users which is less than the previous two years and is falling back into pre-pandemic usage numbers. The Friends recently started to install planters along the bike path to spruce it up a bit and placed several along the bike path during their 05/15/22 Volunteer Week Project. There will be a total of 6 planters installed along the path. There is also talk of possibly installing barrel planters at the Shaker Road crossing but that has yet to be definitively decided.

**City Councilor Communications:** None.

**FY23 Budget Update:** Department of Public works Budget Analyst Joanna Williams shared the budget for FY23 with the Commission. The budget has been presented to City Council and DPW is awaiting the final approval.

**Stormwater Permit:** 68 Klondike & 868 Southampton Road. Neither the Stormwater Coordinator nor the applicant for the permit were present at the meeting, it was decided this topic would be tabled until further information was provided. It will be on the Agenda for the July 12, 2022 Commission Meeting. **Vote on tabling Stormwater Permits 3-0; Motion Approved.**

**Department of Public Works Monthly Report:** Updates were given on Union Street and Holyoke Road projects, this includes replacing an existing water main on Union Street that has been in dire need of repair due to multiple water main leaks and age. Structure work is being completed on Holyoke Road and both projects are slated for an early August start. Public Works has submitted paperwork for the Chapter 90 and Winter Recovery Assistance Program (WRAP) to MassDOT. If approved the roadways that would be included in the repair from the funds would be as follows: Old Farm Road to Colony Drive, Crescent Circle, Medeiros Way, Granville Road to Honey Pot, East Mountain Road and finally Holyoke Road. Public Works has recommend the acceptance of Twiss Street and Neck Road as public roadways. These two roadways are currently private and in complete disrepair but are not eligible for repair due to their private listing status. The City has buildings on both roadways that the Public uses, the Landfill is on Twiss Street and the Waste Water Recovery Plant is on Neck Road. The approval to list the streets as public is up to the City Council. The Commissioners all stated they would be willing to write letters to the City Council in support of these roadways becoming public domain and eligible for repair. DPW and Purchasing are continuing to work together to get FY23 contracts in place including awarding the bid for road paving. Flood control structures are in the process of being mowed and maintained for the summer months, along with the completion of drainage improvements on Springdale Road that came in under budget. Refuse and Recycling collection will be postponed on 06/20/22 in observance of the Juneteenth Holiday and the next contract will negotiate the pay/work schedule in the future for this and other Holidays that affect the scheduled of trash and recycling pickup. DPW continues its work with the Conservation Committee to make culvert repairs and complete replacements in the following locations: Granville Rd, Old Long Pond Road, Shaker Road and possibly clearing obstructions on Root Road at the intersection of North Road. Jack's Brook/City View culvert work has started and the project timeline anticipates this State project will be completed mid-August depending upon availability of resources and materials. Additionally DPW and Personnel continue to work together to fill the multitude of vacant positions throughout Public Works as well as work on Union Contract negotiations.

**City Engineer Update:** None; Engineering Department not present

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM.

  
Secretary

