

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
September 13, 2022

Convened: 7:04PM 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
Allison McMordie-City Engineer
Alison Daigle-Head Clerk

Reading of the minutes of the July 12, 2022 meeting waived and approved vote 3-0.

Public Participation: None

City Councilor Communications: None.

Tree Removal Permit 209 Bates Rd: Homeowner will need to post Public Notice 7 days prior to Public Hearing which will be scheduled for the 10/11/22 DPW Commission Meeting. At that time the removal will be approved, unless the Board is approached by Residents whom are against the removal.

Military Veterans Banners- Head Clerk Alison Daigle will post legal notice scheduling a Public Hearing for the 10/11/22 Commission Meeting. Banners will be approved unless the Board is approached by Residents whom have concerns or are against displaying the banners.

Department of Public Works Monthly Report: Before Acting Director Fran Cain began the Monthly Updates, Secretary Steve White approached the other Board Members about being available for the upcoming job interviews with perspective Public Works Directors. The position has been vacant since the retirement of David Billips in October 2020.

Union Street Phase 2 work has been slowed due to supply chain issues, DPW is working with Engineering and Palmer Paving to schedule further road resurfacing efforts in the fall. DPW is also working alongside Engineering, Conservation and the Engineering firm Tighe & Bond to develop a bundled notice of intent for DPW maintenance activities. Flood control structures and fall mowing are being scheduled for mid-October and the Little River Road levee/vegetation clearing estimates have been provided and DPW is awaiting the Notice of Intent(s) for work to be approved and funding to be sourced. DPW has also spent the last 4 months working with the Conservation Commission as well as Robert Levesque Associates to make the culvert replacements/repairs on Old Long Pond Road (near Hampton Ponds.) A Beaver Deceiver was installed on Root Road at the North Road intersection as the beavers damming the water was causing road flooding and other hazards. Jack's Brook/City View Road culvert project is set for completion by the end of the month and paving is scheduled for the week of 09/19/22. The Scope of the project has expanded to include road resurfacing from Butternut Road to Valley View Drive. The Department continues to try to work with the State Contracted Line Painting Company K5 Corporation, there have been previous and ongoing issues with the scheduling of the work. As always the Department continues to work with Personnel on filling vacant positions as well as the Union Contract Negotiations which have yet to be settled.

City Engineer Update: Newly appointed City Engineer Allison McMordie introduced themselves to the Board and stated how they looked forward to working with the DPW. Both Engineering and DPW have discussed meeting often so that both departments are aware of what is expected of them during City wide projects. The City received \$50,000 for the Levee repair on City View Road. The Elm Street Bridge for the Rail Trail will begin being worked on nightly for 1 month, the work will include both blasting and painting. Allison walked multiple areas of the City with Palmer Paving discussing areas that will be or need to be repaired in the future. Western Avenue is set for paving the week of 10/03/22. As of right now gas mains are being installed on Lloyd's Hill Road and the pavement is being ripped up for pre-paving efforts. Repair work on Old Town Road has begun, this includes paving as well as the addition of new drainage. The project will be completed in the spring.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM.


Secretary