

MINUTES OF PUBLIC WORKS & ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING
EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM

MARCH 8, 2016 – 3:30 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

Councilor Dale Sprague, Chair
Councilor Denis Messier
Councilor David Witham
Councilor Jennifer Soldati

Staff Present:

Bob Belmore, City Manager
Scott Smith, Finance Director
Mike Bobinsky, Director of Public Works & Util.
Trish Harris, City Clerk

Others:

Scott Bourcier , DuBois & King

Chairman Sprague called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

Councilor Messier made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 1, 2016 meeting. Councilor Witham seconded the motion which passed, 3-0.

MAPLE STREET CULVERT BID

Director Bobinsky stated that CMA will serve as the project manager on the project. The budget for this project is \$165,000. The City received some competitive bids; total of 5 proposals. Manter Co. of Danvers, MA was the lowest bid at \$154,000. The project is scheduled to start in June after Council endorsement.

Councilor Sprague asked if this qualifies for Revolving funds. City Engineer, Scott Bourcier said it does not.

There was discussion about additional funding; possible State funds available, because it qualifies as a bridge, or FEMA funding, since it is addressing flooding issues. The committee wants to look at different options for funding.

Councilor Witham, seconded by Councilor Messier, made a motion to endorse the bid for the Maple Street Culvert Project to Manter Co. of Danvers, MA. The vote was unanimous.

MISCELLANEOUS

Update on the sweeper. Director Bobinsky said it is still in winterization status. The Public Works Department will be making it operational this week. Sweeping will start the week of March 25th.

Director Bobinsky discussed striping of the roads. In the past, Somersworth shared the bid with Dover. Bids are due March 16th. Councilor Witham mentioned that the parking lines haven't been done in a couple of years.

Councilor Soldati said we need to consider repairing sidewalks so we can become a more walkable community. Councilor Witham said they had a sidewalk evaluation done a few years ago. City Manager said they are looking at the concept of complete streets, which includes the pavement, the underbelly, sidewalks, bike lanes... Councilor Sprague said the City needs to also look at maintenance and removal of some sidewalks.

Director Bobinsky distributed handouts concerning pavement management, cracking on high street, crossing signal lights, and pavement and parking along Memorial Drive. This is just for review at this point, another meeting will be scheduled soon to discuss road pavement.

Councilor Sprague said there is a gate valve with no cover on Route 108 by Profile Bank.

There is a City barrel on Noble Street at Maple Street. Director Bobinsky said there was a sewer issue there and they are working with the contractor on that.

Councilor Witham said there are 2 problem manholes in the area of 362 High Street on opposite sides of the street. One is loud and one is depressed. Director Bobinsky said these will be addressed.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Witham, seconded by Councilor Soldati, made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed, 4-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Harris, City Clerk