

MINUTES OF PUBLIC WORKS & ENVIRONMENT  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM

August 4, 2016 – 8:00 A.M.

Committee Members Present:	Councilor Dale Sprague, Chair Councilor David Witham Councilor Jennifer Soldati
Staff Present:	Bob Belmore, City Manager Mike Bobinsky, Dir. of Public Works & Util. Scott Bourcier, Contracted City Engineer Scott Smith, Dir. of Fin. & Admin. Elise B. Brelis, Deputy City Clerk
Other:	Councilor Martin Pepin (arrived at 8:08 am.)

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*Chairman Sprague called the meeting to order at 8:05 am.*

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

*After an edit to the start time, Councilor Witham, seconded by Councilor Soldati, made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting held on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016. The motion passed, 4-0.*

MEMORIAL DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS: SEWER LINE

Public Works Director Mike Bobinsky summarized two memos: one from Contract Engineer, Scott Bourcier to Mike Bobinsky, the other from Mr. Bobinsky to the City Manager and the Finance Director, outlining an oversight relative to the Memorial Drive Sewer Improvements in which an aging length of asbestos concrete lined sewer pipe serving the Somersworth Middle and High schools was not put into the specs. Director Bobinsky presented two options for consideration in order to complete the project.

- A. Complete Utility Improvement; Cost \$59,860; Delay-Minimal, Contractor adding second crew to complete.
- B. Partial Utility Improvement; Cost \$38,800; Minimal to no delay.

Councilor Soldati questioned why the number of feet of pipe for disposal was less in option “A”. In that case, pipe would be abandoned and left in the ground as opposed to removed and disposed of. Councilor Witham liked that option “A” keeps the pipe in the ROW. He wants it done right the first time. (Severino) believes they can get it done in time by working nights. Mike Bobinsky said if there was a problem with timing they could put a wearing surface down and then finish in the spring. Mr. Bobinsky said that they are leaning toward curbs with a height differential. Councilor Witham prefers that everything be done: work Saturdays and evenings and get it done. Councilor Sprague said that if there is a curb, he would be okay with them coming back in the spring. The City Manager asked for direction: Councilors Witham and Sprague both want to see this fully completed.

***Councilor Witham, seconded by Councilor Soldati mad a motion that the Public Works & Environment Committee endorse option “A” and complete the project this year. The motion passed, 3-0.***

***Councilor Soldati, seconded by Councilor Witham, made a motion to amend the supplemental appropriation and to the contract with Severino Trucking. The motion passed, 3-0.***

***Councilor Witham, seconded by Councilor Soldati, made a motion to endorse a waiver of the noise/nuisance control, ordinance 13D, for the project. The motion passed, 3-0.***

There was a short discussion about language that would allow staff more (autonomy/flexibility) to deal with these kinds of details. (Amendments, Waivers, etc.)

### MISCELLANEOUS

Councilor Soldati followed up on request for port-a-potty in parks. She said it seems like there is a lot of support. She wants to attend the next Recreation meeting and was told it is scheduled for next Wednesday at 4:00 pm. There was further discussion about which parks to consider, primarily the larger parks.

Councilor Sprague asked about work still to be done at Millennium Park.

Councilor Sprague wondered about a speed increase on Guy Street. Mr. Bobinsky will check into it.

City Manager Belmore said that he was approached by Hope at Haven Hill with a request to tie in to the sewer. Discussion ensued about inter-municipal agreements, capacity, usage, loading, lienning/deeding, force mains, trees, etc. Any change in Rochester should also trigger a reconsideration of fees in Somersworth. Councilor Witham said that there are a lot of moving parts to this.

### ADJOURNMENT

*Councilor Soldati, seconded by Councilor Witham, made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed, 3-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:47 am.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Elise B. Breilis, Deputy City Clerk