

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS AND THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM
October 3, 2019 – 4:00PM

Committee Members present: Councilor David A. Witham, Vice Chairman
Councilor Kenneth S. Vincent
Councilor Richard Michaud, Temporary Mayoral Appointment

Administration/Staff present: City Manager, Bob Belmore
Finance Director, Scott Smith
Director of Public Works, Michael Bobinsky
City Engineer, Gary Lemay
City Clerk, Trish Harris

Vice Chairman Witham called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion made by Councilor Vincent, seconded by Councilor Witham, to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2019 meeting. Motion was approved 2-0, Councilor Michaud abstained.

ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT UPDATES:

A memo from Engineer Lemay was distributed. Engineer Lemay explained that the milling has revealed that the base on Franklin Street and Union Street are very thin and deteriorated exposing large areas of gravel. Both streets will need to be 100% shimmed due to the condition of the road after milling. The contract allowed for up to 684 tons of shim to be used on all of the streets. Nearly all of that will need to be allocated to Franklin Street and an additional 500 tons for Union Street.

There was lengthy discussion about the project budget, additional project funding, and state funds.

Councilor Witham stated that we need to do Franklin Street and Union Street right. They are heavily traveled roads.

There was discussion about altering the approach of the side streets off of Union St. and Indigo Hill Rd. to a more conservative shim and overlay.

Councilor Witham stated his concern about the curb edge and drainage. He suggested a hybrid approach of shim and overlay, and milling the edges of the roads as needed.

The Committee discussed doing only an overlay on Lily Pond Road and Clement Road, with milled tie ins. Staff will continue looking at options for Crest Dr.

Consensus of the Committee was to support the change order to 100% shim Franklin Street and Union Street, and to shim and overlay Ash, Central, Spruce, Spring, Summer, Water,

Chesley, Down, First, Second and Third Streets with the hybrid approach of milling the curb.

Finance Director Smith stated that when these projects were authorized, we utilized all of the funds available, exceeding the budget by approximately \$40,000; the plan was to fund that amount utilizing the Municipal and Transportation Fund. The additional shimming could increase the amount needed by an additional \$45,000. However, with the hybrid approach, that amount may be less.

There was discussion about the contingencies for future projects.

MISCELLANEOUS

City Manager Belmore stated that the tie in area of Molly Lane is in disrepair. He asked Director Bobinsky to get the planer out there this year to repair that area. The Committee agreed.

There was discussion about crack sealing on High Street from Sinclair to the Dover line. There are longitudinal seams that should be crack sealed before winter. The City received proposals from 2 companies. The Committee discussed the proposals.

Councilor Witham stated that he does not support crack sealing High Street. He has gone out and looked at the cracks and states that they are not deep. The road is fairly water tight and he doesn't see why a company should come in, router out the cracks to refill them. Councilor Witham also stated that the crack sealing is not esthetically pleasing and plows can pull it up.

There was lengthy discussion on pros and cons of crack sealing.

Consensus of the Committee is to not support crack sealing on High Street at this time.

There was discussion about the traffic island at the intersection of Blackwater Road at High Street. There needs to be some sort of marking out there, in advance of winter operations. Director Bobinsky said Public Works will take care of marking it out.

Councilor Witham spoke regarding the TAP Grant for easterly side of High Street. He is hopeful that work will take place next year to resurface High Street from Franklin Street to West High Street. If paving in that area does occur, he thinks the City should consider addressing the curbing along high street in that area at that time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Vincent, seconded by Councilor Michaud, motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Harris, City Clerk