

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS AND THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM
May 1, 2018 – 9:30 AM

Committee Members present: Councilor Dale R. Sprague, Chairman
 Councilor David A. Witham, Vice Chairman
 Councilor Martin Pepin
 Councilor Kenneth S. Vincent

Administration/Staff present: City Manager, Bob Belmore
 Director of Public Works, Michael Bobinsky
 Finance Director, Scott Smith
 General Foreman Gerry Vachon
 Deputy City Clerk, Kelly Gagne

Other: Waste Management Representative, Mr. Peter Lachapelle

Chairman Sprague called the meeting to order at 9:53 am.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion made by Councilor Witham, seconded by Councilor Pepin to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2018 Public Works and the Environment Committee meeting. Motion was approved 3-0. Councilor Vincent abstained.

Chairman Sprague requested that they address agenda items in the order as shown below.

RECYCLING CONCERNS (NEW CONTAMINATION ISSUES AND DROP OFF CONTAINERS AT HIGHWAY)

Mr. Lachapelle stated that with single stream recycling they are seeing more contamination included with the recycling, for example plastic trash bags have never been allowed. There is no technology to separate the recycling and if too much contamination occurs they just dispose of the material. The program we have in the City is great with the recycling bins. Any items left in bins that are not recyclable will be put back on curbside with a note. Waste Management is trying to get the message out that we need clean recyclable items. He also provided an updated guide for recyclables.

Director Bobinsky updated the Committee that the DPW has seen the several problems regarding the dumpsters located on site. Cardboard boxes not broken down, overflowing cardboard and styrofoam being left in boxes. There was also an instance where someone left construction demo materials in the dumpster. The Committee was all in agreement that something needs to be done to deter these issues.

The committee asked if we could include the flyer presented by Mr. Lachapelle with the Utility Bills for information to residents. Staff agreed to do so.

HAMILTON STREET SIDEWALK PETITION (ASSIGNED BY MAYOR)

Manager Belmore noted the City has received a petition to repair the sidewalk on Hamilton Street and the Mayor referred the issue to the Public Works and Environment Committee.

Councilor Sprague stated that the Hamilton Street sidewalk is in disrepair. He has had conversations about residential side streets. The only need may be a sidewalk on one side, due to the street having access to Noble Pines.

Councilor Pepin agreed that a one sided sidewalk is fine.

Committee consensus is no action as there are many sidewalks throughout the City needing improvements.

PIKE FOLLOW-UP WORK

Director Bobinsky stated that there are 16 sewer manhole covers on Blackwater Rd between Route 108 and High St. that are in need of repairs and resealing. The rings and covers are not sitting correctly and causing vibration when vehicles travel on that road. They are looking into hinge covers to replace them. He is currently in talks with Pike Industries in regards to a cost share as there are warranty issues with pavement breaking around covers. Included in the packets is an estimate to replace manhole covers, rings and to also mill around the covers in the amount of \$19,920.

The committee asked that in conversations with Pike Industries please address the Winter St. curve and High St. in front of the chiropractor's office, the asphalt is peeling up. Also, the transition from Blackwater Rd onto Route 108 needs some attention.

DRAFT SOMERSWORTH-DOVER INTERMUNICIPAL EMERGENCY WATER AGREEMENT

Councilor Sprague stated that we went over this in Finance Committee meeting. Councilor Sprague brought Councilor Vincent up to speed as a new Councilor in this Committee.

In the proposed agreement page 3, section 4.6 needs to be reviewed. He stated that the issue is cost sharing and how it is developed. Currently in the agreement it states that Somersworth and Dover will share equally all of the costs of design, engineering, construction, operation, maintenance, replacement and repair. When you share the cost based on users, the cost is more for Somersworth users because we have less users than Dover.

UNITIL PAVEMENT TRENCH – WHITEHOUSE ROAD MORATORIUM ROAD RESURFACING PLAN

Unitil is doing a major gas line update on Whitehouse Rd in Rochester. They have discovered that they will need to do a cut into the Somersworth side of the road. We currently have an Ordinance moratorium that states if within 3 years of a road being paved you need a waiver of the ordinance to cut into the road.

Director Bobinsky stated that they need to intrude about 50-60 feet into Somersworth to finish their line install. We are requesting that Unitil redo up to 60ft into Somersworth.

Councilor Witham, seconded by Councilor Pepin made a motion to support that the moratorium be lifted to allow for Unitil to complete their gas line project on Whitehouse Rd and to repair 60ft of the road. Approved 4-0

ROAD RESURFACING PLAN

Director Bobinsky spoke in regards to the road repair list memo for initial discussion. The following streets are named in the memo; Salmon Falls Rd. from the Somersworth City line to the Rochester City line, a section of Stackpole Rd, from Sunningdale Dr to Green St, Washington St., a section of West High St from Maple St to High St area, and High St from Blackwater Rd north.

There was a lengthy discussion on what roads need to be repaired to create the road resurfacing plan.

The Committee would like to get a price on mill and overlay on the High Street Section from Blackwater Rd to South St.

Councilor Witham is fine with list that he was given and the methodology that was used. Full Committee agreed to consider Horne St and Doelson St added to the list as they are in need of repair.

The committee requested staff prepare a report from the Street maintenance survey program and bring back a priority list of all streets for review by the committee at their next meeting.

MISC. – (TO INCLUDE UPDATES ON PRESENT ROAD PROJECTS- COMPLETE STREETS, TAP)

Councilor Sprague asked if the City requires granite curbing with all their road projects. It is his understanding that all new subdivisions are required to use granite curbing in their developments. Director Smith stated he thinks there is a Resolution that states that all City projects require granite curbing unless approved by the City Council.

Councilor Witham is glad to hear that we are paving some streets and glad to hear that DPW is out patching today. He thinks that High St needs to have some attention as a temporary fix for 3-4 months. Councilor Sprague suggested we ask paving companies to get High St done quickly.

Councilor Witham asked concerning the TAP grant are we replacing the easterly side of the street for sidewalks? Manager Belmore stated that the side where the cones and sawhorse are currently.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Witham, seconded by Councilor Vincent meeting was adjourned at 11:18am. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Gagne, Deputy City Clerk