

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS AND THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM

June 30, 2017-8:00 AM

Committee Members present: Councilor Dale R. Sprague, Chairman

Councilor Jennifer Soldati

Councilor David Witham

Administrative/Staff present: City Manager, Bob Belmore

Director of Public Works and Utilities, Michael Bobinsky

Councilor Sprague called the meeting to order at 8:00 am

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion was made by Councilor Witham, seconded by Councilor Soldati, to approve the minutes of the May 30, 2017 Public Works and Environment Committee. Motion was approved.

INDIGO HILL ROAD PAVING PROJECT –ADDITIONAL CURBING REQUEST

Bob Belmore introduced the background on this item and explained the residents on the south side of the upper end of Indigo Hill Road have complained about the lack of curbing planned in front of their properties. He referred to Michael Bobinsky memo in the Agenda packet which outlined the background and a proposal to address the concerns. Bob also asked Mike to further elaborate on his recommendations and findings. Mike indicated that the properties affected are 63 to 57 Indigo Hill Road and are close to Green Street end. He indicated the original road plans focused on replacing curbing with granite where new sidewalks would be installed and no sidewalks are planned on this upper south side section of Indigo Hill Road. However, Mike acknowledged that those properties have experienced stormwater runoff onto their properties when it rains and the Highway Department has needed to address the issues in the past by installing a slight berm along the front of the driveway of 59 Indigo Hill Road. As indicated in the memo presented to the Committee, Mike recommended installing granite curbing along the front of the 3 properties and collect and discharge the runoff within the Street ROW at a cost between \$18,000 and \$20,000. Following discussions and review the Committee agreed with the proposal but opted to install asphalt curbing on that side of the street. Councilor Witham wanted to make sure the new road improvements would not exacerbate the current runoff and drainage issue at

the effective properties. The Committee asked Mike to provide a revised cost estimate taking into consideration the asphalt curbing v the granite curbing.

Councilor Witham makes a motion to endorse the added asphalt curbing and related drainage structures on the upper end of Indigo Hill Road with Director Bobinsky to supply Bob Belmore with the revised cost estimate for this improvement. The motion was seconded by Councilor Soldati. Councilor Soldati had a question about the recommendation and how drainage would be addressed; following the information, all members were ready to vote. Motion passed 3-0.

PROPOSED TREE ORDINANCE

Bob Belmore indicated that the Conservation Commission met in mid-June and has completed their review of the proposed Tree Ordinance. They voted to approve the proposed Ordinance which included the Conservation Commission serving as the Tree Board with some minor amendments. They amended Section 5 to state that the existing Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary of the Commission will also serve as those same officers on the Tree Board; they restated Exhibit B in text as to small, medium and large tree species rather than by color; and they renamed Exhibit C so that it is clear that these are plants NOT to be used in site plan landscaping. Councilor Witham mentioned that the role of the Tree Board is advisory and to provide recommendations to the City Council on future issues.

Councilor Witham makes a motion to approve the amended Tree Ordinance and recommend to forward onto the full City Council for final review and action. The motion was seconded by Councilor Soldati. Motion passed to advance the Tree Ordinance to the City Council 3-0.

INTERMUNICIPAL WATER AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF DOVER

Bob Belmore introduces this topic as information at this time and that staff is obtaining additional information to present to the Committee at a later date for a comprehensive presentation on both short term water tie in using existing and or added fire hydrants and longer term options for a permanent connection and an inter-municipal water agreement with the City of Dover. Mr. Belmore further mentioned the possibility of installation of a new hydrant as part of the short term measures and Councilor Sprague commented about how best to reduce traffic impacts while equipment is accessing a hydrant with a fire pumper truck off the travel lane on Route 16b in an emergency. Councilor Sprague also suggested considering hydrant installation or access methods that minimize impacts on residential driveways in the event needed. Director Bobinsky explained the significance of a future Inter-municipal Water Agreement given recent drought conditions, and the fact that the City of Dover relies on a series of treated wells for their potable water supply. The City of Dover has a capital improvement plan in the design stage now to develop the Willand Pond well on land they own; the location of the treatment plant will lend itself to a possible tie in for emergency access only to the Somersworth water supply system. The City of Dover and their project engineer will be meeting with us soon to begin further discussions about the short and longer term inter connect options. Staff will also pursue the possibility of State DES grant funds to support a project like this as well.

MISCELLANEOUS

Councilor Witham suggested staff consider some pavement treatment on Hillside Avenue which is off of Tates Brook Road and Maple Street if funds allow after road paving bids are received; Councilor Witham also reported a large pothole at the entrance to Penny Lane off of High St that needs to be addressed by the Highway Division. In addition, Bob updated the Committee on a pending letter the City Council is to receive from Joe Falzone, regarding remaining sidewalk and paving work outstanding on Stackpole Road. Bob indicated that in response to City Council inquires, Joe plans to construct the extended sidewalk on Stackpole Road this fall and proposes to repave Stackpole Road in the spring of 2018. Director Bobinsky indicated that he still will be bringing in heavy trucks and other equipment over the next several months on Stackpole Road as he continues to build homes at his development and prefers to not place the final asphalt layer on the road and risk damages to new pavement. According to Joe Falzone, the letter should arrive the first week in July.

Councilor Witham moved and Councilor Soldati seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 am.

Following the end of the meeting, Councilor Witham indicated that he could hold the Finance Committee to address the Indigo Hill Road change order for the added curbing on Wednesday July 12 at 8 am.

Respectfully Prepared by:

Michael J. Bobinsky

Director of Public Works and Utilities