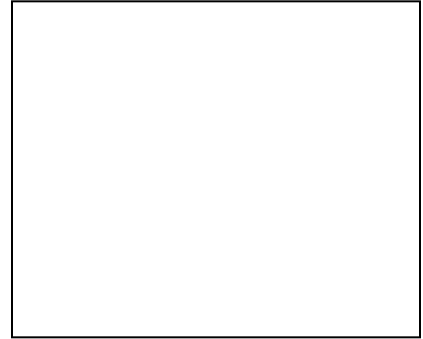


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**Present**

Brian Wotton, Commissioner  
Robert Hobson, Commissioner  
Anne Morton Smith, Commissioner  
Hillary Rotondo, Commissioner  
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent  
Rebecca Vento, Office Manager  
Joshua Crabb, Highway Superintendent  
Lisa Elliott  
Sam Speakman, Speakman Excavating  
Brian Messier

Mr. Lopes not in attendance

**I. Call to Order**

Mr. Wotton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**II. Routine Matters**

**A. Signing of Departmental Bills**

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**A. n/a**

**IV. Appointments**

**A. Lisa Elliott, Cushman Park Concerns**

Ms. Elliott – I am concerned with all the tire marks at Cushman Park. There are ruts where the walking paths are. Is there any way to reduce the number of vehicles that enter into the park? Or could we make the paths wider? Its not only the BPW that drive in there it is also the football team.

Mr. Hobson – All the vehicles that are going in there should stay on the tar. Could we put signs up?

Ms. Elliott – There is a sign that says no unauthorized vehicles where the entrance is on Bridge Street. I do not think that signs are going to help. What we need are barriers like what is already there on Spring Street.

Ms. Smith –The ruts are really bad.

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Ms. Elliott – I am just wondering what can be done.

Mr. Hobson – I agree with you and between all of us we should be able to come up with a solution.

Mr. Crabb do you have any ideas?

Mr. Crabb – The only reason why the ruts have not been repaired at this time is we are going to be doing a project in the park with the police department.

Mr. Crabb – There are definitely ways to mitigate new access points. As far as the condition of the park we will address that soon.

**B. Sam Speakman, Speakman Excavating, New Water and Sewer Drainlayer**

Mr. Furtado – This is Mr. Speakman, his company won a few bids just recently to do work for us and now they are looking to become a water and sewer drainlayers in the Town as well. His company came highly recommended by our Engineer.

Ms. Smith motioned to approve Speakman Excavation as a new water and sewer drainlayer. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Vote unanimous.

**V. Item for Action**

**A. Tata & Howard, Lead Service Line Inventory, Payment #9 \$5,937.33**

Ms. Smith motioned to approve Tata & Howard, Lead Service Line Inventory, Payment #9 in the amount of \$5,937.33. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Vote unanimous.

**B. Tata & Howard, Water Tank Maintenance RFP, Payment #8 \$9,066.31**

Ms. Smith motioned to approve Tata & Howard, Water Tank Maintenance RFP, Payment #8 in the amount of \$9,066.31. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Vote unanimous.

**C. Tata & Howard, Amendment #6 Installation of Water Meters and Advanced Metering Infrastructure and Meter Pit Evaluation \$12,800.00**

Ms. Rotondo motioned to approve Tata & Howard, Amendment #6 Installation of Water Meters and Advanced Metering Infrastructure and Meter Pit Evaluation in the amount of \$12,800.00. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

**D. Atlas Tack Signage Update**

Mr. Crabb gave an update on Atlas Tack Signage with the Board and mentioned that the locations have not changed since the last time he gave the Board an update.

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Ms. Smith – Who provided the facts?

Mr. Crabb – The DEP has been working with the owners of Atlas Tack. They are proposing an aluminum frame that will be powder coated and painted. They are planning on furnishing these signs and delivering them in July and we will install them once the overlay of the bike path is complete.

**E. Award Bid, Force Main Access Manholes, Phase 1 Contract 29, Ferreira Construction \$1,581,314.00**

Mr. Hobson motioned to Award the Bid for Force Main Access Manholes, Phase 1 Contract 29 to Ferreira Construction in the amount of \$1,581,314.00. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

**F. Stantec Consulting Services Inc., Town Wide Sewer System Force Main Condition Assessment, Amendment #3 \$325,500.00**

Mr. Furtado – We are going to skip over this tonight.

**G. Award Causeway Water Main Repair**

Mr. Furtado –We have to make an emergency repair to the water main on the Causeway. During the repair the water main that feeds West Island will have to be shut down. We are looking to make this repair overnight and we will make an announcement before we start the repair. We do not have the quotes at this time but I am looking for the Board to vote tonight to award this bid to the lowest bidder as this is an emergency and needs to be done as soon as possible.

Ms. Smith motioned to Award the Causeway Water Main Repair Bid to the lowest bidder. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Vote 3-1 with Mr. Hobson opposed.

**H. Tighe & Bond, WPCF Upgrade Project Construction Services, Payment #10 \$134,597.94**

Ms. Smith motioned to approve Tighe & Bond, WPCF Upgrade Project Construction Services, Payment #10 in the amount of \$134,597.94. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Vote unanimous.

**I. Methuen Construction Co., WPCF Upgrades, Payment #4 \$1,056,970.39**

Ms. Smith motioned to approve Methuen Construction Co., WPCF Upgrades, Payment #4 in the amount of \$1,056,970.39. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Vote unanimous.

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**J. DEP Pay Req #4 (Loan CWP-22-67) \$1,056,970.00**

Mr. Hobson motioned to Sign DEP Pay Req #4 (Loan CWP-22-67) in the amount of \$1,056,970.00. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Vote unanimous.

**K. DEP Pay Req #4A (Loan CWP-22-67A) \$134,598.00**

Mr. Hobson motioned to Sign DEP Pay Req #4A (Loan CWP-22-67A) in the amount of \$134,598.00. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Vote unanimous.

**VI. Table Matters**

**A. n/a**

**VII. Public Comments / Open Forum**

**VIII. Old Business / New Business**

**A. Superintendent**

**Superintendent Report for April 22, 2024**

- Meet with TA numerous x for TM Issues
- Jeff and I attend District Court re Farmfield Meter
- Chair MRV Meeting
- Work on various logistics for water plant borrowing
- Flow Neutral Bylaw presentation
- Flow Neutral Bylaw amended
- Meet with Planning re Street Discontinuance
- Cooke Park Sign
- Josh and I meet with AFSCME Union
- POTW Upgrade Meeting
- Meet with applicable staff re sewer budget because of Synagro
- ANR Plan Review for MRV
- Expedited/emergency repair to main water feed to Island

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- Stantec Amendment

Mr. Furtado answered any questions that the Board had regarding the Superintendent Report.

**B. Board Members**

Mr. Hobson – There is a large puddle of water at the end of Fort Street going into the Town’s Parking lot.

Mr. Crabb – It is on my list.

Mr. Hobson – What is going to with the Causeway Road sidewalk?

Mr. Crabb – We will be starting that the end of this week and it will take about 2 ½ to 3 weeks to complete.

Mr. Wotton – Someone came to me requesting picnic tables at the end of the bike path on Main Street.

Mr. Furtado – There will be a handicap table being installed there.

Mr. Wotton – Can we put a few more tables so people can sit.

Mr. Crabb – As long as we have the funds.

Mr. Messier – If there are more tables could you put another trash barrel there.

Ms. Smith – Where did we land with the container at Livesey Park? Were they going to paint a mural on it?

Mr. Furtado – They were going to paint it to match the pickleball courts.

Mr. Wotton – Could you grade Mill Road at the end where it goes from pavement to gravel?

Mr. Crabb – I did that last Friday.

**C. Marine Resources Committee – BPW Related Matters**

Mr. Hobson – The Marine Resource Committee has not met since our last meeting.

**C. Community Preservation Committee – BPW Relate Matters**

Ms. Smith had nothing to report.

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**IX. Set Date for the Next Meeting**

Ms. Smith motioned to set the date for the next meeting on May 6, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

**X. Adjourn**

Mr. Wotton motion to adjourn the meeting and enter into executive session at 7:05 p.m. to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel (Garage Supervisor). Rollcall Vote: Mr. Wotton, Mr. Hobson, Ms. Smith and Ms. Rotondo in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rebecca L. Vento*

Rebecca Vento  
Office Manager

Minutes approved on May 6, 2024.