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Vance A. Butterfield
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Joshua W. Hall, P.E.
Director of Public Works

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

January 27, 2020

Location: Public Works Department Office, 2 Oakmont Avenue

Present: Lorraine J. Emerson – Chairman, Vance A. Butterfield, Ross W. Barber;
Joshua W. Hall – Director of Public Works, Patrick Haley – Asst. Director
of Public Works, Dale Lucier – Executive Assistant

6:00 PM Opened Meeting at Public Works Department Office. Reviewed correspondence and signed bills for payment.

6:01 PM Commissioner Butterfield made a motion that the Commission sign the Water Usage Account Quarterly Billing Commitment for January 2020 in the amount of \$233,167.62 and the Sewer Usage Account Quarterly Billing Commitment for January 2020 in the amount of \$330,374.68. The motion seconded by Commissioner Barber. Voted unanimously.

Whitmanville Road Bridge Project Update

The Director updated the Commission on the status of the bridge design.

Wachusett Brewery Industrial Pretreatment Program- Phase 1 Update

The Director discussed with the Commission that WBC has been providing weekly email updates. The most recent update was regarding reworking the indoor building piping plan design.

Ellis Road Water Storage Tank Replacement Project

The Director apprised the Commission that the project will be bid after Town Meeting and that it was uncertain if appropriated monies would be enough for the project due to delays with the communications tower. He is waiting on an updated cost estimate from the design consultant. Chairman Emerson stated to submit a town meeting article place holder to the Town Administrator in case supplemental monies need to be appropriated one the estimate is updated.

6:05 PM Pole Petition Hearing Whitmanville Road

Chairman Emerson opened the public hearing. Joshua Hall stated that the power from National Grid will be routed from Oakmont Avenue and discontinued from South Ashburnham Road. The utilities and MassDOT have no issues with the new locations. Laura Napolitano from National Grid was present to discuss the petition. Chairman Emerson stated the Commission's concerns with double poles and the reluctance to

approve pole petitions in the future unless double poles are removed expeditiously. Commissioner Barber made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion seconded by Commissioner Butterfield. Voted unanimously. Chairman Emerson closed the public hearing at 6:16 PM. Commissioner Barber made a motion to grant the pole petition request. The motion seconded by Commissioner Butterfield. Voted unanimously.

Whitman River Sewer Improvement Project Update

No new update


Route 140 Reconstruction and Improvements

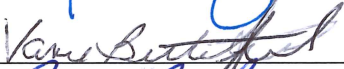
The Director apprised the Commission of the 25% design public hearing for Worcester Road at Town Hall Selectmen Chambers on February 7, 2020 at 7:00PM.

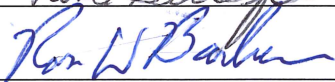
6:45 PM Chairman Emerson made a motion that the Commission move the meeting at DPW Building to Town Hall, 11 South Street, Room 128 for a meeting with Advisory Board to discuss FY2021 DPW budget and to adjourn immediately after the meeting. The motion seconded by Commission Butterfield. Voted unanimously.

7:00 PM Convened joint meeting with the Advisory Board to discuss the FY2021 DPW Budget.

APPROVED WESTMINSTER PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION







Documents / Exhibits

1. Pole Petition – Whitmanville Road