



# WESTMINSTER DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS PH 12: 57 P.O. BOX 376 WESTMINSTER, MA 01473 - Tel. (978) 874-5572

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# PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

February 27, 2023

Location: Public Works Department Office, 2 Oakmont Avenue

Present: Lorraine J. Emerson - Chairman, Ross W. Barber, Joshua W. Hall -

Director of Public Works, Kevin Collins - Assistant Director of Public

Works, Dale Lucier - Executive Assistant

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

6:01 PM Commissioner Barber made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of January 9, 2023 and February 13, 2023 as written. The motion seconded by Chairman Emerson. Voted unanimously.

### 6:02 PM Advisory Board Meeting 3/27/23

The Director apprised the Commission that the Advisory Board would like to meet on March 27, 2023 at 7 PM to discuss the FY2024 budget. The Director assumes that the board may focus on proposed fuel increases in the budgets.

#### Phase I Inspection Upper Reservoir Dam

The Director apprised the Commission that the Upper Reservoir Dam on Whitney Street requires a Phase I inspection. The last inspection was completed in 2018 and is due this year.

6:08 PM Commissioner Barber made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract with GEI Consultants, Inc. to conduct at Phase I Inspection & Evaluation of Upper Reservoir Dam. The motion seconded by Chairman Emerson. Voted unanimously.

<u>Complete Streets Plan Development- Update</u> No new update.

Old Town Farm Road Culvert Replacement- Update No new update.

Ellis Road Water Storage Tank Replacement – Update No new update.

Whitman River Sewer Improvements Project Update No new update.

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# <u>Route 140 Reconstruction and Improvements Project Update</u> No new update.

#### Other items

- Interest has been shown for open Highway Truck Driver/Laborer position
- The Director received notification from the City of Fitchburg of their draft rate study with a proposed/recommended increase of 4% in the sewer rate each year for the next 5 years.

6:15 PM Commissioner Barber made a motion to adjourn. The motion seconded by Chairman Emerson. Voted unanimously.

APPROVED WESTMINSTER PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

## **Documents / Exhibits**

1. GEI Consultants Inc. contract