



# WESTMINSTER DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS 2023 JAN 10 AM II: 42 P.O. BOX 376 WESTMINSTER, MA 01473 - Tel. (978) 874-5572

Commissioners Lorraine J. Emerson, Chairman Vance A. Butterfield Ross W. Barber Joshua W. Hall, P.E. Director of Public Works

# **PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

December 19, 2022

Location: Public Works Department Office, 2 Oakmont Avenue

Present: Lorraine J. Emerson – Chairman, Vance A. Butterfield, 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 that the Commission sign the Sewer Accounts commitment for the month of November 2022 in the amount of \$2,144.87 and the Water Accounts commitment for the month of November 2022 in the amount of \$8,670.29. The motion seconded by Commissioner Butterfield. Voted unanimously.

#### FY2024 Budget

The Director apprised the Commission that he will discuss the draft FY2024 budget at the next meeting. He stated that non-union employees will get a 3% pay rate increase.

## Payroll Authorization

6:15 PM Commissioner Butterfield made a motion for the Chairman to sign the payroll authorization for the open Highway Truck Driver/Laborer position for Seth Cochran with a start date of January 3, 2023. The motion seconded by Commissioner Barber. Voted unanimously.

#### Drinking Water Asset Management Planning Grant

The Director apprised the Commission of the \$250,000 grant that Public Works received. The grant consists of \$150,000 grant and \$100,000 town match. The match will be paid \$50,000 cash with ARPA funds and \$50,000 town labor.

6:24 PM Commissioner Butterfield made a motion for the Chairman to sign the agreement with Comprehensive Environmental, Inc. to provide engineering services for the project. The motion seconded by Commissioner Barber. Voted unanimously.

#### Snow and Ice Policy

The Director and Asst. Director presented a Snow and Ice Policy for the town. The policy is important as it discusses the Public Works procedures, methods and priorities related to winter.

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6:30 PM Commissioner Barber made a motion to approve the Snow and Ice Policy as presented and amended. The motion seconded by Commissioner Butterfield. Voted unanimously.

<u>Draft Sewer Service Area Bylaw</u> No new update.

<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.

Route 140 Reconstruction and Improvements Project Update No new update.

### Other items

- The Director apprised the Commissioner that two (2) pole petitions scheduled for next meeting for Worcester Road & Lanes Road.
- The Director apprised the Commission that a Water/Sewer Operator interview is scheduled for 12/20/222.

6:35 PM Commissioner Butterfield made a motion to adjourn. The motion seconded by Commissioner Barber. Voted unanimously.

APPROVED WESTMINSTER PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

## **Documents / Exhibits**

- 1. Payroll Authorization
- 2. Asset Management Planning Grant agreement
- 3. Snow and Ice Policy