

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING MINUTES

October 5, 2023

Department of Public Works

759 Russells Mills Road

Dartmouth, MA 02748

Present:

Robert Almy, Chairman
Tim Barber, Director

Richard Alves Jr., P.E.

Mike Arnold, WPC Manager
Paul Pacheco, DSI Superintendent
Sandra Waterman, Assistant Director

Steven Sullivan, Water Dept Superintendent

This meeting was held via Zoom.
The Chairman called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval – Hazen & Sawyer– Dartmouth Inflow/Infiltration Study

Mr. Barber explained this contract is for \$150,992 and the funds are available in the budget. These funds are added every year for this I/I study. The reason for including this approval during a special BPW meeting is to get it started before fall. The study includes the installation of meters and that is required before the end of October. If the contract wasn't approved now, the work would need to be pushed off until spring. The areas looked at for this study include Lincoln Park area, the North Pump Station, the treatment facility at Russells Mills Rd, Bliss Corner area and along Apponagansett Bay area. Mr. Alves asked what kind of pipe is in the areas of concern? Mr. Barber stated Bliss Corner is the oldest area so that will have some clay however the newer areas will have PVC. There are some strong flows coming into the Lincoln Park area so they are hoping to see where those flows are coming from. The Clarence St area along the Bay also has strong flows. Much of that pipe is installed in the marsh. This study could lead to some future lining of the mains.

A motion was made by Mr. Alves and duly seconded by Mr. Almy to approve and accept the agreement with Hazen & Sawyer for the Dartmouth Inflow/Infiltration Study not to exceed \$150,992. So voted.

Approval – Casella Contract

This is a contract up for renewal. This is an agreement between the Town of Dartmouth and Casella for the purchase of our finished compost product. Casella continues to purchase and distribute the product under the Earthlife brand. Casella will pay 50% of the net revenue minus any transportation cost. The quantity of the contract has been increased from 4,000 cubic yds to 6,000 cubic yds per year. Mr. Almy asked how much revenue this brings. Mr. Arnold stated he doesn't have number info, but can say it went down considerably due to the market. Because the previous contract had a fixed amount listed, the amount went down. Mr. Arnold believes last year was roughly around \$20,000 but stated that was better than paying to get rid of it right now.

A motion was made by Mr. Alves and duly seconded by Mr. Almy to approve and accept the contract with Casella Organics under Earthlife. So voted.

Discussion – Recycling Dividend Program Contract Award

Deferred to regular scheduled meeting.

Director Update

Mr. Barber stated fall Town Meeting is next week. The warrant for that meeting has an error where they funded two Wastewater Treatment facility projects under the Water Enterprise fund instead of Sewer Enterprise. A number of other capital projects for the DPW were not funded. We were told by the Finance Committee that they could be amended on the floor during the meeting so three projects were prioritized to be amended. The Town Administrator, along with Town Counsel then decided they did not want anything amended during Town Meeting meaning these projects would have to wait until the spring meeting. The Treasurer is going to try and help us fund some of the projects from other areas before next spring.

At approximately 7:46 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Alves and seconded by Mr. Almy to adjourn the open meeting. So voted.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved: 

Jennifer Kite, Administrative Assistant