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# **BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING MINUTES**

**July 24, 2019**

**Department of Public Works Conference Room**

759 Russells Mills Road

Dartmouth, MA 02748

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**Present:**

Brian Hawes, Chairman  
David T. Hickox, Director

Richard Alves Jr, Vice-Chairman  
Robert Raposa., Clerk

Paul Pacheco, Superintendent Services & Infrastructure      Tim Barber, Senior Engineer

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The Chairman called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 a.m.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**A motion was made by Mr. Raposa and duly seconded by Mr. Hawes to accept and approve the warrants for the bills payable period ending July 8, 15 & 22, 2019.**  
So voted.

**A motion was made by Mr. Raposa and duly seconded by Mr. Hawes to accept and approve the payroll for the weeks ending June 29<sup>th</sup> and July 6 & 13, 2019.**  
So voted.

**A motion was made by Mr. Raposa and duly seconded by Mr. Hawes to accept and approve the meeting minutes of June 27, 2019.**  
So voted.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Discussion – Chris Mendoza – Complaint of work quality**

A resident has called Mr. Hickox a couple of times explaining he recently bought a home in Town. When spring came this year, he realized he had many holes and boulders in the yard left from a contractor that had tied the home into sewer for the previous owner. He contacted the contractor at that time and explained the issue. Mr. Mendoza, the contractor, hasn't gone by to check on the property because the work was done for the previous owner. Mr. Hickox spoke to Mr. Mendoza and explained the resident was willing to pay for the yard to be corrected, he just wanted to be able to mow his lawn. The resident is stating Mr. Mendoza has still not gone by. The resident asked for this to be brought to the board, possibly to send a letter to the contractor about completing work in Town to Town specifications. Because this is on private property, the Town specifications don't necessarily stand. It's more an issue of not being a responsible contractor. Mr. Alves asked if there have been any previous complaints from this same contractor. Mr. Barber stated there hasn't been to his knowledge. From the pictures provided, it looks like the yard was back filled only, possibly because it was done during the winter. Mr. Hickox stated he doesn't really want to get in the middle of the work or the contract as it is not a DPW issue, he just wants to point out that a return call should be made to any customer. If the

contractor can't manage to schedule the work right now, he should let the resident know. He will contact Mr. Mendoza and let him know that. The board agrees.

**Review – Transfer Station Revenue FY19**

This is the end of the year report for misc. revenue from this office as well as the Solid Waste enterprise fund. This is how we estimate the revenue for the next fiscal year, and as shown on the report, it came in higher than expected, which is great news.

**Award – Contract #19-DPW-04 Rogers Street Boat Ramp Precast Concrete Panels & Appurtenant Hardware**

This was on the agenda back in May and was put on hold because overall funding was not available at that time. This is a two-step process, one is buying all the material, and the second is the installation. Grant funds were available for part of this project and the remaining funds were recently approved by the Select board. Mr. Alves asked if all permits and funding were now in place. Mr. Hickox stated yes to both. The difference in bid amounts are drastically different. The belief is that the higher bid may have expected that the bid included the installation. The bid clearly stated it was material only. The time for material is expected to be 4-6 weeks to make the precast.

**A motion was made by Mr. Alves and seconded by Mr. Raposa to accept and approve the contract for Contract #19-DPW-04 to Scituate Concrete Products of Marshfield, MA not to exceed the amount of \$62,700.00.**

So voted.

**MISC**

Mr. Alves asked what the update was on the sewer connection situation at 44 Sable Avenue. The contractor used different specs than what is called for in the policy. Mr. Alves would like to know if it's been corrected and if not, he would like the contractor brought to the board to discuss. Mr. Barber stated he will find out if the contractor has been notified. Mr. Barber stated he will ask the engineer that handled the issue and if not, Mr. Barber will contact the contractor himself.

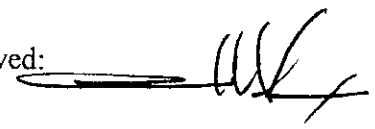
Hawthorn Culvert project is moving along, though it will be a tight schedule to get it done before the start of school.

Mr. Hickox updated the board on Mr. Arnold's condition. Still a long recovery ahead of him.

Meeting this week to discuss the offsite pump station upgrade on Route 6 and Elswick pump stations to accommodate the addition to the Lincoln Park Land Preserve Project. The meeting will include getting an estimate on remaining efforts that the Lincoln Park Preserve Project will have to cover.

**Having no further business to discuss that morning, at approximately 8:02 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Alves and duly seconded by Mr. Raposa to adjourn the meeting. So voted.**

Respectfully submitted:

Approved: 

Jennifer Kite, Administrative Assistant