

# BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING MINUTES

## September 26, 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 Rapoza., Clerk

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

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. Alves to accept and approve the warrants for the bills payable periods ending September 16, 23 & 30, 2019.  
So voted.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Raposa and duly seconded by Mr. Alves to accept and approve the payroll for the weeks ending September 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2019.  
So voted.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Raposa and duly seconded by Mr. Hawes to accept and approve the meeting minutes of September 5, 2019.  
So voted.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Update – Preserve off-site Sewer Improvements**

Mr. Hickox wanted to keep the board informed about The Preserve, a 40B housing facility, being proposed on State Road. Currently there is not enough sewer capacity to accept this project into the system. Lincoln Park is also on hold until they make upgrades to Rte 6 pump station or provide the funds to eventually make those improvements. Town has hired a special counsel to handle the environmental and off site sewer issues. Mr. Hickox has met with special counsel and she made it clear the law is pretty straight forward that the Town has to let them move forward if the capacity exists. According to the study done in 2017 for Lincoln Park, it clearly shows the capacity is not there. The contractor is stating if a lower than 110 gpd flow is used for each unit, it would be ok, but the Town does not allow that in their specs in Town. This is the same group that built Dartmouth Woods and there were issues with the water lines then and it took years to work out the issues. There was a fire at Dartmouth Woods and there was not enough water flow in the lines to fight that fire. Mr. Hickox will not sign the project as Town Engineer until adequate sewer capacity is made available and per the Town specifications. There are lawyers for both sides meeting on the project and Mr. Hickox will keep the board updated.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Recommendation to Award – Contract #19-ENG-06 – Roadway Drainage Improvements Flag Swamp Road**

Mr. Hickox explained the bids were opened last week on this project. There were nine bids, the lowest bid being for \$527,716.00 from CJO & Sons Co, Inc. This is the first phase of improvements on Flag Swamp Road. Upgrading drainage and full depth reconstruction of the road is to be completed. The DPW estimate on this project was \$680,000 so it was good to see bids come in under that. The Town has worked with this contractor in the past with no issues. It is very straight forward project. Mr. Alves asked who drew the plans and Mr. Hickox stated it was done by the DPW's engineering department. Mr. Hawes wanted detail on where the drains would be put and Mr. Hickox filled the board in on where they would be located. Conservation was also brought in and approved the plans prior to bidding.

**A motion was made by Mr. Raposa and seconded by Mr. Alves to accept and approve the recommendation to award contract #19-ENG-06 – Roadway Drainage Improvements on Flag Swamp Road to CJP & Sons Construction, Inc of Millis, MA not to exceed the amount of \$527,716.00.**

**So voted.**

### **Notice of Betterment Lien Discharge – 818 Reed Road**

Mr. Barber explained this is just a formality to clear the betterment lien on this property. At times, when a there is a sale of a home, the lien pops up and some lawyers want to see it properly released and cleared from the property. Once the betterment is issued, it supersedes the notice of betterment but it still comes up time to time. Mr. Hickox stated maybe there could be language on the betterment that states once the betterment is issued, it clears the notice of betterment. Mr. Alves asked if there were charges still left on the property. Mr. Barber stated there is most likely not as it was built in 1999.

**A motion was made by Mr. Raposa and seconded by Mr. Alves to accept and approve the release of the Notice of Betterment on 818 Reed Road.**

**So voted.**

### **MISC**

Mr. Barber stated the sewer service on Sable Ave is being corrected. He has spoken to Fernandes and they are working on getting it done. It is on their schedule to be completed as soon as they can get to it. Mr. Alves asked if it was stated in our specs to not connect to a clean out. Mr. Barber stated it is not, but the engineers know not to accept a 90 degree connected to a cleanout. This project was inspected and approved by an engineer of the department.

Mr. Pacheco updated the board on the projects that are ongoing.

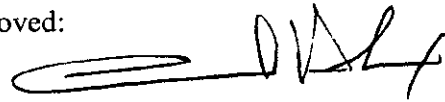
There was then a discussion on lots being released before the sewer and water were put in in Town. They DPW is currently being pushed by Town Planner and Town Council to sign off on releasing these lots and to put regulations aside in some situations. Mr. Hickox informed the board on the process and how they are dealing with it.

Having no further business to discuss that morning, at approximately 8:14 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Hawes and duly seconded by Mr. Raposa to adjourn the meeting. So voted.

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Kite, Administrative Assistant

Approved:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "D. Raposa", written over a horizontal line.