

**Board of Public Works
Meeting Minutes**

June 23, 2016

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was held on Thursday, June 23, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, in the Auditorium, 3rd floor, 229 Main Street, Nashua, NH 03060.

Commissioner Bergeron called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and called the roll.

Members Present:

Commissioner Bergeron, Vice Chair
Commissioner Tracy Pappas
Commissioner Joel Ackerman (Arrived after roll call)
Commissioner Kevin S. Moriarty

Members not Present:

Mayor Jim Donchess

Also Present:

Ms. Lisa Fauteux, Director of Public Works
Mr. Steve Dookran, City Engineer
Mr. Dave Simmons, Superintendent of Wastewater
Mr. Jon Ibarra, Superintendent of Streets
Alderman Ken Siegel, Aldermanic Liaison
Alderman-at-Large David W. Deane

MOTION: Commissioner Pappas to approve the amended Agenda as presented.

SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

MOTION: Commissioner Pappas to approve the Minutes of the Board of Public Works Meeting of May 26, 2016.

SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

MOTION: Commissioner Pappas to approve the Minutes of the Special Board of Public Works Meeting of June 7, 2016.

SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Public Comment:

Ms. Paula Johnson, Westborn Drive

I have a few issues that I have already talked to Director Fauteux and Nick Caggiano about but I think it needs to come before the Board right now. My first issue is West Hollis Street. When the former Mayor redid the traffic pattern she failed to realize what was happening when we got to Wellesley Street and Ledgewood Hills. The left turn lane continues to show left turn straight left turn and then when it gets straight and then when it gets to Ledgewood Hills there's no place for anybody to go. People are cutting over going down the center of the lane which is a double yellow line. The city has known about this for a year. Somebody is going to get killed there eventually. Enough is enough, it's an easy fix and it doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure this out. You can make that a designated left turn lane all the way down to Ledgewood Hills and just make a solid

white line there. People who ride that road all of the time, they don't care, they just pushing people and going around the other side on the eastbound traffic on the west side. From what I have heard if you speak to people at the charter school, they see what goes on all day long. I've been squawking about this since the former Mayor re-designated that left turn lane to make a left turn or straight. That's where it gets confusing because it keeps saying to go straight and Commissioner Ackerman lives in that same neighborhood. It's a dangerous situation over there that needs to be corrected.

The second issue I want to talk about is Mine Falls. It seems like maybe we need to become like Merrimack and shut down our city parks to people who aren't citizens of the city. We have a leash law and I was walking my dog yesterday and he was on a leash and there was a sign that says leashed dogs only. I believe we have a city ordinance that probably needs to be posted and if there's a fine it should be posted with it at every entrance and exit because as soon as people come in the dogs are off leash. I don't know if their dog is friendly, nobody knows but the dogs are running around and messing all over the place. Nobody is picking up after the dogs. They take the bags and throw it in the woods or hang it on a tree, I mean this is disgusting. Maybe we should put up some signs at the entrances to the park and put out some cheap barrels and have it say please deposit your dog poop here. I guess the Conservation Commission built that nice bridge for the bikes. When you are walking in Mine Falls you have to keep looking over your shoulder because the bikers are going to run you over, they don't have any respect. That park should be shared with everybody. It is a beautiful nature walk in Mine Falls but it becomes ugly when people take their dogs off the leash and let them run or when people don't clean up after their dogs and I believe there is a \$25.00 fine. Maybe we need to start posting these fines. I mean to call the police, they have better things to do than to come over for a dog messing but it's not a safe environment and the bicycles in there need to be under control. We, the taxpayers are paying to clean up this mess and the city. If you are going to have a dog then be responsible for the dogs and clean them up and keep them on the leash the way the law reads because it's unfair to everybody else who wants to enjoy the beauty of Mine Falls. Thank you.

Commissioner Pappas

I would like to comment that I don't go to Ledgewood very much anymore but I think it could be better marked because I think that people who use it all of the time drive quickly and aggressively and if you don't use it that often and you don't get over in that left hand lane quick enough it can get a little sticky. I fully agree about dogs not being leashed at the park. I think people are not very nice about that.

Street Department

- A. **MOTION:** Commissioner Pappas to approve the selection of Ryan Pellissier of Allenstown, NH for the position of Wastewater Collections Systems Operator, Street Department. Starting salary for this position will be \$24.01 per hour for a yearly salary of \$49,940.80 Funding will be through: Department: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Wastewater; Account Classification: 51-Salaries & Wages.

SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Engineering Department

- A. **MOTION:** Commissioner Pappas to approve the Residential and Commercial Wastewater Service Permits and Fees as submitted.

SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

- B. **MOTION:** Commissioner Pappas to approve Drainlayer's License for Kennedy's Trucking & Excavation, LLC, 20 Pine Rd, Hudson, NH 03051, in accordance with Nashua City Code §255-19 Issuance of Drainlayer's License.

SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

- C. **MOTION:** Commissioner Pappas to approve Drainlayer's License for David W. White & Son, Inc., 635 River Road, Bow, NH 03304, in accordance with Nashua City Code §255-19 Issuance of Drainlayer's License.

SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

- D. **MOTION:** Commissioner Pappas to approve the construction contract for the Main Street Sidewalk Improvements project on Block 3 and 4 to Morin's Landscaping, Inc. of Hollis, NH, in an amount of \$17,765. Funding will be through: Department: 161 Street; Fund: General; Activity Description: Main Street.

SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

- E. **MOTION:** Commissioner Pappas to approve the construction contract for the Main Street Sidewalk Improvements project Blocks 3 and 4 to Granite State Curbing Setters, Inc. of Suncook, NH, in an amount of \$16,120. Funding will be through: Department: 161 Street; Fund: General; Activity Description: Main Street.

SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty

DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Ackerman

Just a quick question, how is that different from the earlier motion that we just passed?

Director Fauteux

They are not one in the same. These are both for the mid-block crosswalks; we have two more to do. One is for the curbing; the granite that's going in the ground and one is for the brick.

Commissioner Bergeron

In addition to this what else is left on the Main Street Sidewalk Project? Does this wrap it up completely at this point?

Director Fauteux

Not quite, we do have a small section in front of Dunkin Donuts to do and then there is also near the church and Rich Lannon's building there is also a sidewalk that goes out back to the Spring Street lot that also needs to be done and then after that it will be complete.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

- F. **MOTION:** Commissioner Pappas to approve the construction contract for the Concord Street Crosswalk Improvements projects to Arlington Paving Co of Keene, NH, in an amount of \$34,657.50. Funding will be through: Department 161 Streets; Fund: Prior Year Escrow; Account Category; 81 Capital Improvements.

SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

G. **MOTION:** Commissioner Pappas to approve the contract for Sewer and Drain Pipe and Structure Inspection to Ted Berry Company, Inc. of Livermore, ME, in the amount of \$113,423. Funding will be through: Department 169 Wastewater; Fund: Wastewater; Activity: Sewer Rehab.

SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty

DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Ackerman

I did look over the submissions of this particular bid and I was just curious if there was any commentary from the City Engineer as to why there was such a huge discrepancy from the top bidder which was a factor of 4X compared to the lowest bidder.

Mr. Steve Dookran, City Engineer

The low bidder and Eastern Pipe, the second bidder, were very close. Heitkamp, Inc. was the high bidder and we think they didn't fully understand what the job entailed for us and rather than asking more questions they put in a big number and it was so high we wouldn't even consider it.

Commissioner Ackerman

Okay, so they were completely out of whack in terms of the scope of the project?

Mr. Dookran

That's correct.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

H. **MOTION:** Commissioner Pappas to approve the selection of Thomas Lacroix of Salem, NH, for the position of Staff Engineer in the City Engineering Department. Starting salary is \$51,227.17/year. Funding will be through Department 169 Wastewater; Fund: Wastewater; Account Category: 51 Salary and Wages.

SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

I. **MOTION:** Commissioner Pappas to approve the use of DW Hwy/Spitbrook Road Transportation Improvement funds in the amount of \$8,970, for a Professional Engineering contract award to Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. to design a new mast arm, mast arm pole and foundation at the northeast corner of DW Highway at Graham Drive. Funding will be through: Department: 160 Admin & Engineering; Fund: Trust; Activity: 55 Other Services.

SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

J. **MOTION:** Commissioner Pappas to approve Amendment No. 1 with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. of Burlington, MA in the amount of \$12,000. Funding will be through: Department: 161 Streets; Funding Prior Year Escrow Account Category 53- Professional Services.

SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Wastewater Department

- A. **MOTION:** Commissioner Pappas to approve the User Warrants as presented.
SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty
MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously
- B. **MOTION:** Commissioner Pappas to approve the contract with Borden & Remington Corp of Fall River, MA, for the purchase of the chemical Ferric Chloride in the amount of \$20,000. Funding will be through: Department: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Wastewater; Account Classification: 61 Supplies & Materials.
SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty
MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously
- C. **MOTION:** Commissioner Pappas to approve the contract with Borden & Remington Corp of Fall River, MA, for the purchase of the chemical Sodium Hypochlorite (Chlorine) in the amount of \$141,000. Funding will be through: Department: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Wastewater; Account Classification: 61 Supplies & Materials.
SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty
MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously
- D. **MOTION:** Commissioner Pappas to approve the contract with PVS Chemical Solutions of Detroit, MI, for the purchase of the chemical Sodium Bisulfite in the amount of \$90,000. Funding will be through: Department: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Wastewater; Account Classification: 61 Supplies & Materials.
SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty
MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously
- E. **MOTION:** Commissioner Pappas to approve the contracts with Polydyne of Riceboro, GA, and BASF Corp of Florham Park, NJ, for the purchase of polymer in the amounts of \$250,000 and \$70,000 respectively. Funding will be through Department: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Wastewater; Account Classification: 61 Supplies & Materials.
SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty
MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously
- F. **MOTION:** Commissioner Pappas to approve the contract with Highland Power of Brockton, MA, for the Waukesha generator maintenance in the amount of \$30,000. Funding will be through: Department: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Wastewater; Account Classification: 54 Property Services.
SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty

DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Ackerman

I see that the amount was \$30,000; is this an annualized 52 weeks contract and are there any other dollar amounts involved because 52 weeks times \$499.00 per week plus the other amount that is listed in the quote doesn't quite add up to \$30,000. On page 2 of the pricing it says \$499.00 per week and oil analysis and then add in \$65.00 per month. If I am not mistaken that adds up to slightly over \$27,000 so why would we approve it for \$30,000? I didn't know if there was a hidden cost involved with that.

Mr. Dave Simmons, Superintendent of Wastewater

There may be travel involved with that.

Commissioner Ackerman

Okay because I do see the other comment that says something about standard terms and conditions but they weren't listed in this documentation.

Mr. Simmons

I believe that's what it is. In the future I will have that information.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

- G. **MOTION:** Commissioner Pappas to approve the contract with Chemserve Environmental Analysts of Milford, NH for analytical testing services in amount of \$15,000. Funding will be through: Department: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Wastewater; Account Classification: 53 Professional & Technical Services.

SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

- H. **MOTION:** Commissioner Pappas to approve a contract with Hazen & Sawyer for professional services for an update to the plant capacity analysis in an amount of \$19,898. Funding will be through Department: 169 - Wastewater; Fund: Wastewater; Account Classification: 53 Professional & Technical Services.

SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

- I. **MOTION:** Commissioner Pappas to approve the selection of Mr. Scott R. Law of Nashua, NH, to the position of Operator II, 3rd shift, at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Starting salary for this position will be \$26.10 per hour. Funding will be through: Department: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Wastewater; Account Classification: 51 Salaries & Wages.

SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

- J. **MOTION:** Commissioner Pappas to approve the selection of Mr. Joseph Anderson of Merrimack, NH, to the position of Mechanic WWTP 1st Class at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Starting salary for this position will be \$26.44 per hour. Funding will be through: Department: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Wastewater; Account Classification: 51 Salaries & Wages.

SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

- K. **MOTION:** Commissioner Pappas to accept the resignation from Mr. David Milnes, Mechanic WWTP 1st Class effective June 3, 2016.

SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty

DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Moriarty

What happened here? Did he just decide to retire, it seems like it was a surprise situation?

Director Fauteux

If you want to discuss that we can go into non-public.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Administration

- A. **MOTION:** Commissioner Pappas to approve the Mayor's FY17 budget for the Division of Public Works as submitted to the Board of Aldermen.
SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty
MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

- B. **MOTION:** Commissioner Pappas to approve the hiring of Jonathan Ibarra of Milford, NH to the position of Superintendent of Streets. Starting annual salary for this position will be \$94,842. Funding will be through: Department: 161 Street; Fund: Street; Account Classification: 51-Salaries & Wages.
SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty
MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

- C. **Informational:** Broad Street Parkway River Bridge Lighting
MOTION: Commissioner Pappas to accept and place on file the Broad Street Parkway River Bridge Lighting
SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty

DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Ackerman

What is the information that we are accepting and placing on file?

Director Fauteux

It's the installation of lights on the bridge.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

- D. **Informational:** Budget Transfers
MOTION: Commissioner Pappas to accept and place on file the Budget Transfers
SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty
MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

- E. **Informational:** Update on Burke Street Building
MOTION: Commissioner Pappas to accept and place on file the information regarding the Update on the Burke Street Building
SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty

DISCUSSION:

Director Fauteux

I don't have much more to update you on. We are still working on the cost with the architect and hopefully we will have something next time to present to you in terms of what we think the estimated cost will be for the project. We are still working on that.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

F. **Informational:** Director's Report

MOTION: Commissioner Pappas to accept and place on file the Director's Report

SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Director Fauteux

One thing that I do want to mention is that we are working on the organizational charts. We finally got them from Human Resources and we are updating them ourselves so it's taking a little bit of time because they are old and they haven't been updated in a while. I think we will have them for you by next week and we will e-mail them to you.

As I mentioned earlier we are working on the last two mid-block crosswalks, one at the intersection of High Street and the other near Eldridge.

This is a new sidewalk on 35 Gilson Road. The Silver Knights opening game was on June 3rd and Mayor Donchess threw out the first pitch. This is a slide of the NHI Double A high school playoff on June 8th at Holman Stadium. The Mine Falls Advisory members were helping out cleaning debris out of the canal on June 18th for Mine Falls Trail Day. This is volunteers from the high schools helping to curb trail erosion. The Main Street fountain is in and there are two rocks that are both from Nashua. We planted some trees on Amherst Street and Broad Street. These were trees that were given to us from Eversource, they are crab apples. The 2016 Summer Fun season started on June 4th. We had about 1,500 people that visited, it was very successful.

I want to announce that our public works night is coming up at Holman Stadium on Thursday, July 14th at 6:00 p.m. and will continue through the Silver Knights game. We will have informational displays, mini golf and the street department will have equipment there much like Touch-a-Truck and there will be prizes.

Commissioner Bergeron

Also, Al St. Louis, the gentleman who sings the National Anthem is singing the song for his 500th time. It's going to break a record.

Director Fauteux

This is a picture of our mill and fill on Colburn Avenue and we are going from Colburn Street to Concord Street and we will be milling out for the new crosswalks in preparation for the XD patterns on Hall, Layton and Courtland. This is a berm replacement on Glen Drive that was destroyed by a snow plow. We have replaced about 600 feet citywide of berm. This is a catch basin repair at 135 Main Street. This is paving and sidewalk replacement on Raymond Street. We didn't cut any trees by the way, we just pulled the stumps. Here is stump removal and sidewalk replacement on Chester Street. Here you see some highlights from our fleet department, you see breaks are being inspected as part of an annual state inspection. These are three screens that were upgraded as part of SCADA system at wastewater and this will be a two-year project. We will have night time paving on Broad Street from Broad Crest Lane to Hyannis Street this Sunday, June 26th through Friday, June 30th from 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. We have started our set back barrier wall at the landfill. Just to remind everyone that the Solid Waste Department will be closed on Monday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day and curb side collections will be delayed for one day that week.

Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Ackerman

I had sent in a communication I had received on Auburn Street and I haven't heard back.

Director Fauteux

Andy is actually looking into that and I should be able to get back to you tomorrow.

Commissioner Ackerman

I too live off of Exit 5W where the dangerous intersection is that Mrs. Johnson commented on. Can we take a look at that? I find more times than not that I am getting edged out by people that need to go further west on West Hollis Street. I did speak to the former Superintendent of Streets and he had reassured me that a lot of investigation had gone on and felt it might need some legal enforcement of laws. I think the painting of lines that are solid white might be a way to avoid this going forward as well as more arrows to the left showing that it is a turn signal might be appropriate.

Director Fauteux

As many people as you talk to people have differing opinions on what should and shouldn't be done. Some people love the new traffic pattern and some people hate it; it's really a 50/50 mix. I did speak with Mrs. Johnson yesterday and I went to look at it with our Traffic Engineer, Wayne Husband today and we are going to put a sign on the mast arm that will say left lane must turn left. We will try that first. The other thing we can do is put in a pocket lane. I'm a little reluctant to do that just because people now have gotten used to what exists there now. Let's try the signage first and hopefully that will help and if it doesn't we will create the pocket lane.

Commissioner Ackerman

In talking with some of the residents, a sign on the mast almost seems like at the last point of return. It might be too late because if it's not big enough they won't see it 75' back.

Director Fauteux

It will be a large sign.

Commissioner Ackerman

I do recommend that we think about more signage even further back.

Director Fauteux

Okay.

Commissioner Ackerman

Is there also a way to consider her comment about Mine Falls? Is that being looked at?

Director Fauteux

It's a tough thing to police. We don't have staff in Mine Falls. I did talk to the superintendent about putting additional signage and maybe larger signage at the entrance of the park. Unfortunately, the people that do that sort of thing I don't think the signage will deter them but we can try.

Commissioner Pappas

As far as the intersection goes, I would agree that the issue is that there is not enough forewarning of that left hand turn and I would agree that the sign is almost too late. When you are not driving there all of the time people are quite aggressive and it's hard to get in that other lane and I think painting is cheap and between that and the sign we might consider that.

Commissioner Bergeron

When did that intersection change?

Director Fauteux

I think about one year ago.

Commissioner Bergeron

I would agree that it is awkward and it's more awkward for someone like myself who doesn't travel that way frequently.

Director Fauteux

One way or another you've got to merge so that creates a difficult situation. Former Mayor Donnalee Lozeau lives there and she's the one that really felt that was the best scenario. A lot of folks believe that what exists now is the best option but that doesn't mean that we can't do some additional things to try to make it better and we will look at that.

Commissioner Bergeron

In regards to Mrs. Johnson's comment about Mine Falls Park she is spot on and we are very fortunate that park has an Advisory Committee who does their trail days and clean-up; they are a great group of people and they could use some more volunteers. I think there is a link on our website for the Mine Falls Park Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Moriarty

I think the suggestion of additional signs at Mine Falls for the leash law would be good. I've been bit by a dog jogging through there. They probably won't abide by it but still having it will be better.

Director Fauteux

We will definitely put additional signage up at each entrance. I've already asked the superintendent to do that.

Commissioner Pappas

Do we have a timeframe on the street lights on Swart?

Mr. John Ibarra, Superintendent of Streets

I will have to follow up with that but Liberty had put in a work request with Eversource. They are usually weeks out. I spoke with them about three weeks ago and met them on the site and that's when there was a detection of the gas and drilled through the conduit. We just have to get everyone coordinated to go do a dig and replace some wire. I will keep you informed on that.

Commissioner Pappas

I think you will really have to keep your thumb on Eversource because we've tried to work with them ourselves and it's been years.

Mr. Ibarra

I will follow up with them tomorrow and get back to you.

Commissioner Pappas

Okay, great, thank you.

I do want to comment on our selection of Mr. Ibarra. I think that it's been difficult in the Street Department that we've had several superintendents within a short period of time and it's really good to see someone who wants to make a time commitment to the city. I think in years past Mr. Hall was there forever and then Mr. Pollack and I think you have that knowledge there and it's a very difficult job and a lot of people burn out. The problem is your learning curve is the first two or three years and that seem to be what we have gone through. I wish you the best of luck and I feel pretty confident that it's going to work out quite well.

Commissioner Pappas motioned to adjourn.

Commissioner Moriarty seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.