

**Board of Public Works Meeting
Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2018**

A special meeting of the Board of Public Works was held Thursday, April 26, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. in the Auditorium at City Hall, 229 Main Street, Nashua, NH 03060.

Mayor Donchess, Chair, declared the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and called the roll.

Members Present:

Mayor James Donchess, Chair
Commissioner Tracy Pappas
Commissioner Kevin S. Moriarty
Commissioner G. Frank Teas

Members Not Present:

Commissioner Joel Ackerman, Vice Chair

Also Present:

Ms. Lisa Fauteux, Director of Public Works
Mr. Stephen Dookran, City Engineer
Mr. Nicolas Caggiano, Superintendent, Parks & Recreation
Mr. Jon Ibarra, Superintendent of Streets
Mr. Dave Boucher, Superintendent, Wastewater Department
Ms. Sally Hyland, Recycling Coordinator
Alderman Ernest Jette, Aldermanic Liaison
Alderwoman MaryAnn Melizzi-Golja, Board of Aldermen

MOTION: Commissioner Pappas to approve the agenda as amended.

SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty

Discussion:

Commissioner Teas

What is amended on the agenda?

Director Fauteux

There were two Aldermanic referrals that were added to the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Approval of Meeting Minutes – March 22, 2018

MOTION: Commissioner Pappas to approve the minutes of the Board of Public Works Meeting of March 22, 2018.

SECONDED: Commissioner Teas

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

MOTION: Commissioner Teas to unseal the non-public minutes from the Board of Public Works Meeting of March 22, 2018.

SECONDED: Commissioner Pappas

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Public Comment

There was none.

Commissioner Pappas

I will preface this statement by saying the last two Chairs that I have served under have been very good about allowing discussion. I think it is interesting that we do go by the rules of the smaller Boards with one exception and that is seconding motions. If the Board will indulge me, I will read it but if people object, I can wait until the Commissioner comments.

Commissioner Moriarty

Mayor, just for the record, according to Robert's Rules, we should not be discussing anything that is not on the agenda.

Commissioner Pappas

I will just say that the rules are the rules. Procedures and Small Boards – “in a small Board meeting there is not more than about a dozen members present, some formality that is necessary in large Boards that would hinder business. The rules in governing such meetings differ from the rules that hold in other assemblies in some respects. Members may use a hand instead of standing for a motion.” “Motions need not be seconded. There is no limit to the number of times to speak to a debatable question.” I recognize that some items are not debatable. Then there is another item which I think you have been very good about, “informal discussion of subject is permitted while a motion is pending.”

Mayor Donchess

At the last meeting, the issue arose if a second is required. The School Board also uses Robert's Rules and even though Robert's is a very long book, there is a two-page section covering small Boards which has a simplified set of rules which would seem to apply both here and the Board of Education. They define “small Boards” under some number but it is many more than five and within that text it suggests that you do not need a second. According to the City Attorney, the only two pages that you need to look at in the context of small Boards are those two pages. The City Attorney appeared at the Board of Education to talk about the rules. It seems like unless the Board votes otherwise, I will apply the rules of the two pages that seem to apply to small Boards.

MOTION: Mayor Donchess to use the small Board section as indicated on pages 35 and 36 of Robert's Rules.

SECONDED: Commissioner Teas

Discussion:

Commissioner Moriarty

My interpretation of Robert's Rules is that any motion needs a second so I would prefer a legal opinion on that, if that is okay with you, Mayor. The reason for a second is to do away with frivolous, time wasting

conversation. An action needs to have a back up and if there is only one person then that is not enough, according to Robert's Rules.

Mayor Donchess

That seems like a fair request, especially since this is not on the agenda and came up as a surprise. Why don't we continue as we have done for the remainder of this meeting and the interim, before the next meeting I will get the City Attorney to address us on this question.

Commissioner Pappas

I would just say that in the context of Robert's Rules, it is done to protect the minority and easy to be a minority on a five member Board. In the past, there have been times where if you do not second a motion then you do not have to show your record as to what you think publicly. It sounds like there has already been a legal opinion on this. With all due respect, we did bring it up at the last meeting and someone was absent who felt strongly about it and...

Mayor Donchess

Let's continue as we have and we will straighten it out. We will get Attorney Bolton's view before the next meeting and in a written form rather than him just saying something to me.

Aldermanic Referrals

A. R-18-022 - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY TREASURER TO ISSUE BONDS NOT-TO-EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,500,000) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

MOTION: Commissioner Pappas to favorably recommend **R-18-022** - Authorizing the Mayor and the City Treasurer to Issue Bonds not-to-exceed the Amount of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000) for the Fiscal Year 2018 Sewer Infrastructure Program

(Note: There was no second to this motion.)

Discussion:

Commissioner Pappas

No one wants to spend that kind of money but it is necessary.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

B. R-18-023 - CHANGING THE PURPOSE OF UP TO \$514,000 OF UNEXPENDED BOND PROCEEDS FROM VARIOUS WASTEWATER PROJECTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

MOTION: Commissioner Pappas to favorably recommend **R-18-023** – Changing the Purpose of up to \$514,000 of Unexpended Bond Proceeds from Various Wastewater Projects to the Fiscal Year 2018 Sewer Infrastructure Program

SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty

Discussion:

Alderman Jette

I noticed that we are replacing the sewer pipes with PVC with an expected life of 50 years, but the stuff that we are replacing has been in the ground since prior to 1900. Does the PVC have a better life expectancy? 50 years sounds shorter than 100.

Mr. Dookran, City Engineer

The first thing is that these pipes should have been replaced years ago, at least 40 years ago. We have pushed the life on some the old pipes. Secondly, PVC has a life expectancy that is much longer than 50 years. People have been doing analysis of PVC and although we do not have 100 years of experience with PVC, we do have 40 or 50 years and according to the studies, the projected life is beyond 100 years.

Alderman Jette

Why does it say 50 years on the Resolution?

Mr. Dookran

It exceeds the bond life by so many years but we do expect longer than 50 years with these pipes.

Mayor Donchess

He is saying with regard to the bond life is that in order to bond a project you have to demonstrate or find that the life of the project is longer than the payout period of the bond. For example, it should say it has a life of "X." Perhaps you are pointing out that it might be better if it were longer but it is really just to establish for Bond Council that the project is going to last more than 20 years.

Alderman Jette

Regarding the second resolution, this is evidently money leftover from a wastewater bond and I noticed that we have been spending extra money on the wastewater treatment plant. Why are we not using this money for that as opposed to this?

Mr. Dookran

The leftover money is from three different projects, the storage facility, the aeration upgrade and the water equipment replacement. Two are the projects were actually planned projects but the tank was a CSO project, the combined sewer separation project. The need for sewer infrastructure rehabilitation in the street. At this point in time, it is a lot higher than the need for fuller plant upgrades. We have fallen so far behind in repairing all of the failing sewers, as you pointed out, a lot of them are over 100 years old and we are still trying to get handle as to what that quantity is and what program we should be going forward with. The more money that we can funnel into this area, the better off we are. For example, we had a bid out for our sewer rehabilitation project for this year and the prices have gone up so much that the bid came in at least 40% higher than we expected. We have to re-configure what this years' program is going to be in order to be able to afford to do any kind of work.

Alderman Jette

I understand the need for this project but if it is a total of about \$3 million then why aren't we just requesting a bond for \$3 million for the sewers and leaving the wastewater money for wastewater projects and needs or is it just an accounting thing that does not really matter.

Mr. Dookran

I am not sure what the answer is but I believe it has to do with the rate analysis that was performed; setting the rate structure and how much money can go towards any particular area and there is only so much of bonding that can be done within a particular year. I believe that is the base premise behind it.

Director Fauteux

We also consider this all of the sewer system; all of the pipes is considered part of the sewer system as well, we do not differentiate between the plan, pipes and the pump stations that are bringing all of the material to the plant. As the City Engineer said, we are way behind on upgrading our sewer system. We probably have 30% of our sewers in the inner city that are failing and we are doing an analysis of that now and we will have a better sense of what we need to do going forward but we expect we are going to need far more than what we currently have been spending to bring our sewer system back into compliance.

Commissioner Pappas

For background, my first year on the Board, it was Mayor Lozeaus' first year as well. The bond rates had been cut a few years prior to that and there was an issue with not paying attention to how much the whole wastewater system was and we were in a position where we did not have what should be in certain accounts and that is when the sewer rates started to increase because we were not charging enough and were not paying attention to what was in each account. It was a logistical nightmare and I do think that it was straightened out pretty well. Wastewater and sewer is a very corrosive process and when something has been neglected, although I do not think that anything was done purposefully, it was just a lack of paying attention to the issues. I think that in the years since then we have done a really good job at trying to get caught up but this stuff is not cheap.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

C. O-18-014 - SETTING PARKS AND RECREATION FEES

MOTION: Commissioner Moriarty to favorably recommend **O-18-014** – Setting Parks and Recreation Fees

SECONDED: Commissioner Pappas

Discussion:

Mr. Nicolas Caggiano, Superintendent, Parks & Recreation

The fee structure is something that some members of the Boards and the Director asked me to start investigating last year and we did an analysis of all the different towns and we determined that the fields were getting overused quite heavily and we decided to come up with a fee structure which you all approved back in October or November of last year. The process to get those fees on the books has gotten us to a point where the Board of Aldermen are going to approve it and then the accounts will be set up so those fees can go into accounts so the funding can be used to maintain the facilities.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

D. O-18-007 - PROHIBITING PLACING OR BLOWING YARD DEBRIS IN THE STREET

MOTION: Commissioner Pappas to favorably recommend **O-18-007**, as amended – Prohibiting Placing or Blowing Yard Debris in the Street

SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty

Discussion:

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

I understand that the language from the original ordinance has gone to legal and there has been some change in that wording. None of this has gone to the Infrastructure Committee and when it goes to that committee, it will be going as the original ordinance and at that point, a motion will be made to adopt the language as amended.

I apologize for not being here for the first reading but I was not feeling well. I read the minutes and just to give you some history on this, I will say that there are some chronic offenders in my Ward who I have been hearing about for a couple of years. In a 24-hour period, I received several calls from people on one rainy autumn afternoon because someone was blowing their leaves into an intersection that happened to be on a downhill slope and it was raining. Two people called me because as they came down the hill and attempted to slide, their car fishtailed. I decided to do something about it. Attorney Clarke contacted Director Fauteux who said if it were passed then they would do something with it. The police chief weighed in and said if it were passed then they would enforce it. After it had its first reading at the Board of Aldermen, I was contacted by several people on other Boards in the city who said “oh my Gosh, thank you” because we have people who do this all of the time in my Ward. One woman told me that “he blows his stuff onto the street” and I hate to say it, but it is usually a “he” and then cars come by and all the dust comes blowing into my window. Other people have complained about leaves piling up on streets and then it rains and it becomes slick and people are skidding. In reading your minutes and looking at your questions and following the conversation between Alderman Jette and the City Attorney, I totally understand your concerns and I don’t think there was anything that was meant to keep people from putting things out a day or two in advance or people cleaning lawns and having a big truck come through and suck them up. It is more of a situation where people are just putting things there because they do not want to put them in bags and leaving in the street causing potential situations. Most recently, there was another situation in my neighborhood where someone took some very large branches, maybe 6’ or 7’ and piled them up along the side of the road, it was on a downhill curve and three people told that they almost hit them at night. They were piled there for about a week before they were picked up. Just to be clear, after you met, Alderman Jette and I talked and he had indicated that he had contacted Attorney Clark with regard to changing the language. I spoke with Alderman O’Brien, who is the Chairman of the Committee on Infrastructure, and it has not hit Infrastructure yet. It was tabled. The other part of the process would have been that it would go to Infrastructure, to legal and then back to you. Alderman O’Brien and I spoke and thought we would just continue with the process.

Commissioner Pappas

In my ten years, I have had a lot of people complain about that. It is incredibly inconsiderate and I was surprised that it was not already covered. There are a couple of people that blow them at the edge of the street and people who are going to take the time to do that, to do all of theirs, you would not be able to enforce it within the time that the truck usually comes. In addition to it being a danger where it gets slippery and icy, you are also going to be looking at it all winter long. They could also eventually blow into storm drains and culverts. I strongly support it. I will tell you that I think it might be difficult to enforce but at least it would be there for the chronic offenders.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

I agree with you. It is going to be up to neighbors to call. If you really think that it is an unsafe situation then it is up to the resident to call. The calls are anonymous. We are just giving people the tool to use if they want it.

Commissioner Teas

Thank you, Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja, for your passion and concern for the safety of the citizens. In terms of the punishment and the implementation, how many other laws are on the books that are like this and will this potentially open the floodgates to there being something like this at each meeting; not that it is not important but is it enforceable and will it be patrolled.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

I think what you are talking about is something that a resident reports and then the police come out.

Commissioner Teas

I would not have known if this was a law or ordinance or not and I am wondering if there are other things, like for dog fouling.

Mayor Donchess

There is a dog ordinance.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

We used to have a law on the books that said you could not park in the front setback; there was no parking on the lawn. That was challenged about four or five years ago and now, you can park on your front lawn. However, I found out that you could not drive over a city curb to park on your front lawn. In the spring and winter when it is muddy, if someone is driving over the Cape Cod Berm and they are doing it on a regular basis, and you can see that it is being used then you can call the police department and they will come out and enforce it.

Commissioner Teas

What is the punishment for such a violation? Is it a three-strike process where you get a warning. I imagine when you saw the branches piled up that someone went and knocked on the door and shared with the folks that it posed a danger to the neighbors.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

I know that neighbors had talked to them and told them they really should not be doing it.

Commissioner Teas

Is it a nominal fine?

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

I do not know what the fine is. I think the fine for parking in the front setback was \$100.

Mayor Donchess

I think it is discretionary with the court but there is an upper limit and it might be higher than \$100.

Director Fauteux

I think it is \$1,000.

Mayor Donchess

The city also has an ordinance now that allows departments to issue tickets for violations. Whether the Dog Ordinance is covered by that, I am not sure. With respect to housing codes and things like that, the city can issue a ticket which can be appealed.

There is no question that the police can enforce this.

Commissioner Teas

I do not think that because the law exists, I do not know that I would call the police department on a neighbor for dog fouling. I am just wondering how it gets policed and is it something that will be the top of mind for this season and then will it be part of a collection of a hundred other ordinances that were very important for safety and concern that just do not paid attention to any longer.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

I can only speak to my experience as an Alderwoman. All of these little ordinances, I never know about them until someone calls me and says what can we do about it. The first thing that I usually do is call Director Marchant to find out if we have something that addresses it.

I do not think it is something that people just walk around saying this is there and let me enforce it but the situation has gotten to the point where it is chronic and even after saying something, it continues.

Our Code Enforcement Department is wonderful, they go out and talk to people and work with them and will finally say if you are not going to work with this then we are going to have to enforce this. They will work not only with the offender, but also with the neighbors to help the offender right what they were doing that was in violation.

Commissioner Pappas

In my tenure on the Board, I have had people express concerns about that and if I understand correctly, it is an ordinance that already exists and I think it is an amendment to the ordinance.

Director Fauteux

The existing ordinance is related to snow and then the yard debris was added.

Commissioner Moriarty

I am also concerned about the last sentence in this ordinance which reads, "the violator is subject to punishment." The punishment is not listed. I thin it is quite odd that we cannot require residents to shovel their sidewalks so people can walk and they are forced to walk on the street. Now we are going to punish them for leaves in the street. This will also affect all of the lawn care companies and that will raise a flag to the smaller companies. This is my first reading of this ordinance; this was not in our packet and I have never seen it before. I am not comfortable voting in favor of this since I have not seen this before.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

Commissioner Moriarty, Alderman Jette worked on this. It had its first presentation at your March meeting so what you are seeing today has been worked on with legal but I will tell above where you were reading, item #2

states that this will not apply to clean-up or collection if they are occurring at the same time. If my lawn clean-up company is doing three yards in the neighborhood and they are piling stuff along the side of the street, this is not going to affect them. Again, this is something where I think residents are reporting and the situations that I have been aware of are not people even blowing their leaves along the side of the street, they are blowing the clear across the street or into the middle of the pathway where traffic is moving. I know that Alderman Jette worked with the City Attorney to address that concern and that has been added. In terms of punishment, it is indicated here at the end of sentence which reads, "as provided in 1-12." My experience, although it is only eight years and not as much as some of the experience around this table, has been that the police department and Code Enforcement Department are not quick to go out and fine people and there is usually a warning first.

Director Fauteux

This would be enforced by the Nashua Police Department.

MOTION CARRIED: 2 - 1 (Nay, Moriarty)

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

Once again, this wording will go to the Committee on Infrastructure, we will let them know that this is what you have approved and it has gone through legal. It will show up on their agenda with this as the amendment to it. Thank you for your time, some of things you deal with are certainly not the most glamorous in the city but they are very important.

Parks & Recreation Department

A. Informational: Broad Street Rotary Landscape Design Presentation

Mr. Caggiano

I want to introduce Mr. William Parker from Parker Gardens Designs. Director Fauteux tasked me last summer to do something with the rotary at Broad Street. There was an agreement at the time with some people from Sullivan Farms but that has fallen by the wayside. I took some Permaculture courses and learned about sustainability. I met Bill at one of our twilight landscape meetings and he sounded like the perfect guy for the job. We hired him to do a landscape design and he is very excited. He is also excited about helping with the install and doing it as a partnership with the division. It will require very little maintenance and once it matures, it will provide year-round color.

Mr. William Parker, Parker Gardens Designs

This is a style of planting that we have been perfecting for about ten years. I was dealing with Nick last fall regarding another project and commented that this application might be a fantastic for the Broad Street rotary. There is a tremendous amount of traffic that comes through there everyday and this would be a very nice welcome into the city. This type of planting for the most part is 100% herbaceous, which means it is all perennials. It is visually stunning, it starts coming out in May and carries into the fall months. There is a nice progression right through late fall. (Mr. Parker showed the Board a slideshow of the plantings.)

It relatively little money for what you are going to get. We are proposing to do this with small plants and Nick and I have already talked about what the budget would be. It is also exciting because it is sustainable. Once this planting has established itself, which takes a year or two, it requires no maintenance. Managing the weed growth is one of the big labor-intensive tasks early on. After that, the plants start to knit together and become

impenetrable to weeds. No fertilization and no water once these plants development a root system. Some of these plants have roots that go down five to ten feet deep so they have good access to ground moisture.

Commissioner Pappas

I think they look beautiful. With all Parks & Recreation has to do with the weeding, is that part of the contract for the first couple of years?

Mr. Parker

Parks & Recreation is already out there mowing it probably once a week in an average growing season. Incidentally, the annual maintenance for this, once we get beyond the initial growth stage, is mowing it in the fall and the plant debris should be left where it is. There is also no bark mulching involved with this. Initially when these plants are put in, they need to be mulched but we are mulching with composted leaves, which Nick tells me he has an endless supply.

Commissioner Pappas

That was going to be my next question; if it made sense to use mulch but I know people have used their leaves.

Mr. Parker

Bark mulch is actually counter productive to this type of planting. Plants have no relationship with wood chips; they like to be in plant debris.

B. MOTION: Commissioner Teas to approve the purchase of aquatic invasive weed treatment services from Aquatic Control Technology Inc. of Sutton, MA, for the sum of \$33,668. Funding for this purchase will be from Department: 177 Park & Recreation; Fund: General and Trusts; Account Classification: 54 Property Services.

SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty

Discussion:

Alderman Jette

What is the difference between this and the weed treatment that we are talking to Solitude about?

Mr. Caggiano

That is what this is. The total project is being run by our Waterways Manger, Dr. Mineau; and this is the park portion of that total contract. We take care of the Mill Pond in Mine Falls and the canal. This year I am adding Sandy Pond because we have had some issues there. We are getting a better value because of the bulk contract. We take care of those ponds under the parks every other year and we have been this for about eight years. When we started, the weeds were so bad that we had to harvest them with a machine and now we are at a point where we can control them with an aquatic herbicide.

Alderman Jette

You say it is part of the same thing, but why is one with Solitude and one with Aquatic Control Technology?

Mr. Caggiano

It is the same company. They will also be treating the Nashua River but that does not fall under our purview or funding capability.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

C. MOTION: Commissioner Pappas to approve the contract with Target New England of Alton Bay, NH, for the Main Street Bridge Painting project in an amount not-to-exceed \$57,500. Funding will be through Department: 160 Admin / Engineering; Fund: Grant; Activity: Highway Block Grant FY18.

SECONDED: Commissioner Teas

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

D. Informational: A State Champion European Larch (*Larix decidua*) Tree has been identified at Greeley Park.

Mr. Caggiano

About 1 ½ years ago I was approached by a resident that abuts the park and they had some concerns about a large tree that they felt was getting too big and asked if we could think about taking it down. Once we looked at it, I said wow, this is pretty big and I knew it was a Larch, which is a rare tree in this area. It is one of the deciduous evergreens so it has needles but they drop every year and then come back. I contacted the New Hampshire Big Tree Program to have it measured and I was told it was the largest European Larch in the state.

Commissioner Pappas

We were looking at a big Larch on the oval where I live and we fund our own program where we plant the trees and also get rid of them. There are times of the year when the tree looked dead.

Mr. Caggiano

I talked to the Director about advertising it a little bit or maybe putting a sign there but I do not want to over advertise it.

Commissioner Teas

Where is it in the park?

Mr. Caggiano

It is near Bates Drive; it is between the gardens and the back of our facility where we store the equipment.

Alderman Jette

Do you have a picture of it?

Mr. Caggiano

I do not.

Alderman Jette

Does this mean that the resident's request to cut it down has been denied?

Mr. Caggiano

Yes. I met with him and once he saw the people from the state come he was very excited. Once he understood it was not dead but doing its natural thing, he was okay.

Street Department

A. MOTION: Commissioner Teas to approve the purchase of 4-CMS-T333 Electronic Message Boards from American Signal Company of Atlanta, GA, for the total purchase price of \$91,099. Funding will be through Department: 160 Engineering; Fund: Grant; Activity: Highway Block Grant.

SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

B. MOTION: Commissioner Pappas to approve the purchase of one 2018 Morbark Beaver M15R wood chipper from MORBARK Winn, Michigan for the total purchase price of \$71,301.51. Funding will be through Department: 160 Engineering; Fund: Grant; Activity: Highway Block Grant.

SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty

Discussion:

Commissioner Moriarty

Are we getting funding from Highway Block Grants, is that Federal or State Highway?

Mr. Jon Ibarra, Superintendent of Streets

That came from the state funding.

Mayor Donchess

This was a special, one-time \$1.3 million. This is over and above the regular block grant. All the equipment that is related street maintenance is eligible for purchase through the block grant.

Commissioner Pappas

Is the old one still going to be used?

Mr. Ibarra

It is still in service but it is very underpowered. When these events come through, we like to have some big power so we can get a better response and open the streets better. This one is 174-horse power motor powered by CAT. It will give a significant level of service and response in a storm. Last year we had 90 trees come down.

Alderman Jette

On this one and the previous one, the memorandum talks about the quoted, in this case the chipper through the NJPA, which is the equivalent of the state bid. Does that mean this was a low bid?

Mr. Ibarra

It is for federal and municipal governments, state agencies which we belong to; it is a conglomerate so it gives us more purchasing power. They set a rate equivalent to a state bid and we can get on board going through that program and get the same savings.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Commissioner Pappas

Rather than wait until Commissioner Comments, I noticed that one year when we had a big storm we picked up people's sticks and I think they were delighted. I think people usually leave them out with their soft yard waste and sometimes they are picked up, and sometimes they are not. Before we start our solid waste pick-up, there is a program that you can put huge amounts of wood out and we do a really good job at spelling out what you can and cannot put out. I do not know what percentage of the population in Nashua takes advantage of that wonderful program but most people do not have that much as far as sticks and that sort of thing. If we plan for next year, I am trying to think in terms of if addition to that very large collection, we can encourage people to put out their sticks for the year then...because otherwise we are stuck with people that are not quite sure why their yard waste did not get picked up. We understand here that it breaks the trucks. In the past, we have said that we do not have the money but I do not think it is unreasonable to residents to expect their sticks to be picked up once or even twice per year. I get towards the end of the year when we have all those leaves that it becomes very difficult but I am wondering if we might expand that program that we have. We have radios in our trucks so as the trash trucks go through the neighborhoods they could say "okay there is a pile of sticks at 25 Broad Street" and they could go pick them up. I do think that is a problem and if we do not pick them up then people hide them in their soft yard waste and that creates a problem for our trucks.

Director Fauteux

We have our regular spring clean up that you mentioned, which I believe has been completed. We do pick up sticks year round and we pick them up with our oversized items collection. People can call in and we will pick-up sticks year round.

Commissioner Pappas

Right, but I think that people's objection is that you have to bundle them up. That is a major pain in the neck and we do not bring a chipper right on site. If we have our chippers out in the neighborhood, I am wondering if that might be a good service for people or if we say you don't have to bundle the sticks up but you can put them in a barrel. People look at their property taxes and they say why should I call in these sticks if I have to tie them up. I think it is a cumbersome process.

Director Fauteux

That is certainly something that we could do but that is something that the Street Department would need to do. That takes a lot of time and that is why we try to do it before we start our construction season. It would mean that we might not get some other work done.

Mr. Ibarra

As far as the chipper doing it, the only thing I would say is everything is fresh and green during storm clean up and when you throw dead stuff through a chipper you dull the knives really quick so I would want to stay away from that. That is an expensive upkeep to change the knives.

Commissioner Pappas

Is there a reason why we couldn't be a little less stringent about having people bundle their stuff up?

Director Fauteux

The reason we have to be that stringent is because right now the Solid Waste Department is picking that up so it is going in a packer or another trash truck. If we did not do it that way then the Street Department would have to do it when we do our spring cleanup where we have less stringent rules about putting sticks at the curb.

Commissioner Pappas

I will tell you that in years past I have just called in...I either drag it across the street if a neighbor has it out but I have literally just dumped my sticks in the front and they do pick it up. I think that people forget to call in and that sort of thing. This is something that people get upset about and I think that we could be a little bit more lenient with our stick policy.

Wastewater Department

A. MOTION: Commissioner Teas to approve the User Warrants as presented.

SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

B. MOTION: Commissioner Teas to approve Amendment #2 in the amount of \$8,200 to the contract with Woodard & Curran for the Water Booster Station Upgrade. Funding will be through: Department: 169 - Wastewater; Fund: SRF Loan; Activity: Water Booster Station.

SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

C. MOTION: Commissioner Pappas to award the generator procurement contract for the Energy Recovery Upgrades project to Southworth-Milton, Inc. of Milford, MA, in an amount not-to-exceed \$701,840. Funding will be through: Department: 169 Wastewater; Fund: WERF; Activity: Energy Recovery Generator.

SECONDED: Commissioner Teas

Discussion:

Commissioner Moriarty

Can the superintendent please give a brief synopsis?

Mr. Dave Boucher, Superintendent, Wastewater Department

There is a generator in place, an old Waukesha generator, for our energy recovery building. This services the digester complex. It is an old generator that does not work anymore and as we update the whole Energy Recovery Building, this would be two smaller generators that would replace that one generator. It is used to run off our biogas that the generator produces and with this, through net metering, we can send power back to the grid and have cost savings.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Solid Waste Department

A. MOTION: Commissioner Teas to approve a three year contract between the City of Nashua and Interstate Refrigerant Recovery Inc. of Foxboro, MA, for refrigerant recovery (CFC's) services at the Nashua Recycling Center at an annual cost not-to-exceed \$20,000, pending approval of the FY19 operating budget. The term of this contract will be from July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2021. Funding will be through: Department: 168 Solid Waste; Fund: Solid Waste; Account Classification: 55 Other Contracted Services.

SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty

Discussion:

Alderman Jette

Regarding the recovery of this and the next items, refrigerant, electronic waste and scrap metal. Do the people who collect this turn around and sell this stuff? Are we missing an opportunity or is that part of this process?

Director Fauteux

The only thing that has any value would be the metal and we are paid for that.

Alderman Jette

What do they do with the refrigerant?

Director Fauteux

It is considered hazardous waste so it is disposed of properly. Maybe Sally can speak to that a little bit more.

Ms. Sally Hyland, Recycling Coordinator

The refrigerants that are recovered can be recycled but they cannot be manufactured any longer because of federal law so they are extracted and sent to a place where they can recycle them.

Mayor Donchess

They destroy the ozone layer.

Ms. Hyland

That is correct. They have an adverse effect on the ozone layer.

Alderman Jette

When you say they recycle the refrigerants, what does that mean?

Ms. Hyland

It means the people who extract the gases from the appliances that we have at the landfill take it to a place where they re-use it for allowable uses because there is no more that is being generated or manufactured.

Alderman Jette

So there is no value there that we are not getting.

Ms. Hyland

It is not something that we could do. You have to be certified by the EPA. It is like an HVAC person. I do not recall where this company takes the material that they gather. They report how many pounds they collect but it's not really all that much.

Alderman Jette

What about the electronic waste, I am assuming there are precious metals in there that they are able to sell.

Ms. Hyland

There are metals, plastic and glass. The markets for the material vary. The electronic process is a very hands-on, de-manufacturing process where they have to take everything apart. We are very fortunate to have an opportunity to get it at this price.

Mayor Donchess

Where we could recover more is the charge to residents for bringing electronic components to the landfill. I think you get three for two and then after that it is \$5.00. Other communities charge a lot more than that. It costs a lot to get rid of this stuff. One concern about not charging for this is that we are getting electronics from other towns. Most towns require like \$25.00 to get rid of an electronic item.

Alderman Jette

The other side of that is if we are trying to encourage people to bring their electronics to a place where they can be taken apart and salvaged to some degree as opposed to throwing it in the trash, if you charge people too much they might find other ways of disposing of it that would not be good for the environment or the community.

Mayor Donchess

You are correct, that is the other side of the question and that is why the fee is non-existing or very low.

Commissioner Pappas

Can we put that on the agenda for next month? I have been the opposing view on that because people are going to get these huge tax increases and they are going to say, "what's happening." I will tell you that I think if someone is going to throw a T.V. in their garbage can then even if it was free they would not bring it to the landfill. I do think that they are caught in a good portion of the areas that one would do that because is you have semi-automated trash they would see it.

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Pappas are you suggesting that we put it on the next meeting agenda for discussion regarding the issue of whether or not we should charge for the disposal of electronics.

Commissioner Pappas

It has to be done by ordinance.

Mayor Donchess

That is correct.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

B. MOTION: Commissioner Teas to approve a three year contract between the City of Nashua and Universal Recycling Technologies, LLC for the processing and disposal of electronic waste from the Nashua Recycling Center at an annual cost not-to-exceed \$75,000, pending approval of the FY19 operating budget. The term of this contract will be July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2021. Funding will be through: Department: 168 Solid Waste; Fund: Solid Waste; Account Classification: 55 Other Contracted Services.

SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

C. MOTION: Commissioner Pappas to approve a three-year contract between the City of Nashua and Excel Recycling for the recycling of scrap metal at the Four Hills Landfill. The term of this contract will be from July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2021, pending approval of the FY19 operating budget. Revenue generated through this contract will be directed to: Department: 168 Solid Waste; Fund: Solid Waste; Account Classification: 44 Charges for Services.

SECONDED: Commissioner Teas

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

D. MOTION: Commissioner Teas to award a one-year contract for the transportation and processing of the City's single stream recyclables in the amount not-to-exceed \$400,000 to Casella Recycling LLC of Charlestown, MA, pending approval of the FY19 operating budget. Funding through Department 168 Solid Waste; Fund: Solid Waste; Account Classification: 55 Other Contracted Services.

SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty

Discussion:

Alderman Jette

I have been told by the Solid Waste Department that the cost of taking away our recyclables per ton is expected to go up. Is this a fixed contract where the cost will not go up?

Director Fauteux

The state of recycling in this country is really a disaster. Most of the recyclables are being shipped to China and China has shut off almost all domestic U.S. markets as well as others. They really have their own internal markets now for recycling. A lot of it was a contamination issue. They want less now than 1% contamination which is virtually impossible to meet. The U.S. market right now is scrambling to find other outlets for

recyclables, there is not enough domestically. For instance, there is no market for glass. Glass is being landfilled.

Mayor Donchess

But not by us.

Director Fauteux

No, by Casella and others. Back in July of 2017, we were paying under \$1.00 per ton including trucking for recycling. By December we were paying about \$48.00 per ton for both processing and transportation and our most recent in March was \$72.00 per ton. It could go up to as high as \$150.00 per ton. I hope that does not happen but Casella has told us that we should plan on it possibly going up to \$120.00 per ton. Things are challenging right now.

Commissioner Teas

That is an interesting social problem that we have. You encourage everyone to recycle but yet it could potentially cause huge strains financially to do so.

Director Fauteux

My gut tells me that things are going to level out. Recycling is big business in this country and I think that we are going to find other markets. There are other countries like Vietnam and Thailand that are trying to jump into the market and I think they will be receiving recyclables soon. There are some processing plants in Canada. I everyone is scrambling because China just all of sudden shut everyone off. Another discussion that I think we should have at some point is whether we continue to recycle glass. Does it really make sense for us because the value of our air space is probably \$60.00 per ton? Does it make sense to continue shipping glass at \$72.00 per ton when Casella is landfilling it?

Commissioner Teas

How many tons do we process?

Director Fauteux

About 5,000 tons per year.

Commissioner Pappas

We might need to start giving more garbage carts. If you have a fairly big family and you are filling a green toter which I do think the city should provide...you purchase one of those and then you might be filling one or two bins in addition and then there is a large portion that you might have to just throw in the trash, we might very well be in the position where we might have to accept trash where the lid is open or allow people to purchase a second cart.

Director Fauteux

These are times that we have not seen. Sally and I have had numerous discussions about this and it could take up five years before things become somewhat stable again, although we do not think we will ever get to the point where we will not be paying.

Alderman Jette

Is Casella the only game in town or are there other people that we have sought bids from?

Director Fauteux

Yes, they are the only game in town. We had two bids and one withdrew their bid. If Casella pulled out of Nashua, we would have no place to send our recyclables right now.

Mayor Donchess

In order to improve the situation, potentially, in the budget is a \$200,000 capital improvement item to provide a cover over the recycling storage bunkers that we have because water is considered a contaminant.

Director Fauteux

Waste Management said that they might bid on our recyclables if they were not wet. Casella is not bothered by that but it does add to the weight so it would benefit us to cover the bunkers. There are a lot of municipalities that are scrambling that just cannot afford to fund their recycling programs.

Alderman Jette

One of the ways to deal with this is not to produce so much trash to begin with. Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. Is there anything that we can do to double or triple our efforts to publicize this whole concept of reducing waste?

Director Fauteux

That is a very good point and yes, I have spoken to Sally and Lauren Byers about that and in the coming weeks you will be seeing some information about not only Reducing and Re-using but also contamination is another problem. We have tended to be pretty lenient about what we will accept for recycling but we have had to get a little tougher because the reality is if Casella decides not to take our recycling, we are in trouble. One of the things that people often do is they put their recycling in plastic bags thinking they are helping and that is a big containment. People are also leaving food in containers which is also a contaminant, like mayonnaise still left in a jar.

Commissioner Pappas

The only reason I was aware that people did this is I will often take out people's trash or recycling when they are away. I rinse my stuff out and put it on the counter and as people go out, they will throw it in the recycle bin. There are some people who do not like that look on their counters so they will have a separate trash bin for recycling and they will line it with a trash bag. If that is how people do their recycling in their homes then they should dump the recyclables out and not include the trash bags. Maybe we should put something in their tax bills.

Director Fauteux

That is a very good idea. Another thing people are putting in their recyclables are food scraps. Please do not do that. We will be doing some educational outreach.

One more thing that I would like to mention is soft yard waste in carts with wheels on them; we have always had a policy that said you should not have wheels on your solid waste carts because they get damaged. The carts that you buy at the local hardware store are really not meant for collections. If people buy a cart with wheels on it and it is damaged, we will not replace them. Solid Waste decided to try to enforce that and not

pick up carts with wheels, unbeknownst to many of us. We will continue to pick up carts with wheels on them that have soft yard waste in them but we want all residents to know that we will not replace them if they are damaged because they cannot withstand the tough environment of collection.

Commissioner Pappas

I would certainly agree with that. The only thing is to remind people that the trash should not be over 60 pounds and what I do is I see if I can lift it. As a reminder, people who do grass clippings, if you have a Thursday or Friday pick-up and you do your lawn on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday then that is going to create a lot of moisture within that time.

Director Fauteux

That is a good point.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

- E. MOTION:** Commissioner Teas to approve a contract with SCS Field Services of Reston, VA, to construct an expansion of the landfill gas collection system in the Phase I/II landfill in the amount of \$427,654. Funding will be through Department 168 Solid Waste; Fund: Bond; Activity: Landfill Gas Expansion FY19.

SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Engineering Department

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

SECONDED: Commissioner Teas

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

- B. MOTION:** Commissioner Pappas to approve Drainlayer's License for WF Grace Construction, LLC, 29 Tandy Rd, Deerfield, NH, 03037, in accordance with Nashua City Code §255-19 Issuance of Drainlayer's License.

SECONDED: Commissioner Teas

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

- C. MOTION:** Commissioner Teas to approve the construction contract for the 2018 Paving Program to Newport Construction Corp. of Nashua, NH, in the amount of \$6,727,834. Funding will be through: Department: 161 Street; Fund: Bond; Activity: Paving; Department: 161 Street; Fund: Trust; Account Category: 81 Infrastructure Improvements; Department: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Wastewater; Activities: Sewer Structures and Sewer Rehab.

SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty

Discussion:

Mayor Donchess

This is one of the principal paving contracts.

Director Fauteux

That is correct but it does not include the federal dollars.

Commissioner Moriarty

Have we used Newport in the past for paving?

Mr. Dookran

Newport has not had a contract directly with the city but they have worked as a sub-contractor with our paving contractors.

Director Fauteux

We brought them in and had a discussion with them and I was very pleased by the meeting. I hope that things go well. Rick DeFelice, the owner of Newport Construction lives right here in Nashua and I think he is going to want to do well by his own community. They seem excited and they have a lot of experience. They have 169 employees and they have done most of their paving in Massachusetts. They have some very experienced people and the owner even gave me his cell phone as well as his private e-mail address. We have had some trouble in the past so I think Engineer Dookran and I are a little cautious but cautiously optimistic.

Alderman Jette

You referenced the problems that we have had, I have heard that we have had some paving done where it has not stood up and we had criticisms of it. Can other experts that look at the paving after the fact or the material and say "hey, wait a minute, you did not provide the right formula here and we have a claim against the contractor?"

Director Fauteux

We want to be careful about talking about anyone specific but I think so far, any issues that we have had we have plans to rectify.

Alderman Jette

At the Board of Aldermen meeting, there was talk about hiring an expert to test the material as we are doing it. Is that going to be in play with this contract?

Director Fauteux

We will be testing on-site as well as at the plan for this contract.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

- D. MOTION:** Commissioner Pappas to approve the purchase of manhole and catch basin castings from EJ Prescott, Inc. of Concord, NH, in the amount of \$159,686. Funding will be through: Department: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Wastewater; Activity: Sewer Structures.

SECONDED: Commissioner Teas

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

- E. MOTION:** Commissioner Teas to approve the construction contract for the Amherst Street and Broad Street Sidewalk Repairs to Leighton A. White of Milford, NH, in an amount of \$414,265 and authorize use of Northwest Quadrant Trust Funds in the amount of \$180,948 and the use of Somerset Plaza Trust Funds in the amount of \$36,607 toward funding of the contract. Funding will be through Department 160 Admin/Engineering; Fund: General;

Activity: Street Infrastructure Improvements; and Department 160 Admin/Engineering; Fund: Trust; Account Category: 54 Property Services.

SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

- F. MOTION:** Commissioner Pappas to approve the contracts with DeLucca Fence in the amount of \$25,874 for the installation of fence at a Parkway retaining wall and \$72,993.75 for fencing on the Fairmount Street Bridge. Funding will be through Department: 160 Admin/Engineering; Fund: Bond; Activity: Broad Street Parkway.

SECONDED: Commissioner Teas

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

- G. MOTION:** Commissioner Pappas to approve the construction contract for the 2018 CIPP Lining to Layne Inliner of Fairfield, ME, in the amount of \$715,657.50. Funding will be through: Department: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Bond; Activity: Sewer Rehab.

SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

- H. MOTION:** Commissioner Teas to authorize the use of DW Highway and Spit Brook Road Traffic Mitigation Funds in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for uniformed officers and flaggers to provide traffic control during the replacement of traffic equipment along DW Highway and Spit Brook Road. Funding will be through Department 160 Admin/Engineering; Fund: Trust; Account Category: 55 Other Services.

SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty

Discussion:

Alderman Jette

Do we have to use uniformed police officers to be flagger on construction projects?

Mr. Dookran

It depends on the location. On the main streets, you want officers and at least one cruiser. On not so busy areas, you can use flaggers and in some places, there is a combination with one officer and two flaggers. If you went down Kinsley Street today, you might have seen that. In this project, they will be working at signals and you might have to take one lane from the signal and have some type of a traffic direction. In this case, it will be done better by police officers. In some cases, the signal might have to be turned off in order to conduct the work and in that case, you would want police officers.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

- I. MOTION:** Commissioner Pappas to approve the Agreement to reimburse the Town of Hudson for the Bridge Evaluation (NH 111 Eastbound and Westbound) Engineering Study in an amount not to exceed \$25,000. Funding will be through Department: 160 Engineering; Fund: Grant; Activity: Highway Block Grant.

SECONDED: Commissioner Teas

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Administration Department

A. Directors Report

- The first slide is a new sewer service at 4 Beard Street.
- This is a new 20-foot trailer that we purchased for the Parks & Rec Department and we will be able to keep the trailer loaded and just drive it off to wherever it is going instead of loading and unloading which will be a lot more efficient.
- This is the new fire alarm panel at Holman Stadium which controls the sprinkler system. This replaces the one that shorted out last fall.
- We did some outfield wall repairs also at Holman Stadium.
- The wading pool at Greeley Park sustained some damage over the winter and the damage to the concrete is pretty significant. We are going to repair it well enough so we can get through this season but we are going to need to replace it this fall. We expect it will be somewhere in the \$30,000 range to replace it. The superintendent and I were talking about adding some fun element to it for the kids.

Alderman Jette

How did it get damaged?

Director Fauteux

Just from the winter and extreme frost.

Alderman Jette

Was the water drained?

Director Fauteux

Yes, it was drained. It is just wear and tear. It is old and needed to be replaced anyway. This winter was tough on everything.

- There is a SummerFun Fishing Derby coming up on April 28th from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Horse Pond Fish & Game Club. It is limited to the first 75 children who sign up and you must pre-register by calling 589-3370 or e-mailing the Recreation Department at recreation@nashuanh.gov. You can find the information on the website and on FaceBook as well.
- The walk for Recovery Awareness kicked off the band shell season on March 31st.
- There was also a ceremony at the Holocaust Memorial on April 12th.
- On April 14th and the 21st over 100 people helped to pick up the rail trail and our inner city parks, the library walk and Mine Falls Park.
- This is West Hollis Street at Riverside; the traffic control box needed some repairs.
- This was an emergency sewer repair at 24 Burgess Street. The pipe was replaced by our own staff.

- The brine storage tanks have arrived, both storage tanks for the brine that we will be making as well as the applicator skid tanks that will be fitted on four of our 6-wheelers for the pre-storm application.
- This is an emergency sewer repair on Taylor Street.
- We needed to repair the guardrail at Pershing and Kinsley Streets due to a motor vehicle accident.
- Update on the digester cleaning: We began de-watering the digested material on Saturday, April 21st and we expect to begin reusing it via land application by the middle of next week.
- The special pick-up for bulky and metal items has begun on April 16th and will run until mid-November. Residents must call to schedule a pick-up.
- Our first week of soft yard waste collections started on April 16th. The first couple of weeks are always tough because there is a lot of material. Patience are much appreciated.
- We had students from the Broad Street School at the Solid Waste Department to learn about recycling.
- The kids at PAL are touring all of our departments. They visited the Solid Waste Department on Friday, April 13th and they had some great questions.
- Our first hazardous waste collection was this past Saturday and it was very successful. Our next collection takes place on Thursday, June 7th from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Street Department.
- You can see some of the contamination in the recycling; plastic bags and organics are a problem. We will be embarking on an informational campaign soon to talk about contamination and recycling.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Teas

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank Director Fauteux who was kind enough to share with me the grounds. It was very fascinating to learn about the departments and I enjoyed meeting the superintendents very much. One stop on our tour was Burke Street and at that time, I was a private citizen. I would be interested in learning from my peers who were Commissioners at the time what the thought process was when determining what to do with that property and the result in the budget of \$40 or \$50 million.

Commissioner Pappas

I think I was one of two people who voted against the purchase and I have to tell you that I knew it was going pass, so my feet were not totally to the fire. The reason I felt so conflicted was that I knew it abuts the wastewater facility. We did not have any immediate plans; it was just in case we had some sort of expansion. The reason I voted no on the facility is that in my years on the Board it just seemed that at times numbers were pulled out of the air and I did not know how realistic it was. What was the initial amount of money they said it would cost to get Burke Street up and running?

Mayor Donchess

\$10 to \$15 million.

Commissioner Pappas

I did not trust the figure so I voted no for the purchase and not a single resident on Burke Street was for that price tag for that building. I also thought that we did not vet the process, for example, injecting that many trucks into a neighborhood, I do not think that we gave the neighborhood a lot of information. They did not necessarily know what was coming to them. The other is when you make a financial decision like that, what we had not done is to say what does each department need for their buildings to be a little bit more functional. I really question our whole Capital Improvements Process when I look at Superintendent Caggiano's place at the park. They should have done something with that in the 70's. For me it was a financial decision, it was not just my money but the taxpayer's money and I just thought the price was too high.

Commissioner Teas

I appreciate that perspective. In my mind, as a citizen, I thought it was a great opportunity to buy abutting land, its 20+ acres and the last time that I checked there is not going to be that type of land in close proximity to the wastewater plant. I think it made good business sense and from what I understand, it was probably an aggressive timeline to have to bid. You bring up a great point regarding the strategic planning of it. Could we have vetted it better and was it rushed. I am not saying yes or no but as I walked through there and in particular, the garage, it's an amazing building with a lot of potential. I would like to maybe revisit this topic, take the Board through a strategic planning process and get input from folks that are knowledgeable with respect to construction as opposed to going to one person. Maybe we can gather many builders and see if we can get folks to provide input and come to the meeting prepared. I thought if we were to host a well thought out meeting of the Board of Public Works, and invite builders, designers and architects and inform them of what we are facing and what we are looking for and ask them for feedback. It might provide us with some good information.

Commissioner Pappas

I think that the project was well vetted, it was just that we are a city...the reason I think the purchase was a mistake was we had to purchase it without having an inspector take a look at it and that made me very nervous because we are not real estate entrepreneurs. Rather than just talk about Burke Street, I think that we need to talk about the other places because if you just have one price.

Commissioner Teas

Again, that is a perfect Segway into and maybe I did not express it well. I visited some of the sites and it seemed as though they were in need of some repair. I do not know what the actual vision was for the project but seemingly many different departments, not necessarily all of public works but maybe other areas of the city. Could we take an opportunity as Commissioners of this Board to speak strategically about it, and solicit input from the superintendents as to what their needs and desires are and then solicit input from the city and the community? We made a large investment and I would like to see us perhaps evaluate again the opportunities at this wonderful resource.

Mayor Donchess

Do you have thoughts as to who would be constructed participants in the meeting where we would invite contractors and developers in to take a look at it?

Commissioner Teas

My general thought is that I would like to be all-inclusive and I would like to have input or representation from the Board of Aldermen and gather input from the superintendents at public works and other areas that potentially were going to be moved there. Find out what the needs are. This might be much bigger than the Board of Public Works but more importantly, invite folks in the community. I will refrain from using specific names but I could come up with a list of ten builders, big, small and in between as well as people who are specifically focused on roofs and other things. To have them help to solve our problem as opposed to picking one and saying build it for us. I think we will get a better project and a better product by having many minds come together and hear what our problem is. I do not think we will build this all at once, it may be a several years phased project but I think we will get pretty good output.

Mayor Donchess

There were two decisions that were made. The purchase – I was on the Board of Aldermen at that time and it was an auction situation, bid as is with no inspection. There were two justifications, number one was it is adjacent to the sewer treatment plant, and there might be an expansion and prior to the purchase trying to expand the facility would be difficult or impossible. The purchase solved that problem. Number two the estimate provided was the cost of renovation into a 50,000 square foot office space and a functional garage for public works was \$10 to \$15 million. We knew that building a new garage would be far more than that so on both counts it sounded like a good idea. We were told we had to bid very quickly. After the purchase which took place in the fall of 2015, we began to look at how to make the renovation. We had a group of people including Alderman Deane, Commissioner Bergeron, Alderman McCarthy and others to define the project. As they got into it more and more deeply with a specific architect, they found that the cost to make the renovation would be \$50 million. The city could manage a \$10 or \$15 million project, it can be fit into the bonding schedule as we are paying other debt off so it does not have a big impact on the tax rate but when you are talking about a \$50 million project then that is an entirely different magnitude. They decided not to proceed and in reality, the Board of Aldermen would have backed that amount anyway.

Would you mind working with the Director to develop a plan as to how we should proceed? We can meet with the Aldermen at any time but because cost is such a driving factor, I think the Aldermen would like to know what this would cost. If it is \$10 million then it is one thing but if it is \$70 million then it is totally different. The idea was that in the office building there was enough room for public works plus another department so when the project still seemed financially feasible, the School Department administration looked at it and they were lukewarm but willing to move in as long as it was done quickly. The Health Department had mixed feelings about as well as the Aldermen. There were advantages and disadvantages. It seems now that the building on Mulberry Street will be improved in place.

Commissioner Teas

I would be honored to work with the Director. I think if that land purchase came up again and I was in a position to vote on it, I would probably vote to purchase it in the same manner just because they are not going to create anymore land in that strategic location. I do not think I would vote for a \$50 million bond. I envision a morning of walking through the building, serving lunch in that garage area and having presentations by each of the superintendent's talking about what their needs are and what some of the impediments were that we found during the evaluation process 2 ½ years ago and ask for creative ways to solve them. One of the things that was brought to our attention was the roof might not be strong enough to hold the...I asked if you could heat the roof so snow melts as it hits. I think if we get folks in the room that have worked on different projects, all for a sandwich and a cup of soup, we might end up with a lot more information and knowledge to then work towards a project that is feasible, financially responsible and can be beneficial to the employees and not be costly to the taxpayers.

Mayor Donchess

I think I left one thing out which was as the analysis of cost was coming to a conclusion, there was a meeting which I attended and the idea was to rehab the garage. It would not hold the proper snow load so we would need to shovel the roof of the garage. Number two, the piers are close in terms of maneuvering the equipment. It could work but it is not very efficient. We could do that for \$43 million. We had to shovel the roof, the equipment did not go in very easily and we were going to spend \$43 million. Then everyone said how much would it cost to tear down the garage and build a new one. That is when the cost moved from \$43 million to \$49 million.

Commissioner Teas

We will report back to you.

Director Fauteux

Our next meeting is May 24th and there is a conflict on that date. We were wondering if we could move that meeting to May 31st which is also a Thursday at 4:30 p.m.

Commissioner Teas

That is not a problem.

Commissioner Pappas

I will check.

Commissioner Moriarty

I am fine with that.

Commissioner Teas

I like the earlier afternoon meetings.

Mayor Donchess

As the Board of Public Works became more and more prominent in terms of the decisions that were being made, specifically the downtown sidewalks and the Broad Street Parkway, some people argued, me among them, that they needed to be when people could attend and when people who have daytime commitments, could actually run and serve. If they had to work during the day, they could still be on the Board at night.

Commissioner Pappas

The 1:00 p.m. time works great for me but I do think that it really hinders who can run for office.

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Bergeron had said that he could not have run if the meetings were held during the day.

Director Fauteux

We have had a policy in the city for summer help that we have been 18 year olds. We have had a bit of an issue this year; we are short about four Parks & Recreation employees' which is a big deal. We have been

talking about hiring 17-year olds. They would not drive or be on the back of packers or anything like that but doing landscaping work for Parks & Recreation. We vetted it by the Legal, HR and Risk Departments as well as the Mayor's office and I think everybody is okay with that provided that there are some parameters around that and I just wanted to check with the Board to see if you had any concerns with lowering the age limit to 17.

Commissioner Teas

Sounds good.

Commissioner Pappas

I have no problem with it.

Commissioner Moriarty

It is fine with me.

Alderman Jette

With regard to organic material like food scraps contaminating the recyclables. There is an organization in Nashua called Grow Nashua. They have a website which is grownashua.org and they have a program where for a fee they will come to your house once per week and pick up compostable material, which would be vegetables, food scraps, coffee grounds, paper towels, napkins, etc.

I have a perfect place for your 17-year olds to work. I have had a lot of people ask me about cleaning up the roadsides. The city owns a lot of property, like on Gilson Road and Ridge Road and the roads are littered with plastic bottles and metal cans; beer cans more often than not. You said that the city could not afford to this and it was up to the residents to get together and do it themselves. I can understand people cleaning up their own property but the city property, as a responsible landowner, I would think the city would clean its own property. There are a couple of groups in my neighborhood who are trying to organize volunteers to do that and last weekend downtown Nashua had a lot of volunteers come out. I do not know if there is a work/study program available during the summers for students. I was disappointed to find out that the city cannot afford it.

Director Fauteux

It is not as much as a money issue as it is a resource issue. As it is we struggle to try to maintain Main Street, the parks and the rail trail. We do not have the people necessary to do litter control along the streets.

Alderman Jette

These are city properties.

Director Fauteux

I think it is a very worthwhile thing to do and I would love to be able to do that but we do not have the people to do it and we are also constrained by our union contracts. We are not allowed to hire any additional summer help beyond the numbers that we currently have unless we hire some additional full-time people. As it is now with Parks & Recreation, we do not have the manpower to be able to do everything that we need to do. We have another person budgeted for ½ a year this coming year which will help. We have added parks and trails but we have not added any staff. Neighborhoods have been very successful with doing clean-ups. We

provide the gloves, the rakes and the bags and then we pick up the trash afterward. A lot of help from residents goes a long way.

Personnel

A. MOTION: Commissioner Moriarty to accept the retirement of Phillip Appert, Industrial Pre-treatment Coordinator effective April 27, 2018.

SECONDED: Commissioner Teas

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

B. Non-Public Session

MOTION: Commissioner Moriarty moved by roll call that the Board go into a non-public session pursuant to RSA:91-A(3)IIb, the hiring of any person as a public employee.

SECOND: Commissioner Teas

A Viva Voce Roll Call was taken, which resulted as follows:

Yea: Mayor Donchess, Commissioner Pappas, 4
Commissioner Moriarty & Commissioner Teas

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Commissioner Moriarty made a motion to come out of the non-public session. Commissioner Teas seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

MOTION: Commissioner Moriarty to seal the minutes from the Board of Public Works non-public (personnel) session of April 26, 2018, until such time as the majority of the Board votes that the purpose of confidentiality would no longer be served.

SECONDED: Commissioner Teas

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Non Public Session

A. Non-Public Session

MOTION: Commissioner Pappas moved by roll call that the Board go into a non-public session pursuant to RSA:91-A(3)IIc, to consider a claim or litigation against the city which has been threatened in writing or which has been filed against the City.

SECOND: Commissioner Teas

A Viva Voce Roll Call was taken, which resulted as follows:

Yea: Mayor Donchess, Commissioner Pappas, 4
Commissioner Moriarty & Commissioner Teas

Nay: 0

MOTION: Commissioner Teas to seal the minutes from the Board of Public Works non-public (claim or litigation) session of April 26, 2018, until such time as the majority of the Board votes that the purpose of confidentiality would no longer be served.

SECONDED: Commissioner Moriarty

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Adjournment

Commissioner Moriarty made a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.