

Board of Public Works Meeting of June 22, 2023

A meeting of the Board of Public Works was held on Thursday, June 22nd, 2023, at 4:00 PM in the Mine Falls Conference Room – 848 West Hollis Street, Nashua, NH 03062.

Mayor Jim Donchess, Chair, declared the meeting to order at 4 PM and called the roll.

I. Roll Call

Members Present:

Mayor Jim Donchess, Chair
Commissioner Kevin Moriarty
Commissioner June Lemen (arrived at 4:06pm)
Commissioner Paul Shea
Alderman Michael O'Brien

Also Present:

Lisa Fauteux, Director of Public Works, Clerk
Patti Rogers, Executive Assistant DPW
Attorney Andrew Prolman, of Prunier & Prolman
David Boucher, Wastewater Superintendent
Jeffrey Lafleur, Superintendent of Solid Waste
Dan Hudson, City Engineer
Nate Fote, of Liberty Utilities
Helton Rodrigues of Alpha Contracting Services

Members Absent:

Commissioner Shannon Schoneman

Mayor Donchess

First motion is to approve the agenda. Alderman, excuse me, Commissioner Moriarty.

II. MOTION: Commissioner Moriarty to approve the agenda as presented.

Mayor Donchess

All those in favor?

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Mayor Donchess

Next item three. Commissioner Shea.

III. MOTION: Commissioner Shea to approve the minutes of the Board of Public Works meeting of May 25th, 2023.

Mayor Donchess

All those in favor of the motion, say aye.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

IV. Public Comment

Mayor Donchess

Now we have a public comment period, and if the Lions were here, they would make a presentation, but I don't think they are yet. But if they show up later, we could just come back.

Director Fauteux

Yes.

Mayor Donchess

Okay. Congratulations-

Jeff Lafleur

Thank you.

Mayor Donchess

Jeff, for being Employee of the Year.

Commissioner Moriarty

Congrats.

Mayor Donchess

Congrats, well deserved.

Director Fauteux

Wish the Lions could be here to present that.

Mayor Donchess

Any other public comment anyone wants? Alright. Board of Alderman Referrals. Item A, Commissioner Moriarty.

V. BOA Referrals

- a. R-23-123 MOTION:** Commissioner Moriarty recommends authorizing the granting of an easement to Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. for the construction and maintenance of a water line. *Attachments have been updated.*

Director Fauteux

City Engineer Hudson, would you like to speak to that at all?

Yes, I think the Attorney Prolman's here as well, but I can give a brief summary or Attorney Prolman can. Okay.

Attorney Prolman

Mayor, members of the board, good afternoon. Thank you for having me, I'm impressed with this new facility. I'm here on behalf of Raisanen Homes Elite. Raisanen Homes Elite purchased the Barker property on Bartlett Street in March of 2022. Through the planning board process, we have had 22 new lots approved at the corner of Bartlett and Wellington. And at the time when we were going through this process, we knew we had a water problem, with water pressure and capacity. But we didn't know how bad that water pressure was or lack of water pressure.

So, in meeting with Pennichuck, we came to the conclusion that the best solution to provide water to the 22 new homes was to run a water line from Manchester Street through Greeley Park to the Raisanen Property. And initially we proposed a line to go right through the field where the Disc Golf Course is. And with comments from Ms. Fauteux and Mr. Hudson and we had a site meeting in late May and we came to the water line location that's going to run right along the existing Greeley Park Road.

And the benefit of this water line not only provides water service and hydrant service to Raisanen's project, but 40 some odd homes in the North End. This part of the North End will have their water pressure double as a result. So, it works for everyone. We have an agreed upon route. We have the easement as has been approved by Attorney Leonard, and we are looking for a favorable recommendation back to the Board of Aldermen. We have favorable recommendations from the Planning Board Pennichuck Water Special Committee. And so, this is our last stop before we go back for a second reading. And I'd be happy to answer any questions.

Mayor Donchess

Anybody? Well, Commissioner Lemen has arrived at 4:06 PM. Any questions?

Alderman O'Brien

Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Too bad I don't see the Director for the Park Rec division because this did involve as we looked at the map, correct, Mr. Prolman?

Attorney Prolman

That's correct.

Alderman O'Brien

But he, I guess, is in agreement. There was no negative that was discussed at the Board of Alderman on that. And I think it works with the sewer system, which is another matter. But there was concern, like you say, with the water pressure, which benefits the whole neighborhood equally as well, for fire protection and everything else as well as the homes.

Mayor Donchess

Yes. Yes. Anyone else? Right. The motion is to-

Commissioner Shea

If I may-

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Shea.

Commissioner Shea

Thank you. Is this going parallel to that access road or, yes, so the road won't be disturbed.

Attorney Prolman

It runs parallel to the road, but the road has a curve to it. I have plans that were submitted. And so, there's a portion of the road that is going to be dug up to install the water line and the city through Mr. Hudson has agreed to that. Raisanen will be installing the water line. The city will be doing the repaving of the water line. So, that's a better plan. I have a smaller version, but easier than a smaller version. But you can see we run parallel to the north side of the Greeley Park Road. And then we cut through it, right by the monkey bars, probably halfway down on the road to get to the Barker property.

Mayor Donchess

What's the landscaping going to be once you leave the railroad?

Attorney Prolman

This is all grass to the north side of this. And so, we're going to re topsoil and seed and then as we get over here, we do have some tree cutting, as we approach the Raisanen property. And those trees will be replaced, they won't be a fully mature replacement, but they'll be replaced, as necessary as we get closer to the Raisanen property.

Commissioner Shea

And is the developer covering all the costs of repaving, or how is that working out?

Attorney Prolman

No, the, the developer Raisanen Homes is going to cover the cost of the installation of the water line, the piping and actual construction, and the reseeding and topsoil. And the city is going to be repaving this portion of Greeley Park Road. And then Raisanen will pick up this section and here from the road to the property line, and then Raisanen obviously will be running the water line throughout the project and bringing the water line down to the intersection of Barlett and Wellington. And then Pennichuck will pick up from there, with installation of new pipes, to take advantage of the added water pressure.

Commissioner Shea

Yes, do we need a newly paved road there already or where are we at with that?

Dan Hudson

So, yes, I can speak to that. Yes. Yes. I mean the road could stand to be repaved. It hasn't been paved in a long time, so it makes sense to do that. We kind of viewed that as a concession to the applicant's willingness to revise the waterline layout. Because originally it was going to go, they have an existing easement, which runs through the existing disc golf area, and it was going to cut up through the woods and it would, it would've had to cut a swath of the woods. It would've been visible from Manchester Street. So, we engaged and walked it and they agreed to revise alignment up the road.

But then we had a discussion about the added cost for that and that sort of thing. So, I think the city's willing to do that repaving just because it is kind of a, it's an emergency access road really is what it is, but it's not like paving, West Hollis Street. It's going to be a lesser burden. But it did make sense for the city to pick up that part of it since they were willing to accommodate our requested alignment.

Commissioner Shea

And this will be less disruptive to that kind of little amphitheater hillside there, right? And the park will be able to be used for a longer period of time.

Dan Hudson

Yes. The thought process was that alignment works well because it's a road, it's always going to be kept open for the emergency access purposes. So, it kind of made sense to run up there. And then where they have to cut into their development is tucked around the corner woods wise. So, they should be less visible from Manchester Street.

Commissioner Shea

We'd otherwise be disrupting like a full corridor, like through the middle of that field, and it would be off limits for reseeding and all these things, and all the live action role play people would be upset. So, okay. Thank you.

Mayor Donchess

Thanks. Alright. Anyone else? All in favor of the motion?

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Mayor Donchess

Thank you very much. Next, item B, Commissioner Shea.

- b. R-23-128 MOTION:** Commissioner Shea recommends authorizing the acceptance of an Electronic Scoreboard located at Murray Field donated to the City by the Kyle Bedinger Memorial Trust and establishing an Expendable Trust Fund related to the scoreboard, funded by Appropriations.

Director Fauteux

Okay. So, I can speak to that, Mayor if that's okay.

Mayor Donchess

Yes, please.

Director Fauteux

So, this scoreboard was donated a while back by the Kyle Bedinger Foundation and was never formally accepted, which needs to happen. So, we're doing that now. But we are also establishing an Expendable Trust Fund. So, our intent is to put, and this is actually the sponsors of this are Alderman Comeau and Klee. And the intent here is that we will put out to bid the scoreboard, the advertising piece of the scoreboard, and then whatever funds that we are able to get from that billboard will be split between Cal Ripken and Little League. So, Cal Ripken will get 55%, Little League 45%. And the reason for that is because of the size of the two organizations. And both organizations are agreeable to that. So, I think it's a win.

Commissioner Shea

Thank you. Remind me where Murray Field is. Is that the one in front of Holman, right?

Director Fauteux

Yes. That's the one right near Holman. Correct.

Commissioner Shea

Is that the same field where we had the issue with the electronic lighting sign?

Director Fauteux

The electronic lighting sign? No.

Commissioner Shea

Somebody had an ad that was on.

Director Fauteux

Yes, yes. Lauren. Yes. Lauren Morris. Yes.

Commissioner Shea

That's the same scoreboard?

Director Fauteux

That's the same scoreboard. Correct.

Commissioner Shea

So, we're replacing that scoreboard?

Director Fauteux

No, we're not replacing it. What we'll be doing is right now it's on city property. It was never put out to bid. So now we're going to put it out to bid and then whatever the proceeds are from that, not the scoreboard, but the billboard, it's on the backside of-

Commissioner Shea

The billboard, right.

Director Fauteux

-of the scoreboard, will benefit the two organizations, Little League and Cal Ripken.

Commissioner Shea

Got it. Yes, thank you.

Director Fauteux

Because, they are very dependent. I should probably also add that both of those organizations are dependent upon fundraising to survive. Years ago, the city did provide them with more money and probably about 25 years ago they became independent and rely on fundraising to be able to operate. And they both serve a lot of Nashua kids. So-

Commissioner Shea

Adding to that director, so the state of New Hampshire had an issue with the sign. So, how was that resolved?

Director Fauteux

So, because the sign is on city property, but it is in the state right of way, it needs to be permitted through the state. So, the city will take care of that process of making sure that it's permitted annually, correct.

Commissioner Shea

Thank you.

Director Fauteux

Sure.

Mayor Donchess

Any other questions, comments? Commissioner Shea?

Commissioner Shea

And is there, I imagine it's in here, is there a duration of the advertising and like period of like resubscription or going back out to bid?

Director Fauteux

You know, I don't think that we actually have decided how long that will be, but it will have to be for a period of time, because somebody will have to pay for the advertising and all of that, the graphics and everything will go up. So, I would say it'll probably be for like a five-year period of time, but we have not put it up to bid yet.

Commissioner Shea

Okay.

Director Fauteux

But we intend to do so.

Commissioner Shea

But it will be defined.

Director Fauteux

It will be defined, yes. Yes.

Commissioner Lemen

Wasn't there at some point talk of if there was any money left over that it would go into Parks and Rec?

Director Fauteux

There was some discussion of that. Yes.

Commissioner Lemen

But that didn't happen when it got to the Board of Alderman?

Director Fauteux

Not yet.

Commissioner Lemen

Oh, okay.

Director Fauteux

I'm hearing rumblings there. There could be some.

Commissioner Lemen

Okay.

Director Fauteux

There could be some changes, but I'm not sure yet.

Commissioner Lemen

Okay.

Director Fauteux

This is the legislation that we've been sent.

Alderman O'Brien

In the future I could bring that up, but that wasn't part of the presentation that we had heard. And, so this is like the 11th hour, and I apologize. Okay. On the board, but we didn't foresee that. Yes. Maybe that might be worth taking a second view as time goes on.

Director Fauteux

Is that this has not gone to committee. I don't believe it, has it Alderman O'Brien?

Alderman O'Brien

I am not too sure.

Director Fauteux

I don't think it has. I think it's just, yes. So, it could, and I certainly will bring that back if it does get revised.

Alderman O'Brien

Can we have that? You and I have that conversation. If that's what this board wants, I'll be willing to see if we can negotiate that with Alderman Comeau.

Commissioner Shea

Pardon me? Sure. I am of the mind that this scoreboard was donated to the city for the purpose of the benefit of the baseball leagues. Is that correct?

Director Fauteux

Yes.

Commissioner Shea

And was there a scoreboard there before, or this is a whole new item?

Director Fauteux

There was a scoreboard there that needed to be fully replaced, yes. And the Kyle Bedinger Foundation was very generous and donated-

Commissioner Shea

Did the city pay some portion of the replacement, or it was fully donated?

Director Fauteux

Fully donated, yes.

Commissioner Shea

I think, in the spirit of the donation and the use of the space, I'm of the mind that I don't see a need for Park and Recreation to take some portion of the proceeds from advertising. I think that a good example of precedent, and I could misunderstand this, but Holman Stadium, the advertising in the outfield, goes towards the operation of the ball club.

Director Fauteux

Correct.

Commissioner Shea

And they manage that program. I know that this will require some light management from the city, but I know it shouldn't be too involved. And for me personally, I'd be glad to see the proceeds benefit the leagues in a proportionate manner. I know that's not like the topic, but just for food for thought. Okay. Thank you. Thanks.

Commissioner Moriarty

Mayor, along that line though, Commissioner Shea, so the scoreboard's lit, and advertising are lit. That's electricity. Who's paying the electric bill? Is Cal Ripken?

Director Fauteux

No, the city.

Commissioner Moriarty

The city would, yes. So why should the city take on that? I think there should be something coming back to pay for the electricity.

Commissioner Lemen

The other thing is there was quite a lot of heated discussion, especially because the city does not charge the kind of fees for the fields that most new municipalities charge. So that was why the thought was if there was money, it maybe some of it should go back to the city.

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Shea.

Commissioner Shea

For the proceeds from the cell tower at Holman Stadium. Is that attached to that property as far as like our funding mechanisms go? And if so, is that ballfield considered a part of the Holman Stadium property, or is it a separate piece of property?

Director Fauteux

It's a separate piece of property.

Mayor Donchess

It's cared for by the leagues.

Commissioner Shea

Okay. So, they do maintenance, isn't it?

Director Fauteux

It used to be Mayor, but now we take care of that field.

Mayor Donchess

Murray field then.

Director Fauteux

Yes. But you're correct that it used to be Cal Ripken used to take care of it. In fact, I know the person who took care of it quite well.

Mayor Donchess

Yes. That's what I was thinking. I remember seeing them out there cutting the lawn.

Commissioner Shea

And what do we do as far as like advertising banners that are hanging in the outfield? Like how do those proceeds-

Director Fauteux

That benefits the Silver Knights.

Commissioner Shea

And how about, is there like a Matt Dube Field, and there's like a bunch of banners kind of in the back of the fencing there. How's that administered?

Director Fauteux

That one? That is a Cal Ripken field, and that benefits Cal Ripken.

Commissioner Shea

Okay. And what about the banners on the batting cage at this particular field by Holman?

Director Fauteux

Cal Ripken

Commissioner Shea

Okay. And so that program where we have banners in the outfield at a couple of fields, that's managed fully by Cal Ripken. They put the banners up, or how does that work?

Director Fauteux

Except Lajoie is Little League, but all the banners there benefit Little League. So, they all have particular, now Murray Field is not used exclusively by Cal Ripken. It's used by others, but that is one of their primary fields, Cal Ripken's primary fields.

Commissioner Shea

Okay. So, a hundred percent of that advertising goes to the league that primarily uses the field.

Director Fauteux

Correct.

Commissioner Shea

And, they find the advertisers?

Director Fauteux

Yes. Correct.

Commissioner Shea

I like that. I just, I don't know why this particular one should be tied to the electric bill necessarily. I think that we should have a standardized approach to the advertising, on a couple of fronts, like on the front where we don't have someone who has a certain understanding that their advertising is going to be there for a certain period of time, then they get upset later. So, it should be standardized in terms of the advertising expectation, but also standardized in terms of how the funds are applied to benefit either the leagues or the city or some proportion. I don't know that the location of these makes much of a difference to me personally.

Director Fauteux

Okay. You certainly can give that feedback to the Alderman that are sponsoring.

Mayor Donchess

So, the motion is to approve the ordinance as written. Is that what the pleasure of the board is to vote on that?

Commissioner Shea

Yes.

Mayor Donchess

Okay. Any other discussion? All those in favor of the motion, say aye.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Mayor Donchess

Well, we're now into Wastewater. Commissioner Shea, item A.

VI. Wastewater Department

a. MOTION: Commissioner Shea to approve the User Warrants as presented.

Mayor Donchess

All those in favor of the motion, say aye.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Mayor Donchess

Item B, Commissioner Moriarty.

b. MOTION: Commissioner Moriarty to approve the FY24 purchase of polymer from Polydyne of Riceboro, GA in the amount of \$730,000. Funding will be through Department: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Wastewater; Account Classification: 61 Supplies & Materials.

Dave Boucher

Dave Boucher, Wastewater Superintendent. So, this is for the annual purchase of polymer at the Wastewater Plant. It's a product we use to aid in the drying and thickening of sludge. We have different companies come in and test their product. It's a proprietary product. So far Polydyne has a product that's worked the best in drying our sludge, which benefits us having a dry sludge and shipping. Polydyne is the company we've been using. We'd like to continue to use them. I can answer any questions.

Mayor Donchess

Any questions? All those in favor, say aye.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Dave Boucher

Thanks.

Mayor Donchess

We're onto Solid Waste, Item A, Commissioner Shea.

VII. Solid Waste

- a. **MOTION:** Commissioner Shea to approve Change Order 1 to contract with SCS Field Services of Reston, VA to construct an expansion of the landfill gas collection system in the amount of \$479,060. Funding will be through Department: 168 Solid Waste; Fund: Bond; Activity: Landfill Gas Expansion.

Mayor Donchess

Mr. Lafleur.

Jeff Lafleur

Jeff Lafleur, Superintendent of Solid Waste. This is exactly what it states. It's a landfill gas expansion. We do these quite often to mitigate any order complaints or any emissions from the landfills. This one's also going to help us tie in with a header line. So, we'll be prepared if a failure happens that I can collect from two different sides of the landfill.

Mayor Donchess

Anyone? All those in favor with the motion say aye.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Mayor Donchess

Item B, Commissioner Lemen.

- b. **MOTION:** Commissioner Lemen to award a contract to Northeast Scale Co., Inc of Hooksett, NH to replace the inbound scale and refurbish the equipment for the outbound scale at the Four Hills Landfill. The total cost not to exceed \$186,644. Funding through Department: 168 Solid Waste; Fund: Bond; Activity: SW Landfill Scale Replacement.

Jeff Lafleur

Jeff Lafleur, Superintendent of Solid Waste. The intent was to replace both our scales. These are 30 plus years old. We're ready for a catastrophic breakdown, and we don't want that to happen. When they came in to assess the scales, they noticed that the outbound scale is in perfectly good condition. We just need to do some refurbishes to it, a little bit of electronics and some little stuff. So, we save some money there. This will be a complete replacement of the inbound scale. This is us just trying to be proactive instead of reactive. If something ever fails, that's our money maker of the scales.

Mayor Donchess

So, alright. Questions.

Commissioner Shea

Oops. I'm always slow at that hand.

Mayor Donchess

You wait until I'm about to call.

Commissioner Shea

I'm going to start looking. The so for our weights, how we been doing with revenue, just ballpark, I know that we significantly increased. I'm just curious as to how that compares to the cost to update the scales. Not that they're necessarily connected, but-

Jeff Lafleur

Sure. Jeff Lafleur, Superintendent of Solid Waste. If you're referring to the C & D pricing that we raised, yes. We're taking in about half as much, maybe a third of the demo that we used to take in, but we're right at the same amount of pricing. So, it's actually evening out. And it's doing exactly what we wanted it to do, is to remove the C & D coming into our landfill taking up airspace.

Commissioner Shea

Yes, that's good. Thanks.

Mayor Donchess

All those in favor of the motion, say, aye.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Mayor Donchess

Now we have Engineering, item A, Commissioner Moriarty.

VIII. Engineering

- a. MOTION:** Commissioner Moriarty to approve the Sewer Service Permits and Fees as submitted.

Mayor Donchess

All those in favor of the motion, say aye.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Mayor Donchess

Item B, Commissioner Shea.

- b. **MOTION:** Commissioner Shea to approve the following Pole License Petitions as listed in the staff report.

Mayor Donchess

Although the words the following should not really do that. But the Pole License Petitions as listed in the staff report. Yes, all those in favor of motion say aye.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Mayor Donchess

Item C, Commissioner Lemen

- c. **MOTION:** Commissioner Lemen to approve a Drainlayer's License for Rykor Concrete & Civil, Inc. of Raynham, MA in accordance with Nashua City Code §255-19 Issuance of Drainlayer's License and authorize the Division of Public Works to temporarily suspend the license if work is found to be unsatisfactory during an initial 6-month probationary period.

Mayor Donchess

Mr. Hudson?

Dan Hudson

Sure. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Dan Hudson, City Engineer. So, this is, as stated, to grant a Drainlayer's License. This contractor submitted an application package. We checked references, everything checked out, as is standard practice. Now, we're requesting the right to rescind a license for the first six months if they do unsatisfactory work, but we don't anticipate that.

Mayor Donchess

All those in favor of the motion say aye.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Mayor Donchess

Item D, Commissioner Moriarty.

- d. **MOTION:** Commissioner Moriarty to approve the purchase and installation of Gridsmart overhead 360-degree vehicle detection camera system on Dan Chan Street by New England Traffic Solutions of Glastonbury, CT in the amount of \$24,989. Funding will be through Department: 160 Admin/Engineering; Fund: Trusts (DW Hwy/Spitbrook Contributions; Account Category: 71 Equipment.

Dan Hudson

Dan Hudson, City Engineer. We have a couple of these in this packet. Periodically, we checked the balance of the funds in the traffic quarter accounts. The DW Highway and Spitbrook Road Quarter account had built up to the point that we can afford to make some improvements. So, we have two proposed. This first one is, as it says, on Dan Chan. And this is where the mall roadway intersects. And that location's been problematic for loops, because it's a pavement condition. When a signal loop fails, it sends the signal into recall mode, which is kind of a fail-safe, but then it just goes into a pre-time program, not efficiently moving traffic by sensing the traffic and putting in a call. This location here at Dan Chan has been a problem. So, for that reason, we're proposing to put up a camera at this location.

Commissioner Lemen

Where is Dan Chan?

Dan Hudson

So, it's at the north end of the mall. There's the internal roadway of the mall comes around and it connects. So, like at this location, the turn, there's a signal at DW, and then there's another signal at the internal intersection. That's actually a brief, that's a short little street there. Dan Chan.

Commissioner Lemen

Okay.

Dan Hudson

So, this is the, the one that's on the mall side.

Alderman O'Brien

You used to be able just to say to Singapore.

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Shea.

Commissioner Shea

I'm trying to be quick with the hand. So, I've asked these questions before, but just to reiterate, these cameras are not capable of collecting license plate data or identifying individual vehicles. And is there any recording involved? It's just-

Dan Hudson

There is recording. No, there is. Sorry. I meant to say.

Commissioner Shea

Yes, so it's just but you can do like live traffic monitoring, is that right?

Dan Hudson

That, yes. That's excellent questions. I'm glad you brought that up. Again, the video is not of high quality to be able to pick off license plates. The video and the camera's actually better than what they push out to view. For that reason, they kind of, they use the higher quality to do the detection well, but then they dumb down the video feed that gets pushed out. If you want to remote into it, look at it. This does have the capability to remote in and review the video. You know, if we get a complaint about traffic operations, we can connect in, we can see what's going on and make adjustments, as appropriate or send out the right response to whatever the issue is. We do not record the video from these cameras. It's only on a as needed basis as we check in to check on something.

Commissioner Shea

Okay, good. So, from like a citizen privacy standpoint, there's no real concerns there. It's really, it just does what it does.

Dan Hudson

Yes. Just me or the senior traffic engineer watching them drive by in their car, that's all. Okay. That's all it is.

Commissioner Shea

Thank you. Yes. I know you'd answered that before, but I just want to-

Dan Hudson

No, it's good to confirm each time it comes up. It's good to each time note that for the record. I appreciate the question. Thank you.

Mayor Donchess

Alderman O'Brien.

Alderman O'Brien

Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I just wanted to, you bring up a very good point, Commissioner Shea. As you know, like the State of New Hampshire has open tolling where a picture is taken, but the state does not save those, they're destroyed. I think within a matter of seconds unless there is a violation. Yes. You know, and everything. So, there's all already a state law involved with that. So, I think we would be in violation of that state law if we did record it, you know, for no particular, you know, just saving or something like that.

Commissioner Shea

Yes. I know we like privacy here in New Hampshire especially. And it's important. And now with, like you've got this kind of AI analysis of metadata stuff coming down the line. So, it's, I think, ever more important to be mindful of privacy. So, thank you.

Mayor Donchess

All right. Anyone else? All those in favor of the motion say aye. Opposed?

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Mayor Donchess

Item E, Commissioner Shea.

- e. **MOTION:** Commissioner Shea to approve the purchase and installation of a Gridsmart overhead 360-degree vehicle detection camera system on Spit Brook Road by New England Traffic Solutions of Glastonbury, CT in the amount of \$24,989. Funding will be through: Department: 160 Admin/Engineering; Fund: Trusts (DW Hwy/Spitbrook Contributions); Account Category: 71 Equipment.

Dan Hudson

So again, this is the same situation as the other camera that there is a loop that's bad there that was damaged through some repairs that were done on the private street. This location is a heavily traveled location. It's kind of the main entrance up to the whole development there, developed by Flatley. So, this will make sure we have good traffic operations there, but also give us the ability to do traffic counts and over time evaluate how traffic patterns change based upon the various things happening in that area of the city. So, we think it's a good location for a camera and that's why we are requesting approval of that.

Mayor Donchess

Anyone? All those in favor of the motion say aye.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Mayor Donchess

Item F, Commissioner Lemen.

- f. **MOTION:** Commissioner Lemen to approve Change Order 1 for the 2022 Pavement Preservation Program to Sealcoating, Inc. DBA Indus of Braintree, MA in an amount not to exceed \$43,120.08. Funding through Department:

Dan Hudson

It's, see the number there? Yes. So, we'll have to get that sorted out. But so, this is a change order to a contract for crack sealing last year through Indus, as noted. They have a little bit of money left over from last year's contract, and we're seeking to supplement that with additional funds so that we can crack seal about 14 miles of city streets this year. They held their pricing from last year, so it's just a continuation of last year's contract in essence.

Mayor Donchess

All those in favor of the motion, say aye.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Mayor Donchess

Item G, Commissioner Moriarty.

- g. **MOTION:** Commissioner Moriarty to approve the installation of a mid-block pedestrian crossing on Pine Street between Myrtle Street and Pine Street Extension.

Dan Hudson

So, this we're bringing to you for your review. It's actually a project being led by Community Development and Economic Development. They've been working with engineering consultant VHB to install a pedestrian crossing. The thought being, providing a more direct pedestrian crossing from Clocktower Place across to Pine Street Extension, where you would walk down to Mine Falls Park. Pretty big demand for that crossing. People cross there. There is a signal just to the north, but people don't make the effort of walking the additional distance. So, they seek the safer crossing. They prepared a study. I've reviewed it. We're comfortable with it, as long as it's installed in accordance with this plan, which involves putting a raised island at the beginning of the short left turn lane for Clocktower Place.

So that'd be a pedestrian refuge similar to what we have on Main Street. There'll be a rectangular rapid flashing beacons installed so people could push the button across all the way or halfway, as it may be, to get across the street there safely. So that's the proposal. And we wanted to bring it to you for approval. If approved, this is being funded through Community Development block grant funds. Should you approve it, then they're proceeding to through final design and will advertise the project for construction, hopefully later this year.

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Shea.

Commissioner Shea

We don't want to go "hodgamacoozie" on the refuge island. I believe that's the technical name of the shape of the islands on Main Street. But the z formation crosswalk, did you talk about that at all? Or-

Dan Hudson

No, we didn't talk about that a lot, but I wouldn't have an objection to that. I do understand why that's beneficial. So, I mean, in the final I do have a limited amount of space here to work with, because we don't want to encroach too much in each of the left turn lanes. There's a competing left turn lane to the north. But yes. In the final review of the project, that may be something that we can accommodate.

Commissioner Shea

And there are not current tip downs there, right? That we're trying to work with it.

Dan Hudson

Correct.

Commissioner Shea

We can get new tip downs for part?

Dan Hudson

Correct. It doesn't really show on this plan, but part of the project is to build those tip downs and put in the detectable warning devices. And then it'd also be some sort of a little path connection to get them across the grass area between the sidewalk and Pine Street Extension so that pedestrian route can happen.

Commissioner Shea

Can you share with us the benefit of a z-formation crosswalk, just because I know that intuitively when people see that on Main Street, it just boils some blood and they're like, why is that? That's ridiculous. I don't, it makes no sense to me. But there is a reason why.

Dan Hudson

No, why is what?

Commissioner Shea

So, on Main Street, like on the bridge, we've got the crosswalk that approaches, and then at the refuge there's a like an angle, and then it shifts and continues. And there's a benefit to it, but it's not, it's not something that would occur to you just looking at it. There's some engineering and human behavior stuff behind it.

Dan Hudson

Yes, thank you. My understanding of it is, it kind of orients the pedestrian in a direction as they approach the crossing to kind of visually point them towards where traffic is. So not, I mean, traffic is needs to yield to the pedestrian, they're required to, but it makes a lot of sense to make sure the pedestrian's aware of what's happening traffic wise in case somebody does fail to yield, for their own protection. So, it kind of turns the pedestrian a little bit facing them in the direction of the oncoming traffic before they make their maneuver to kind of improve that pedestrian to vehicle connection. I mean, the vehicle person looking at the pedestrian. Locking eyes helps to reaffirm that safety of that crossing.

Commissioner Shea

Yes. There's a lot of, aside from our blinkers and aside from our brake lights, there's a lot of body language and communication that happens in the road that we don't think too much about. Right. So yes, I mean, if it can be accommodated, I think it's great. It would enhance safety to that whatever degree that improves things. Thanks.

Mayor Donchess

Okay. Anyone else? All those in favor of the motion say aye.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Mayor Donchess

Next item is item H, Commissioner Shea.

- h. **MOTION:** Commissioner Shea to approve Change Order 2 to the 2022 CIPP Lining Program with Kenyon Pipeline Inspections, LLC of Queensbury, NY in the amount not to exceed \$950,000. Funding will be through: Department: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Wastewater; Activity: Sewer Rehab.

Dan Hudson

So, this is, as proposed, was a change order with Kenyon. Actually, we are contemplating tabling this depending on the board's pleasure today. This was a recent issue up at Merrimack Valley High School in Concord. It wasn't Kenyon, but another lining contractor was lining. And some noxious fumes got into the school up there. And a number of kids got headaches of telltale and that sort of thing. We are trying to learn more about it. That's why we were maybe suggesting tabling this today.

We're trying to learn more about it so we can come back better informed and make sure that that sort of situation doesn't happen here in Nashua. Preliminary understanding is that due to the weather conditions, it kind of suppressed the exhaust fumes from getting up and leaving the area, they kind of stayed in the area and got taken in by the school air intake. But again, that's only from what we've read in the paper. We're trying to engage the Engineering Department up in Concord to better understand what happened there.

Mayor Donchess

So, you're asking us to table this?

Dan Hudson

Yes, I think it's appropriate to table before we sign up and for a bunch more of lining, we should better understand and make sure we have provisions in place. And so, we're comfortable with tabling this to a future meeting. We can come back with some answers on that.

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Shea.

Commissioner Shea

Could you feel my heart beating a little faster? So, when I lived in French Hill, we had some drain lining stuff happening and I was nearby to a lot of the stuff that's coming out and I've driven through areas where it's coming out and the exhaust that comes out of this process is disgusting. I don't know what's in it. But it's just on an intuitive basis, it's very concerning. And so, I am glad that we have cause to take pause and really look further into this. And so, I support that.

Mayor Donchess

So, are you moving to table?

Commissioner Shea

I would move it to table.

Mayor Donchess

Yes. Alright. Any discussion on that? All those in favor of the motion, say aye.

MOTION TABLED: Unanimously

Mayor Donchess

We now have item I, Commissioner Lemen.

- i. **MOTION:** Commissioner Lemen to approve the engineering services contract with Wright-Pierce, of Portsmouth, NH in the amount not to exceed \$101,300 for the development of construction documents for renovations and repairs to the Greeley Park Stone House. Funding through Department

Dan Hudson

Yes, again, so this is funding that was already set aside. So, we'll figure out that funding category. But, \$150,000 had been set aside previously towards the Greeley Stone House roof. We've done an initial study with Wright-Pierce, which was less than \$25,000, but they came in and they looked at the roof. They engaged a historic entity as well to evaluate the historic aspects of the building. The roof does need repairs. We knew that going in, so they've kind of better scoped out what effort would be for us. We are anticipating a full roof replacement in term, not the whole structure, like the under the structure would be kind of repaired, kind of in kind, but then the whole roofing would be replaced, the tiles would be replaced with materials in kind.

We also had them look at the bathrooms because the bathrooms are dated and could certainly use some improvements including better ADA accommodations. So, what we're proposing here is to take the next step in this process, which would be to actually have them further detail those items and put together a package that we could use for bidding of those improvements. To be fair, those improvements, we don't have funding for the construction of those improvements identified yet. But we wanted to get it to the point that was ready and then address that as we get to it. So, that's the proposal. This says it's a new contract, it may end up being actually an amendment to the existing contract. But that's the proposal and that's what we're asking to do.

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Shea

Commissioner Shea

Just for further clarification, the 101, does that include some estimated amount for the bathrooms or includes the design for the bathrooms?

Dan Hudson

It nothing. It's design of the bathrooms. This effort is only designed and specifying and putting plans together suitable for bidding. So, no actual construction as part of this, but this would get us to the place that we could bid it out for construction.

Commissioner Shea

So, this does not even include the roof itself, or-

Dan Hudson

It does not. No.

Commissioner Shea

Oh wow. That's a lot of money.

Dan Hudson

For a hundred, it is architects and engineers putting together contracts suitable to engage the other folks.

Commissioner Shea

I would like to think that a bathroom update and the roof itself would cost a hundred thousand dollars. But I mean, I'm not operating in this space every day, so I don't-

Dan Hudson

Our current estimate is on the order of \$500,000 to a million dollars to do all the work that's anticipated. And that's not like expanding the building or doing anything like that. It's replacing the roofs and doing the modifications. That's really why we want to take a more detailed step to further refine that and put together a package. I mean, we never know what these things cost exactly until you bid it out. The state of construction now is very challenging. We've bid out some projects that we got no bids on recently. But that we'll probably put out. We want them to do this year. We'll probably put them out for next year's construction. I mean, engineers are busy, contractors are busy, everybody's suffering staffing issues. So, it's a challenging industry right now. But we do anticipate this is going to be a non-inexpensive project to complete.

Commissioner Shea

And there's the premium on kind of doing it within spec of the historic nature of the building, right?

Dan Hudson

Yes.

Commissioner Shea

And I suppose with the historic nature of the building, there's a lot of like considerations in terms of structural integrity that really do require some expert measurement and design. And that's just amazing because what is that building like 1600 square feet or something like that?

Dan Hudson

Just, yes, it's not a large building, but it's the nature of construction. You know the repairs, they, I forget the wood types they were talking about as maybe red cedar or mahogany, was the wood repairs needed to be made with those type of materials. You know, it's well before pre-treated timbers and things like that. So, yes, it's in the roof. In a tile roof, like that's going to be expensive to do. But we, to preserve and respect the historic nature of the building, our intent is to kind of do the same thing as what's there, but bring it up to a state that'll last another a hundred years.

Commissioner Shea

I was going to say, is this the first time that roof's been repaired since the building was installed?

Dan Hudson

And yes, there's a little bit of work that had been done in the back, and the bathrooms were kind of an add-on. So that roof in the back, it's like an asphalt roof. Our intention is to redo all the main structure with tile, the clay tile, but then the back roof probably maybe a metal roof, because it's kind of a low pitch, a metal roof, which will have longer longevity than the asphalt that was on there.

Commissioner Shea

Especially in the shade. And yes, kind of the moisture that's retained back there.

Dan Hudson

Correct.

Commissioner Shea

So, we could have some solace in the idea that this may be a hundred-year roof.

Dan Hudson

Yes. At least for the cost.

Commissioner Shea

Thanks.

Mayor Donchess

Anyone else? All those in favor of the motion say aye.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Mayor Donchess

Item J, Commissioner Moriarty.

- j. **MOTION:** Commissioner Moriarty to approve the installation of a left turn lane to 848 West Hollow Street.

Dan Hudson

So, when we did the traffic study for this site, one of the recommendations was to continue the left turn lane configuration that's at the main lane field entrance down to this entrance. Of course, that did contemplate future expansion of the use with bringing the Street department over here. But what we found is it is a little challenging to make that left turn. There's no turn lane there. A lot of the West Hollis Street quarter has a center turn lane or a left turn accommodation, so that's better. But it kind of tapers out at the end of this entrance and there isn't any. So, what we've done is we've put together a concept for our left turn lane, which is upside down, but the gray is our new facility entrance and then the yellow will be the area of the roadway, which we would revise to include that left turn lane.

So, the Four Hills left lane inches over here, you can see it has a left turn lane and we would do a short section of center turn lane and then convert to an exclusive left turn lane for the facility here. And then it would take it back down to just the two-way travel pattern to further pass the entrance. So that's the proposal. We wanted to bring it to you, kind of get your blessing on moving forward. It would require a Board of Alderman resolution and approval, but before we took it to them, we wanted to make sure that the Board of Public Works was in support of the change. I think it's anticipated we would probably mill this section of the roadway. And it's kind of, the main part of the roadway had been paved and the outside wasn't, and there's going to be enough striping in case go on here. We probably just to thin mill and then strike that area. So that's the proposal and I'd be happy to address any questions.

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Moriarty.

Commissioner Moriarty

Yes, I just want, will the work be done in-house by public works?

Dan Hudson

Yes, I think that's the intention. I mean, we'll probably sub out the paving to one of our paving contractors since it's heavy arterial roadway here. And it's a bit of milling. I mean, so we will probably have it paved by a contractor. The striping also, we have contracts for striping companies, so we'll figure that out. But it may be that we do a lot of that. I mean, some of the, like the turn arrows and the only's and things, we might be able to do some of that in house, but it may be more efficient to do some of it with contractors.

Commissioner Moriarty

So, again, yes, because I know we're having a study done now right on West Hollis Street. So, will this be part of now that study by the engineering company, or no?

Dan Hudson

So, we're just getting started with that study. We've collected traffic count data, which I haven't even received yet, but this is within the limits of that quarter study. It runs all the way from Riverside all the way to Hollis. So, I mean this could be deferred, I suppose that's part of that study. But I mean, I think we know that we have a left turn accommodation issue here that this would improve. I don't foresee anything coming out of that study which would say this wasn't a good idea.

Director Fauteux

This is something that I've really advocated for. It's very, it's really dangerous to try to turn in here, especially in the morning and at night when it's really busy. So, I think for the safety of our staff and also residents coming to the facility, we really should have that left turn lane.

Commissioner Lemen

I was wishing for a left turn lane as I was coming here today.

Director Fauteux

Yes, you sort of, yes. Yes. You sort of look behind you hoping that someone pay attention.

Commissioner Lemen

I'm like, signal to the guy behind me, see if my signals on.

Director Fauteux

Yes. So, you experience that as well.

Commissioner Lemen

Yes.

Commissioner Shea

And the width of the road at that site is the same as it is wide at the entrance to the current landfill.

Dan Hudson

Yes. Yes. What this concept, we have 12-foot travel lanes, the turn lane's 10 feet wide and then the shoulders are four and a half to five and a half feet. So, the road's wide enough to accommodate this certainly.

Mayor Donchess

All those in favor the motion say aye.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Mayor Donchess

Next, item K, Commissioner Shea.

- k. **MOTION:** Commissioner Shea to approve a Use and Occupancy Agreement for placement of building awnings within the right-of-way over entrances at 4, 5, and 6 Sanders Street for Riverfront Landing Phase II.

Dan Hudson

So, riverfront landing is currently under construction on a new project over on Sanders Street. It went through the planning board process. I think previously the board approved shared maintenance responsibilities relative to the street because they were widening the street provided parking, there's some forest pavement, that sort of thing. So anyway, all that stuff was kind of addressed before, but the thing that hasn't been addressed is some of the buildings have awnings which are going to extend over the sidewalk. And in speaking with our legal staff, anytime that's the case and it's less than 12-feet of clearance, then they've suggested that we should enter into a Use and Occupancy Agreement to allow that encroachment in the right of way. So, for that reason, we bring this forward. There is a draft Use and Occupancy Agreement in here. This has not yet been reviewed by legal. We need to need to do that. It's seeking their approval of that. So, it's one of the conditions here of approval that would before this got finalized, that they would go through review by our legal department. Be happy to address any questions.

Mayor Donchess

Alderman O'Brien.

Alderman O'Brien

Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Apart for me to question any engineer, but think motor vehicle law says for tractor trailer trucks, 13 six, will this meet the 13 six requirements? I don't know. Expand the street isn't that now you say the, I've got to expand the width. It's just that, I don't know if they're going to have trailer trucks down there. I imagine maybe for loading and offloading of movers in the light. But are we concerned about the rite of passage of the street?

Dan Hudson

Not in this case. Because these don't extend out over into the roadway. They're already partial, extend partially over the sidewalk. And then next to the sidewalk is the parallel parking area. So, it's well away from the roadway itself. And these awnings were shown, I'm sure in all their approval plans. So, I'm sure Fire and others have had an opportunity to review that as part of the building permit process. It's just this approval portion here had not been addressed, and that's why we're bringing it forward.

Mayor Donchess

Alright. Commissioner Shea.

Commissioner Shea

Thank you. I generally like awnings over sidewalks. I think the more awnings we can have over sidewalks, the better. It's nice to have a little bit of refuge in the rain, like when you're walking down Main Street and I think it adds a bit of interest to the architect for the building. I think it's nice and it's really exciting to see this project moving forward. Because I know it's been percolating for over decades. So, I will support.

Mayor Donchess

All those in favor of the motion, say aye.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Mayor Donchess

Item L, Commissioner Lemen.

- I. **MOTION** : Commissioner Lemen to consider the hardship request from Liberty Utilities to excavate to replace critical gas main in Lake Street and to reconsider the hardship request for 303 Main Street.

Dan Hudson

So, I'll introduce this and then we do have a representative from Liberty Utilities here. But you may recall back in January, we brought a request for a Moratorium waiver next to Poor Pierre's. There's a development redevelopment happening there. They had requested to redo the sidewalk along their property. Basically, that was a city staff request for them to redo the sidewalk in that area, but it meant that they were going to need a moratorium waiver. So, the board voted that down and that project's continuing kind of how it ended up. I know there was some discussion at the time about, would this send them back to planning board or whatever. What ended up happening was that the development continued to move forward, but that portion of work was going to be bonded for a number of years until the moratorium was up and then they would do the work and then they would have to field all their site conditions.

So that's kind of how it ended up going. So, there's that part of it. And I only bring that up because part of this, there's an issue with Liberty Gas in the same section of roadway. They have some G2 leaks which we would ordinarily approve without coming to the board because of the permission that's been granted that way because they need to get that work done. And as coincidence would have it, Liberty does have gas work that they want to do on the street there. It has been a problematic location. So, they want to run some gas main up the street to replace this section of problem pipe. And I guess I'll have Liberty come speak more to it because they're more familiar with that. But my understanding is that helps them get out of Main Street.

We do intend to pave Main Street in the next few years, but the request here is mostly for, Liberty Utilities to be able to do what they need to do. But since they would need to go in and

restore this moratory area anyway, we're asking the board to reconsider the 303 Main Street to enable the sidewalk work to be done. At the same time, they also have a sewer service that could use some repair. So hopefully all the work in that area could be done and then the road restored under the moratorium criteria. So, with that, I'll turn it over to Nate from Liberty to speak more about the gas main issues.

Nate Fote

How's it going? Nate Fote with Liberty Utilities. Thanks for that layup. As you can see, there's a lot going on in this area. So basically, we're looking to do a main replacement down Main Street. And, this is a small little leg of cast iron gas main off of Main Street that we'd also like to replace at the same time. There's been some leaks there recently. So, we just figured while we're in the street, we tried to get the whole section of cast iron gas main. So, that's what this is a proposal for.

Mayor Donchess

Alright. Questions or comments? All those in favor of the motion, say aye.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Mayor Donchess

Next, we've got item M, Commissioner Moriarty.

- m. **MOTION:** Commissioner Moriarty to consider the hardship request from Alpha Contracting Services on behalf of Larry Kittle to excavate to install sewer, water, and gas services at 58 Chandler Street.

Dan Hudson

So, I'll let the applicant speak to this. I believe this was a small subdivision and has a lot of record that they want to develop, but can you speak to the hardship nature of this request?

Helton Rodrigues

My name is Helton, it's a sub division lot that my client bought back in 2021. And as we just notice it, there's a moratorium back in 2020 to 2025 and the city were approved, the civil division and the city were approved for us to build that up. But then we need the permission to open up the street and install the gas, the water, and the sewer line. We are going to use like a partnership that I use to do all the site work here in Nashua. It's my partner Kevin Corrigo. We always working together. So, he's going to be the guy who's run that side for me and I will run the, the construction side.

Mayor Donchess

Do the board members have questions?

Commissioner Shea

I'm just trying to picture. Where this is? I'm going to use a map to figure -

Dan Hudson

What it's, 58 Chandler?

Commissioner Shea

Can we get a cell phone tower on the landfill?

Dan Hudson

I know, right? Is the wifi working?

Commissioner Shea

What's that? No, there's just no-

Director Fauteux

We do have one here.

Commissioner Shea

We do have one here, but they've delayed the 5G installation and the 4G stuff was starting to crack up.

Director Fauteux

Yes, we don't have good service in the building.

Commissioner Shea

Let's see. So, 58 Chandler, is it past Lock Street up the hill or before Lock Street?

Mayor Donchess

I think it's going up Lock.

Commissioner Shea

I guess it's going up the hill.

Mayor Donchess

It's going up the hill after Lock Street.

Commissioner Shea

Towards, is that towards Layton?

Mayor Donchess

I think the 70 is up a little further.

Commissioner Shea

Well, I do have a map on my phone.

Dan Hudson

So, it shows us south of Lock Street.

Director Fauteux

Dan, do you want to bring it up on GIS?

Dan Hudson

Sure. I can try.

Commissioner Shea

Is this a subdivision of a property that is larger and has a building on it?

Helton Rodrigues

Yes, it's a subdivision.

Commissioner Shea

Okay.

Dan Hudson

Yes, it was a larger lot that got subdivided, so maybe-

Mayor Donchess

Is it a tear down or you going to just-

Dan Hudson

No, I'm just going to bring it up on Google Maps if I can.

Helton Rodrigues

It's a housing there.

Commissioner Shea

Is there a parking lot for the building currently?

Helton Rodrigues

Yes. Parking? No, no. Buildings will be a parking lot.

Dan Hudson

Yes, well I didn't type very well, did I? <inaudible> special kind of work there. Some of this other stuff said it's before <inaudible>. Alright. Here.

Commissioner Shea

Oh, it's that big Greenfield back there. Yes. That's such a curious property.

Dan Hudson

This area right here? Yes.

Commissioner Shea

So that home was it sold recently or purchased? The property was purchased like in the last 12 months that-

Helton Rodrigues

Yes, no, this I think yes, 2021.

Commissioner Shea

2021.

Mayor Donchess

Tell us, how many units are you?

Helton Rodrigues

Just one.

Mayor Donchess

One house?

Helton Rodrigues

One house. Yes.

Commissioner Shea

And did you already sell, that existing home? Yes. Did you subdivide all that and sell the existing home?

Dan Hudson

Sell? I sold, yes.

Commissioner Shea

Is this a single-family home that you're building?

Helton Rodrigues

Yes. Single family. Yes.

Commissioner Shea

And Chandler was purchased in 2020?

Commissioner Moriarty

2020, yes.

Helton Rodrigues

Yes. Thank you.

Commissioner Shea

I know exactly where that is. If I may?

Mayor Donchess

Yes.

Commissioner Shea

So, I think it's great. I think that, I've always looked at that little piece of land and thought to myself that would make a nice, like little city park. And it was always curious to me, it was like, does it belong to that house? Who owns that piece of property? Who knows? I think it's especially good to kind of enhance the balance of single-family homes. Would you look to continue to own this property and rent it or would you look to sell it?

Helton Rodrigues

My client will keep it, probably going to be renting. Yes.

Commissioner Shea

Yes. Okay. And there's been a lot of parcel development in that neck of the woods, especially down by VA with a couple of multi units, a couple of like townhome style units. And it's good. When are we doing, what's the status of the Whitney and Lock project?

Dan Hudson

It's taken a while-

Director Fauteux

Yes.

Dan Hudson

We're still in the process of getting that off the ground. Basically, we have an engineer selected. There was a question about funding and what the project was. So, we had to go back and redo kind of a conceptual estimate. Anyway, long story short, we'll be starting that project soon. In terms of design process, it'll probably take a year and a half, two years to get through that process before we're in construction.

Commissioner Shea

Okay.

Dan Hudson

Is your name Helton?

Helton Rodrigues

Yes.

Dan Hudson

Okay. Sorry.

Helton Rodrigues

Yes.

Dan Hudson

I didn't catch your name. He's the one that sent the letter.

Patti Rogers

Oh, okay. Thank you.

Commissioner Moriarty

So, I have a question.

Mayor Donchess

Yes.

Commissioner Moriarty

So, if this is approved by this board, when do you plan on starting?

Helton Rodrigues

As soon as I can get to the construction site, I can start, anytime.

Commissioner Shea

And if, if this is not approved, the, the project can't really move forward cause there's no access to gas, right?

Commissioner Moriarty

Right. Yes, of course I'm in favor of these type projects. But according to the ordinance, you're supposed to tell us what your hardship is, so we approve it. Why, should we approve this? What is your hardship? So, you didn't really say anything about a hardship, why we should approve this. So, we kind of, I mean, is there a hardship on your, on your end? So that's what we need to know. Weight in.

Helton Rodrigues

Yes. What can I tell? Like that could-

Commissioner Shea

May I piggyback and ask a question?

Mayor Donchess

Yes, go ahead.

Commissioner Shea

If you were not to develop this property and continue owning it, would you be responsible for paying the taxes for the next two or three years and in the meantime, not being able to drive income off of the property

Helton Rodrigues

I'm just represent my client. The property is going to keep paying the tax, definitely.

Commissioner Shea

Yes.

Helton Rodrigues

He always paid. So, he's not, he doesn't have only one place, so he will keep paying, but we'll be for him it's a good investment. And for the city, it's another house that we can rent. We know we are short, short and residents in city, so we try to build.

Commissioner Shea

So, it would cost thousands of dollars over the next several years to just own the property. And you wouldn't be able to do anything

Helton Rodrigues

Definitely, yes. They're going to keep paying tax without collecting money.

Commissioner Shea

I would see that as a hardship. Having investment property and not being able to develop it and incurring the costs in the meantime. So, I would see that as a hardship.

Mayor Donchess

Alright. Anyone else? All those in favor of the motion say aye. Opposed?

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

n. **INFORMATIONAL**: Street Opening Permits issued for Streets in Moratorium.

Mayor Donchess

Now we have an informational item, which is the street opening permits, unless there are questions on that we'll just move beyond it. Administration, we have the Director's Report

IX. Administration

a. **INFORMATIONAL**: Director's Report

Director Fauteux

On the first slide we have a contractor waiting to mill Tinker Road, which was completed on June 5th. We had the engineering table for DPW Day, which was on June 3rd. We had a sort of a lousy day for it, and we didn't have a very big turnout, but nonetheless we held it. And you can see our Deputy City Engineer there on the left. Actually, I think they're in the middle with our City Engineer and Amy Gil, one of our engineers. So, it's always, you never know if it's going to be a success because of the weather. This is Continental Paving reconstructing some ADA ramps on Lake Street, Medical Center Drive, and Trafalgar Square in May. And that's in preparation for our paving. This is Sunshine Paving, paving Tenby Drive and Edwin Street on 5/16 and 5/31 respectively. Paving program is in full swing. Engineering is providing inspection support, including of D'Antonio Drive, which is intended to be accepted as a city street for the Brian McCarthy Middle School.

We're doing some seasonal plantings. This is the landscape bed, as you can see in front of the band shell. We did some additional plantings, which look really nice. And then the median plantings, if you've been down Main Street, are looking very nice as well. The Atherton Park irrigation work is completed and we're actually, we should be putting in the playground, I believe, in the next week or two. And so, that project will be completed fairly soon, which will be a great addition to that neighborhood.

Commissioner Shea

When can we use the playground?

Director Fauteux

When can you use the playground? Hopefully in the next couple weeks.

Commissioner Shea

Go bang on those drums.

Director Fauteux

Yes. I should also mention that St. Andrew's will be going in in early July. So those two parks,

Alderman O'Brien

Yay. <laugh>.

Director Fauteux

Yes, I know, finally! You've been advocating for that for a long time for that Alderman O'Brien.

Alderman O'Brien

Thank you.

Director Fauteux

There's ongoing field maintenance. This is lining the road at the Robby Park softball fields. Another picture of opening day in DPW Day. Our annual concert series began on Tuesday, June 6th. Each Tuesday we have another band performing, covering everything from rock'n'roll to big band sounds. This is some crosswalk work at the crosswalk near Hayward's. It needed some milling. I don't know if you went over there, but it was pretty rough. So, we fixed that. There was, this is a sinkhole that was next to a double catch basin on Lund Road that was repaired. There was some sidewalk replacement that actually is still ongoing at 120 Bower Street. This is a catch basin on Autumn Glen Circle that was repaired. Another catch basin sinkhole repair that needed full replacement. And this was on Russell Avenue. We have installed the tip down on the corner of Church Street at Liquid Therapy. It's not quite complete yet, but that'll be a good addition for them. They've asked for that for quite some time. We've done some berm installation. Pictured here is Century Road on the left and Dickens Street on the right. And this is to help prevent erosion

Mayor Donchess

On the right Dickens or Dickenson.

Director Fauteux

Dickens, yes. We did pave some areas behind this building, walkways, so that our staff can get from their trucks into the building. We cleaned up a homeless camp. Commissioner Lemen is very involved with this.

Mayor Donchess

A former homeless camp.

Director Fauteux

A former homeless camp on Crown Street. We've been participating in that. There's quite a group that meets on at least a monthly basis. Commissioner Lemen is in that group and it's not an easy-

Commissioner Lemen

Yes.

Director Fauteux

Problem to solve. So, but it's good that everybody's around the tables working together to try to do what we can. This is some under drain at Atherton Park that we installed to try to alleviate some standing water. We fixed the elevator shaft at Holman Stadium. The blocks were cracked and leaking water into the shafts.

Commissioner Shea

Wow.

Director Fauteux

Street Department repaired that.

Commissioner Shea

Put that extra mason to work.

Director Fauteux

Yes.

Commissioner Shea

Yes, that's great. Good.

Director Fauteux

We're doing some tank cleaning at Wastewater. These are the aeration basins that we take offline to clean. We received a new vehicle for Solid Waste, a side load truck, and we are working on the zigzag in the landfill. This will help us to eventually cap phase two and phase three, but also, will also give us a little bit of added space too in the landfill. So, charter construction started that work. And this is just a picture of our Solid Waste employees that were setting up for the Taste of Downtown, that happened. So, and that's it. And I did want to also mention that we had to make a couple of cuts from our budget that you weren't aware of, although Alderman O'Brien did tell me that I think we had cut one and a half truck drivers, and I believe that was added back to the budget by the Alderman.

Alderman O'Brien

Right now, this has to, just the usual caveats

Director Fauteux

Yes.

Alderman O'Brien

Has to go before the full board, but the budget committee made a recommendation to.

Director Fauteux

So that was included.

Alderman O'Brien

We understand the brick wall that you guys are hitting trying to get people to be drivers. So, you know, we're trying to work with you.

Director Fauteux

So, that was one of the, the cuts. But I don't believe that's a cut anymore. We also cut \$5,000 from building grounds and maintenance, which was for this building. We cut \$35,000 from the Engineering Salary line, and \$10,000 for tree removal from our budget. So, I don't think that those are going to be huge impacts, but nonetheless, I did want to let you know about them. The other thing too, we are having a site walk with the Conservation Commission for disc golf at Roby Park on July 10th at 5:30 PM.

Mayor Donchess

Where?

Director Fauteux

So, at Roby.

Mayor Donchess

Oh, okay. But there's going to be an out of town.

Director Fauteux

There's going to be an out of town too, but this is for Roby Park.

Mayor Donchess

Okay.

Director Fauteux

The proposed disc golf site. So, if any of the Commissioners can make it, it would be much appreciated to help support the project. So, July 10th, and Patti, maybe we could send out an email just kind of as a reminder.

Commissioner Shea

How would you say the presentation was received the other night? I watched, and it was great. It was a lot of detailed information and kind of going into the project and some of the things that we've already addressed, it sounds like you've pretty much addressed. The big areas of concern that drew attention to the project. What was your take on how that meeting went?

Director Fauteux

You know, I think it went relatively good. I think there were a lot of people, there were a number of people there who spoke in favor, which was good. The disc golfers came out in support. You know, there were a couple of residents who are just continually just trying to kill the project, and it's unfortunate. But there's been some misinformation that's been spread, again, which is unfortunate. I hope, I don't know the Conservation Commission members very well. So, it's a little bit hard for me to read them. I think that, I'm hoping that they'll see that this is a great project and important for our residents. So, but I don't think it's over by any stretch of the imagination, and I think we really need to be there and try to support this and get it passed. Now, I should also mention the Conservation Commission is only advisory. However, we do have to go to zoning and the Zoning Board relies heavily on the Conservation Commission's recommendation. So, it's important that we get their support.

Commissioner Shea

Thank you.

Commissioner Moriarty

I'm sorry. Why do you go to zoning? What needs to be changed in the zone?

Director Fauteux

I don't fully, Dan, do you?

Dan Hudson

So, this is the wetlands setbacks is a function of zoning. So, by the zoning, you're not allowed to work within those wetland buffers without a variance. So, but the Con Com, you know, reviews what those activities are in those buffers. So you go, the process is you go to Con Com, talk about what you're planning to do. Con Com makes their determination, and then you go to Zoning Board with their Con Com's recommendation. And they actually are the ones that approve the variance for the zoning effort, you know, allowing the work in the setback.

Commissioner Moriarty

Okay. Thank you.

X. Commissioner's Comments

Mayor Donchess

Alright. Commissioner's Comments? Any commissioners have comments? Commissioner Moriarty.

Commissioner Moriarty

Thank you, Mayor. Director Fauteux, I noticed over at, Greeley there's still a lot of Park and Rec vehicles there. So, have we not transitioned here yet?

Director Fauteux

That's correct. We had to wait for Rick's garage to be finished, and we had a lot of construction that we needed to do there to bring that up to building code. So, we're almost done. We have one other small item; I think access to the Attic Dam that we need to do. And then we'll be able to move Park and Rec over. It's critical for them to have that building in order to be able to store all their equipment and operate so soon.

Commissioner Moriarty

Thank you.

Director Fauteux

Hoping, but Streets is here and Solid Waste. So, we're getting there.

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Shea.

Commissioner Shea

I got a communication from a constituent about the playground at Roby Park. In kind of the never inside, well, in the northwest like corner of the park. There's a couple of very large round bushes. And the constituent's comment was, "Hey, is it safe for the kids to be hiding behind these bushes? You know, I and two other parents were, we keep having to tell our kids to get out of the bushes." What I did tell him is that hide and seek and hiding, especially where there's a fence behind there, and it's really a safe space, is an essential part of play, which he relented to and not relented. He agreed with it. So, the bushes themselves are a non-issue. He did note that sometimes there's trash back there, like a piece of glass or something like that.

Director Fauteux

Okay.

Commissioner Shea

And so, what his request was after we kind of talked through the concern, was that when Parks goes there to dust up the park every now and again, just to be mindful and look behind those bushes.

Director Fauteux

Sure.

Commissioner Shea

And just make sure that there's no broken glass or, or trash. Otherwise

Director Fauteux

I will mention that. Sure.

Commissioner Shea

Yes. I think the bushes are great, just to be clear. Yes. I like, we like the bushes. The outcome was we like the bush good. We like the hiding <laugh>. We just want a couple eyes back there, you know, once a month.

Director Fauteux

That's fair enough. But no, that's good feedback. We'll check on that. Thank you.

Commissioner Lemen

I had to go to the Ward 3 meeting, and the people in Jackson Falls are very unhappy about a number of things, particularly the homeless, the trash. And Trish explained to them, the city cannot go on the train tracks. We've had this discussion before, but they, I have to get back together with Trish. They also requested that we have signs saying that, you know, we have a noise ordinance because that would make the motorcycle riders all decide to like, turn down the heat. Now, I don't think this will work in a million years, so I'll get back with Trish and say, you know, it's just, it's going to be another sign and it's not going to make the motorcyclist say, at best, you know, turn down. I don't know how you, I mean, they're as loud as they are.

So, and the police did say they have stopped a number of people, but there are certain, I guess, tricks they could do to, which I had never heard of. Apparently, if you get stopped by policeman, there's like a valve or something that you can push where the, the pipes will seem like they're less strong than they are, or they don't push out as much noise. So, they are stopping people. But I don't really think a sign will help. But I agree. I do not, I'm not looking forward to the next Ward 3 meeting where we will explain this to people.

So, and of course the homeless encampments are, you know, they're growing. We don't, I don't know what's going to happen now that we still see people walking up from Crown Street, Temple Street. So, its problem is not going to go away.

Director Fauteux

No, it's

Commissioner Lemen

Not until we have enough housing.

Mayor Donchess

Anyone else?

Commissioner Shea

Oh, I do have one more thing.

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Shea.

Commissioner Shea

On Harris Road, there was some paving done, and some re striping of crosswalks. And there were posts put in at Friar Tuck in Harris, for like the crosswalk signs. And I think the crosswalk signs were there for a period of time, but they went away. And so, I don't know if those are like on order or something of that nature, but it's been-

Director Fauteux

We'll look into it.

Commissioner Shea

-a couple of months. The post have been there.

Director Fauteux

Okay.

Mayor Donchess

Alright. Personnel, item A, Commissioner Shea.

XI. Personnel

- a. MOTION:** Commissioner Shea to approve and unseal, the non-public minutes for Personnel from BPW meeting of May 25th, 2023.

Mayor Donchess

All those in favor of the motion say aye. Opposed?

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Mayor Donchess

Item B, Commissioner Lemen.

- b. **MOTION:** Commissioner Lemen to approve the resignation of Matthew Cusato, Wastewater Foreman, effective June 3rd, 2023.

Mayor Donchess

All those in favor of the motion say, aye.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Mayor Donchess

Alright. So, we have now a non-public session motion. Commissioner Moriarty.

- c. **MOTION:** Commissioner Moriarty move by roll call that the board going into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(b) The hiring of any person as a public employee.

Mayor Donchess

And this needs to be by roll call, correct?

Patti Rogers

Yes.

Mayor Donchess

Yes. Please call the roll.

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

Yea: Mayor Donchess, Commissioner Moriarty, Commissioner Lemen, Commissioner Shea	4
Nay:	0

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

XII. Possible Non-Public Session

Mayor Donchess

Alright. We're going to go into nonpublic session.

(Non-public sessions)

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Moriarty.

MOTION: Commissioner Moriarty move by roll call to seal the minutes of the Board of Public Works personnel non-public meeting of June 22nd, 2023, until

such time as the majority of the board votes, that the purpose of the confidentiality will no longer be served.

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

Yea: Mayor Donchess, Commissioner Moriarty, Commissioner Lemen,
Commissioner Shea 4

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Mayor Donchess

Alright. Commissioner Moriarty.

MOTION: Commissioner Moriarty move that we adjoin the meeting.

Mayor Donchess

All those in favor of the motion say aye.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Mayor Jim Donchess, Chair, declared the meeting adjourned at 5:36 PM.