

**Board of Public Works Meeting
Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2018**

A meeting of the Board of Public Works was held on Thursday, September 20, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. in the Auditorium at City Hall, 229 Main Street, Nashua, NH 03060.

Mayor Donchess, Chair, declared the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and called the roll.

Members Present:

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

Also Present:

Ms. Lisa Fauteux, Director of Public Works
Mr. Nick Caggiano, Superintendent of Parks & Recreation
Attorney Steven Bolton, Corporation Counsel
Mr. Jon Ibarra, Superintendent of Streets
Mr. David Boucher, Superintendent of Wastewater

Director Fauteux

We added an item to the agenda under Parks & Recreation regarding the planting of a permanent tree at the Hunt Building.

MOTION: Commission Moriarty made a motion to approve the agenda, as amended.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Approval of Meeting Minutes – July 26, 2018

MOTION: Commissioner Teas to approve the minutes of the Board of Public Works Meeting of July 26, 2018, as amended.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Approval of Meeting Minutes – August 23, 2018

MOTION: Commissioner Moriarty to approve the minutes of the Board of Public Works Meeting of August 23, 2018.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Approval of Meeting Minutes – September 6, 2018

MOTION: Commissioner Pappas to approve the minutes of the Board of Public Works Special Meeting of September 6, 2018.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Public Comment

Mr. Peter Schaffer, 15 E. Street

The intersection is going to be redone next year. One of the reasons that part of the street has not been done lately is because there are a lot of cobblestones under that part of the street and over time, they keep shifting. Last year we spent six months dealing with that and we had patch over patch. Next year they are going to do this part of the road with that contract for that intersection. What I was concerned about was making sure that they know exactly what is underneath the road and what had to be done. The reason I am up here tonight is to just make sure that DPW understands what needs to be done because I don't want to end up in a situation where we have to patch it every year.

Mayor Donchess

Are you talking about East Hollis?

Mr. Schaffer

It is East Hollis Street but it is by the alphabet streets. Last year we tried to get more than just patching done but we were told there was no money for it and the problem is extensive.

Engineering Department

- A. MOTION:** Commissioner Teas to approve a hardship request from Lacasse Homes, LLC to excavate for installation of a sewer main extension and water and sewer services for a proposed house at 12 Birchbrow Road.

Discussion:

Mr. Richard Maynard, P.E.

I am representing the applicant, Lacasse Homes, LLC. Mr. Lacasse bought the last lot on Birchbrow Road and the sewer did not go that far, it only went up to the intersection and needed to be extended to the front of the lot. We also need to extend water service up the street. There is a 40-foot section of recently paved road on Birchbrow and around the intersection of the adjacent street that we need to interrupt to extend the sewer. As it says in my letter, we propose to mill it fully and repave the entire new section.

Commissioner Pappas

I have done a lot of reading on that and every time you cut into a road, no matter how you pave it, it decreases the life of the road. In Manchester, they have very stringent patching requirements, as we do, but they also have a fee in place if the road is cut in to. Hardships are supposed to hardships and this is not directed at Mr. Maynard, but I am pretty consistent on my view of hardship and I feel as if when someone purchases a property they should know the rules that are in place and other than not wanting to wait the appropriate amount of time, I really do not see a hardship. I think a lot of us know former Alderman Deane, and he is someone I have a lot of respect for and I am going to paraphrase something that he said regarding paving and some land use issues.

"There is a difference between hardship and needing to squeeze the last possible dime out of a piece of property." I think this Board has really erred in granting hardships and we have also yet to put new fees into place which I think would help lower the amount of applications that we get for this. I feel very strongly that

the Board of Aldermen and the Board of Public Works have asked the citizens of Nashua to bond paving, we have a very aggressive paving project and it is going to take many years to repay it. I think that we are doing a disservice to the taxpayers to continue to cut into roads. I really like our five-year moratorium and as I said, it is nothing personal against the applicant or the individual speaking. I have made a stand and I am going to continue to make a stand because I think it does a disservice to the taxpayers. That said, I realize it is a small area but for the reasons I mentioned, I will be voting no.

Mr. Maynard

In case you do not realize it, I have been at this for almost my entire life and I do not take any of it personally. I do not know what you read regarding people who cut into roads and then do not repair them properly. The main problem arises when the trench is not consolidated and compacted. Some of the inspectors do not enforce that rule on some of the contractors. The only thing I would like to point out is this sewer line, when it was installed in Birchbrow, should have gone all the way to the end of the street and should have serviced all of the lots and not left this lot out. This is a buildable lot of record and taxes were paid on it for approximately 40 years so the city had the benefit of those taxes. This is a fully assessed, valued lot so to deny them access to public sewer and public water is definitely a hardship when they have been paying taxes all of these years. They paid far more in taxes than it is going to cost the city of opening up this trench for 40 feet. The portion of the road that will be disturbed will not deteriorate if it is fixed properly.

Director Fauteux

Mr. Maynard, should the Board grant this, you are going to restore the trench according to the city's specifications, correct.

Mr. Maynard

For sure.

Mayor Donchess

Mr. Maynard, the letter that you submitted says "our client is prepared to mill and pavement overlay the 40 LF section of relatively new pavement." What does 40 LF mean?

Mr. Maynard

It means 40 linear feet.

Mayor Donchess

Is that in width or in length?

Mr. Maynard

It is length.

Mayor Donchess

Will you be paving the entire section that would be disturbed edge to edge?

Mr. Maynard

Yes.

Commissioner Teas

Mr. Maynard, I was wondering, what is the size of the home that will be built on the lot.

Mr. Maynard

It is a single-family home that is approximately 1,400 square feet in size with a one-car garage. It is a moderate type income home.

Commissioner Teas

I think that is much needed in the community and I would vote in favor.

Commissioner Pappas

I did read a good portion of the expert testimony from the court case, and the person did have a Ph.D.

Commissioner Moriarty

Mr. Maynard, I agree with your comment that it should have been there already and I do not know why they stopped before that. I thought the ordinance said you had to pave 20 feet beyond where the work was done.

Mr. Maynard

We are in compliance with the ordinance. I needed specific permission from this Board because it was recently paved but everything else has essentially been approved by a review of the Engineering Department. I would make one more point. The five-year moratorium is somewhat arbitrary, why isn't it for two or three years. Roads are supposed to be good for 20 to 30 years.

Mayor Donchess

I believe the Legal Department is looking into the issue of an ordinance that would impose a fee...

Mr. Maynard

I think they are looking at a bond which would cover anything that went wrong for a period of time.

VOTE: 4-1-0 (Pappas – Nay)

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

B. MOTION: Commissioner Moriarty to approve the Residential and Commercial Wastewater Service Permit and Fees as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

C. MOTION: Commissioner Pappas to approve the purchase of manhole and catch basin castings from EJ Prescott, Inc., of Concord, NH, in the amount of \$110,120. Funding will be through: Department: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Wastewater; Activity: Sewer Structures.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

D. MOTION: Commissioner Teas to approve Change Order No. 2 to the construction contract for the 2018 CIPP Lining with Layne Inliner of Fairfield, ME, in the amount of \$50,995. Funding will be through: Department: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Wastewater; Activity: Sewer Rehab.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

- E. **MOTION:** Commissioner Pappas to approve Change Order No. 1 to the asphalt-testing contract for the 2018 Asphalt Testing with S.W. Cole of Londonderry, NH, in the amount of \$27,581. Funding will be through: Department: 161 Street; Fund: General; Activity: Paving; Department: 161 Street; Fund: Trust; Account Category: 54 Property Services.

Discussion:

Mayor Donchess

This will be for testing at the site of the asphalt plant, is that correct.

Director Fauteux

Yes but on-site.

Commissioner Pappas

Do you have any feedback on how it is working this year?

Director Fauteux

So far, we have had good results and NewPro is doing a good job.

Commissioner Ackerman

Back in May when the pre-bid meeting occurred, was this piece of the puzzle, in terms of testing the hot mix, determined at that time.

Director Fauteux

This is for the additional, federal paving. You had approved some testing previously for the regular program but this is for the federally funded streets.

Commissioner Ackerman

Can you give me an example of a federally funded street?

Director Fauteux

Amherst Street, Somerset Parkway, Broad Street and Kinsley Street.

Mayor Donchess

These are the repurposed funds from the Broad Street Parkway.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

- F. **MOTION:** Commissioner Moriarty to approve the use of Northeast (\$25,000) and Northwest (\$10,000) Sidewalk Quadrant funds together with Infrastructure Capital (\$5,000) for Change Order #2 in the amount of \$40,000 to the contract with Leighton A. White of Milford, NH, for the FY18 Sidewalk Program. Funding will be through Department 160 Admin/Engineering; Fund: Trust and General; Activity: Infrastructure Improvements.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously
Parks & Recreation

A. MOTION: Commissioner Ackerman to approve the purchase of playground equipment through the US Communities Government Purchasing Alliance contract #2017001135 from Kompan Inc of Tacoma, WA, in the amount of \$15,846. Funding for this purchase will be through Department: 177 Parks and Recreation; Funds General and Trust; Account Category: 71 Equipment.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

B. MOTION: Commissioner Pappas to approve the purchase of seasonal boat dock and kayak launch from E Z Dock of Hudson, NH, in the amount of \$13,908.76. Funding for this purchase will be through Department: 177 Parks and Recreation; Funds Trust; Account Category: 71 Equipment.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

C. Informational: Holiday Tree at the Hunt Building

Mr. Nick Caggiano, Superintendent of Parks & Recreation

As everyone knows, every year we find a tree and we go through a pretty laborious task of moving it and we have to pay for cranes and putting all of the ornaments on. It's a fun time but one of the things we have discussed for a few years now, both with the Director as well as with the crew, was that we should put a permanent tree there and save the time and expense. After a few years of searching, we found a 30-foot White Fir at the top of Roby Park by the sledding hill. We planted it back in 2002 when we redid the park and there is a man in Hudson that can move it for about \$3,500. We would spade it out, bring it over and then spade it in. It would have to be staked for a few years to maintain it. The lawn is already irrigated so it would get water which means the survival rate is very high. We would replace the tree at Roby Park. At the Hunt Building, we may need to prune up one big Linden Tree to make sure that it fits nicely. We have spoken with Mr. Paul Shea of the Great American Downtown and he was supportive. We also spoke with the Community Development Director, Ms. Sarah Marchant and the Economic Development Director, Mr. Tim Cummings who are also on board with the idea. We spoke with Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja because Roby Park is in her Ward and she too is on board with it. We still want to speak with the Hunt Board of Trustees and I will attend a Downtown Improvement Committee meeting and run it by them. I think it is a good idea.

Commissioner Teas

I think that is a great idea. Can the tree be decorated with white lights outside of the holiday season to help bring some attention to the Hunt Building since it is an icon in the city?

Mr. Caggiano

That is possible. Right now, we run a wire from the Hunt Building over to the tree but if we were going to permanently light it then I would probably trench an underground conduit and just have the box at the base of the tree. He said it would be fairly inexpensive because of the power requirements of the LED lights.

Commissioner Moriarty

I am in favor of the plan but is the green space at the Hunt Building Park located in our jurisdiction.

Mr. Caggiano

It is one of those shared spaces. The Hunt Trustees are in charge of the building and we have always maintained the outside grounds as part of Deschenes Oval and Railroad Square.

Director Fauteux

The Hunt Building is not under the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Works but Roby Park is.

Mr. Caggiano

It is all one parcel when you click on it.

Commissioner Ackerman

What is our typical cost of bringing in a tree?

Mr. Caggiano

It takes about a half of day so it is about \$600 for the crane plus the bucket truck and the man-hours. When it is all said and done, it probably costs about \$1,500 to \$2,000 to do it.

Commissioner Ackerman

Assuming this is approved, is this something you are going to do between now and the stroll.

Mr. Caggiano

That is our plan.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Commissioner Moriarty

Mr. Caggiano, one of the cell towers at Mine Falls is empty. What is the status on that?

Mayor Donchess

Everything has been moved but there is one occupant in the old tower left and they still have some years left on their lease. They have been encouraged to move over to the new tower and sign a new lease but they refuse to do so. Because we have the old lease in place, we do not have the contractual right to force them to move. The plan is to continue to encourage them to move but to allow them to stay put until they agree to move or their lease runs out and we will take the old tower down.

Attorney Steven Bolton, Corporation Counsel

They do not want to pay their share of the new tower which was built by Verizon Wireless with the caveat that other people who went on it would have to pay an initial fee to reimburse the outlay that they incurred. US Cellular does not want to do that. We have gone back and forth a few times and they say no but then they come back because they really do want to move, they just want to move as cheaply as possible.

Mayor Donchess

Our deal with Verizon suggests that we need to collect this money from them.

Attorney Bolton

Yes, if we do not get it from them we are going to end up paying.
Commissioner Moriarty

Does that contract also include Verizon taking the old tower down regardless as to whether it's one year or ten years?

Attorney Bolton

That is my interpretation.

Mayor Donchess

When does their lease on the old tower run out?

Attorney Bolton

It is another four or five years but they do not want to wait that long, so we have that going for us.

Street Department

- A. MOTION:** Commissioner Pappas to approve the purchase of winter road salt from Granite State Minerals of Portsmouth, NH, and Eastern Minerals, Inc. of Chelsea, MA, in the amount of \$455,000. Funding will be through Department: 161 Streets; Fund: General; Account Classification: 61 Supplies and Materials.

Discussion:

Commissioner Moriarty

Superintendent Ibarra, with our new program using brine, are we hoping that we are going to use less road salt going forward.

Mr. Jon Ibarra, Superintendent of Streets

That is correct. The numbers predict a 30% savings and that would be great.

Commissioner Moriarty

Will we be looking at a lower number next year?

Mr. Ibarra

It will probably be the same budgeted number but we will be able to get more salt out of it.

Commissioner Moriarty

Why would we fund it at the same amount if we will be using 30% less salt?

Mr. Ibarra

We will have to wait and see. If we use less then I suppose we will budget for less.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously
Wastewater Department

A. MOTION: Commissioner Ackerman to approve the User Warrants as presented.
MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

B. MOTION: Commissioner Teas to approve the purchase of a Class I Service for the three Turblex Blowers to BCV Systems of Springfield, MO in the amount of \$28,496. Funding will be through Department: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Wastewater; Account Classification: 55 Other Services.
MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

C. MOTION: Commissioner Pappas to approve change order #1 to the three year contract with Casella Organics of Concord, NH, for the management of Wastewater Biosolids in the amount of \$260,000. Funding will be through: Department: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Wastewater; Account Classification: 54 Property Services.
MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

D. MOTION: Commissioner Moriarty to approve the contract with Paxor Construction of Merrimack, NH, in the amount of \$136,154.86 for the purchase/installation or repair of 21 doors at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Funding will be through Department: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Wastewater; Account Classification: 81 Major Capital Outlay/Improvements.
MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

E. MOTION: Commissioner Ackerman to approve a three-year contract between the City of Nashua and Excel Recycling for the recycling of scrap metal at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Revenue generated through this contract will be directed to: Department: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Wastewater; Account Classification: 45 Miscellaneous Revenue
MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Administration Department

Informational

A. Directors Report

- We have done some levee maintenance.
- We have done some sign installations through the Safe Routes to School Program on Dublin Avenue.
- This is trench restoration for a new gas line on Concord Street.
- This is the updated paving schedule for Concord Street. There will be some night milling done on September 23rd and 24th fro 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. and Concord Street will be closed during those times. The final top coat, barring any weather conditions would be installed on October 10th and 11th and pavement markings on October 14th and 19th. If the work were to be done during the daytime hours, Concord Street would have to be closed for four days and we did not feel that was an option.

Director Fauteux

Ms. Lauren Byers will be sending out a notification regarding the paving on Concord Street via CodeRed.
Commissioner Ackerman

Signage is pretty good but will there be message boards that will indicate a road closure?

Mayor Donchess

The paving will be from Orange Street to the Henri Bourque Highway.

Commissioner Pappas

Is part of the paving bond to fix some of the expensive crosswalks there?

Director Fauteux

That is the responsible of Liberty Utilities because they are the ones who cut into the crosswalks.

- Kinsley Street is another street that people have been interested in. There has been gas work, sewer work and Pennichuck is going in next week. We have to do all of the tip downs on Kinsley Street because we are using the repurposed Broad Street Parkway funds. All of the utility and sidewalk work will be done by the end of October and our plan is, weather permitting, to start milling during the first week of November. If it snows, we may have some problems.
- Charron Avenue is open and we are doing some night work. We will be doing the binder on September 21st and then the last week of September is when we plan on doing the top course, which will include the new right turn.

Mayor Donchess

Are we also adding a right turn lane?

Director Fauteux

Yes.

- We removed a tree on Court Street in order to install a walkway to make it more usable.
- We have tours of the Mine Falls Gate House every time we have Trail Days and the last tour date was on July 9th.
- A gentleman by the name of Doug Price brought Pickle Ball to Nashua so we dedicated the Pickle Ball courts to Mr. Price and about 60 people attended, which was pretty cool.
- Stellos Stadium is back in full swing.
- We have done a lot of sinkhole repairs. This is the sinkhole at the intersection of Main and Lake Streets.
- This is a picture of paving being done at the intersection of Will and Simon Streets.
- Underdrain installation on Brickyard Lane, which is part of the paving program.

- We just received our new message boards.
- These are some Infrastructure repairs.
- Sidewalk repairs at 86 Allds Street.
- It has been a very busy season for emergency sewer repairs.
- This is a paving project that we helped the school out with in the parking lot at Main Dunstable.
- We are working on our brine project, and everything is getting set up and we will be ready to implement the plan this winter.
- There is a Public Works Memorial that is being built at DOT. It is a tribute to all of those who have died in the line of duty as public works employees. Nashua, as well as other communities have contributed to the memorial to get it built. The Street Department has sent a couple of crews help.
- This is wastewater doing some monthly inspections of emergency eyewash and shower stations.
- Odor system control repairs for the control tower and the pressroom.
- These are some gravity belt thickeners getting routine maintenance.
- This is the wet weather facility continues to be a bit of a challenge. We got about 30 million gallons on Tuesday but we should have gotten more. We have issues with our screens and bar racks; we are just not able to remove enough material so the screens are getting clogged. Wright-Pierce is looking at that right now and will advise us on new screens and racks to make that work more efficiently.
- This is our new excavator at the Solid Waste Department.
- We want to remind people as they are closing their pools, please do not throw chemicals in the trash because it will start a fire both in the trucks as well as in the landfill. The same goes for fire pit ashes.
- Our curbside collection is coming to an end. The last day to request a pick-up is October 19th and collections will end on Friday, October 26th.
- Our next hazardous waste collection date is Saturday, October 6th, at the Street Department garage from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The last one will be on November 3rd.
- A reminder that the Four Hills Landfill will be closed on Monday, October 8th, in observance of Columbus Day curbside pick-up will be delayed by one day for that week.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Teas

It is my understanding that a majority of the motions we are voting on are pre-approved as part of the budget. Is it possible to notify by placing it in parenthesis indicating that it has previously been approved?

Mayor Donchess

They all reflect an appropriation for the purpose outlined in the item. Each particular contract is not set forth in the budget but if we are approving a contract for manhole and catch basin castings then that has been approved as part of the bond issue; the \$7.5 million per year.

Commissioner Teas

So, are we simply approving the vendor by which we are doing business?

Mayor Donchess

That is correct.

Commissioner Teas

What is the protocol regarding some of the sewers being really backed up? Is there routine maintenance to clean up the sewers that take in the water?

Director Fauteux

Are you talking about flushing out the sewer lines or are you talking about catch basins and culverts?

Commissioner Teas

I really do not know what the difference is. For instance, when I come out of Cotton Road onto Amherst Street, there is always a big puddle there and it seems as though the drain is plugged up.

Director Fauteux

We are working on what is called a CMOM Program that will address the cleaning. We have 8,000 catch basins in the city so we do not clean them all as we do not have the resources. Eventually, we will have a program in place and we will clean them every so many years. We do regular maintenance in areas where we typically have flooding or drainage issues. We also clean culverts. For instance, when we knew of the rainfall that was coming, we went out and started clearing catch basins where we knew there could be potential issues and then of course, that day we were out in full force. The CMOM Program will help. We will have a camera in all of our sewer lines so we will have a better sense of where our sewers are failing and will put a plan in place to update the ones that need it. We will also have a plan for cleaning the catch basins as well.

Commissioner Teas

I really respect all of the opinions and perspective of the other Commissioners and something that Commissioner Pappas said earlier has prompted me to ask some questions. How many miles of road does Nashua have.

Mayor Donchess

We have 306.

Commissioner Teas

How many of those are we paving?

Mayor Donchess

We are paving 30.

Commissioner Teas

Is the cost \$10 million?

Mayor Donchess

It is \$11.5 million.

Commissioner Teas

How many miles of those potentially paved roads have been worked on by utilities in advance of the final paving?

Director Fauteux

Most of them have had some utility work done.

Commissioner Teas

When Commissioner Pappas was speaking about Lacasse Homes and their hardship request, it got me thinking about them digging a trench that is two feet wide. How is what Lacasse doing any different from what the utilities are doing now?

Director Fauteux

The difference is that the utilities are doing it in advance of our paving.

Commissioner Teas

How does installing sewer lines have a negative impact on the surrounding road? Is it because it is not compacted properly; is that the biggest issue? I am wondering if Lacasse and anybody else will compact it properly.

Director Fauteux

The difference is the road Lacasse wanted to cut into had already been final paved and whenever you cut into a road you are going to undermine the integrity of a newly paved road.

Commissioner Teas

Just the pavement?

Director Fauteux

Correct. We have a pretty stringent repair requirement but nonetheless, the integrity of a newly paved road would still be undermined. That is why we are working so hard with the utilities to get in there prior to final

paving. You can see on Concord Street that they cut into the road and they still had to meet the requirements. They had to do that because we want to make sure the final pavement is not undermined by the trenches.

Mayor Donchess

The initial trench is a couple of feet wide and that appears to be a "repair" but then over the last few weeks, the utility went back and ground down the pavement to at least four feet on each side of the two-foot trench so now it becomes a ten-foot wide repair. It goes way beyond the edge of the trench and that is of a much higher quality and is required by ordinance rather than simply filling in the trench and putting asphalt on top.

Commissioner Teas

Mr. Maynard was proposing to redo the entire width of the street.

Mayor Donchess

Yes, for the length plus what would be worked on.

Commissioner Teas

Isn't that better than having two and a half year old pavement?

Mayor Donchess

There will still be a cut across the width of the street at the end of where they would stop working. They are proposing something which is very thorough. Part of the delay on Kinsley Street is because they still have the two-foot wide trench, they have to go back and do the ten-foot wide trench as they did on Concord Street. There is still quite a bit of work to be done and that is why we may get the paving done in November rather than right now.

Commissioner Pappas

The City of Manchester and the City of Concord were being sued by the gas company (I think) because they made them repair the road in the same way we do and then they also had a fee. It went all the way to the New Hampshire Supreme Court. My understanding is that you can repair the top part of the pavement but the area underneath that gets undermined. Parts of our city looks like Swiss cheese from where there are new water pipes put in and half of the road is compacted and half of it is not. You can really notice it in the winter but I understand we cannot make Pennichuck pay to repave the entire road.

Commissioner Teas

So, we are going to allow the utilities who do this professionally, to impact eleven miles of road and then we are going to put \$11 million of tar on top.

Mayor Donchess

It is 30 miles.

Commissioner Teas

What I do not understand is if other contractors are saying they will make the same improvements...is the integrity of the street worse than Concord Street where the utilities are digging the trenches and repaving.

Director Fauteux

Yes, it is worse because they have already been final paved, and now they want to cut into it which will cause seams where water could get into it. What we are telling the utilities is “look, there is going to be a five-year moratorium on these streets so get in here and get your work done. We still make them restore it to the same standards even though we will be paving.

Commissioner Ackerman

Mr. Maynard made a reference about the compaction of the sub-street. I know that for the asphalt we have a third party company coming in to do the compaction and the testing. When it comes to the integrity of the sub-street, do we also have a third party or do we rely on our own Engineering Department to make sure that they have done the compaction correctly.

Director Fauteux

Do you mean for the base of the road?

Commissioner Ackerman

Yes.

Director Fauteux

That is certainly an issue, as we are not rebuilding every road that we are paving and some of them have a better base than others do. Pine Hill Road is a good example, it was a cow path at one time and the base of that road is terrible.

Mayor Donchess

I think he is asking a different question. I think he is asking when a repair gets done, who inspects it to make sure the repair was done properly, is it city employees or a third party.

Director Fauteux

Are you talking about the sub-base?

Mayor Donchess

Let's say on Concord Street or Kinsley Street, when they do their final repair, someone is inspecting that to see if it meets the city requirements. Who is doing that inspection?

Director Fauteux

We have inspectors and all of our engineers are on all of the jobs.

Commissioner Ackerman

Do we have city employees who are inspectors?

Director Fauteux

Yes, we do. We have an inspector, an engineer or somebody from SHI looking at the roads. We also have Cole doing the testing of the asphalt.

Commissioner Ackerman

If I heard him correctly, he made a comment that “some inspectors do not necessarily hold certain contractors to the right standards.” Do you find that to be an accurate statement?

Director Fauteux

I would say that is an inaccurate statement.

Commissioner Moriarty

I would like to thank Superintendent Boucher for the monthly CSO report. I appreciate that very much.

Mayor Donchess, I would like to congratulate you and your staff for your AAA bond rating.

Mayor Donchess

We have all contributed to that. It is all of our Boards, Commissions and all city employees’ spending money effectively. A few months ago, we received the Ninth Best Run City in the United States by Wallet Hub and that was comparing the quality of service versus the cost.

Commissioner Moriarty

Commissioner Teas, a couple of meetings ago you mentioned the possibility of perhaps getting together with contractors regarding Burke Street to see what could happen there. I was wondering if that had gone any further.

Commissioner Teas

My pitch was did it make sense to go down there with more than one contractor and specialist. Maybe have a lunch and have the superintendents walk through the building, and see if the contractors could help us find a more efficient use of the building as opposed to spending \$50 million. I had the opportunity back in March to see the DPW facility I think we can do better for our employees. The tour was very eye opening for me. We have not moved forward with that concept and I think the ball is in my court to discuss it with the Director. I would enjoy having a session in concert with the superintendents to learn what the strategy is for public works and what was on their minds and work collectively to develop some sort of a strategic plan. Is it to go in and make improvements where needed, to combine different areas, to investigate Burke Street, I do not know the answer but I do know that the proposed answer probably lies within the folks that are generally inside this room.

Commissioner Pappas

I have a different view. I know that we got the \$52 million and I think those were really good plans set up by an engineering/architectural firm. It was a jaw-dropping price. I think as far as our buildings go, we have a fire, aim, ready approach and I think that is how we got stuck with Burke Street. I voted no because we did not have enough information on the building and I think sometimes we get stuck with some white elephants. Certainly, Riverside is one of those white elephants. The Parks & Rec building should have been dealt with in the 70’s; it’s in deplorable condition which is not the fault of any of the employees there. I fully agree with getting a long-term plan but my view is we have the \$52 million figure if we do everything to Burke Street. I do

not think we did a lot of homework on that as far as traffic impact and that sort of thing. My proposal would be, and I have no idea what the cost would be, that during the next budgeting session that we get an engineer go through our buildings and determine where the strengths and weaknesses are. I think Parks & Rec looks the worst. The superintendents can share what is wrong with their facility, what they absolutely cannot live without and then say what would be their dream. I think we should come up with a maintenance plan for our buildings. I think what we have done with our trucks is very good. I did squawk about the process a little bit but when I was first on the Board our trucks were breaking down all of the time.

Mayor Donchess

When did you come on the Board?

Commissioner Pappas

It was ten years ago. Clearly, this is going to be very long-term. I think the former Mayor was the only one on the Board who voted for the Broad Street Parkway and I recognize that people think it is a good plan but I also recognize how much bonding it took for the city. I think we do a really good job at putting ourselves at the bottom of the list of things to be done and I think we should get a figure of what it is going cost and figure out how we will do it. Whatever way we are coming up with our buildings, it is not working. The Parks & Rec building has been on the Capital Improvements list for years. The buildings would probably be deemed uninhabitable. I would like to try to find a longer term and a more efficient way to pay for it. I would like for us to take the same approach as we did for Burke Street with our current buildings so we can compare apples to apples.

Commissioner Teas

You said out of the gate that you had a different perspective than I did but I think this is the first time that we are on the exact same page.

Commissioner Pappas

I would like us to be a model for how the city should handle our buildings and I think trying to find a cheap way just to get it done at Burke Street is not the way to go.

Commissioner Teas

No one said anything about a cheaper way.

Commissioner Ackerman

I thought the special meeting we had about the facilities was eye awakening and it definitely demonstrated that there are some shortcomings.

Two years ago in May and then this past year ago in May, we made an agreement that we would make a green space around the courthouse in downtown Nashua and I did not hear that come up in our recent May/June meetings at all. Is that still the way we will move forward and if it becomes a green space, who will take care of it.

Mayor Donchess

I think what we approved was the closing of part of one of the loops on the northeast corner to demonstrate that we really do not need all of the pavement out there to make the traffic move. I think the closure was

successful, there is a small park there and occasionally, people use it. More recently, you have seen some stripes painted which make the area more pedestrian friendly and that was done at the request of some people at Clocktower. There have been a few comments about it and some adjustments can be made. I think most persuasive are a couple having to do with the east side of the oval. There are some parking spaces which have been painted and public works has placed some small wood structures that blocked the spaces. The bus stop is having trouble there because of those spaces and the trucks going into Nashua Wallpaper that have to make that right turn are also having difficulty because of those parking spaces so we should probably remove those.

I think we are hoping to find a use for the oval that would develop the site in a way that it would ultimately be brought back into the block pattern of the downtown. The oval is kind of L.A. massive traffic circle which really is not necessary to move the traffic and is very pedestrian unfriendly and as we get more downtown residents that becomes more important. If we bring it back into a block structure, it will be a much bigger development site. The problem is finding someone to do it, and who would take the chance of doing something there. I think eventually we will get that, but so far, we have not.

Commissioner Ackerman

I just did not know if the agreement to keep it a green space had to come before the Board year over year. We approved it year by year.

Mayor Donchess

We should probably come back with it and we could even think about closing another section. I think we have proven that we do not need all of that pavement but on the other hand, we haven't found a developer to do something very positive with that space. The owner is trying to lease the building that is there and even that has not worked. Pennichuck and other people have looked at it.

Commissioner Ackerman

Did the Community Development Director present a proposal of changing some streets to one-way?

Mayor Donchess

Yes.

Commissioner Ackerman

Is that something that is still in conversation?

Mayor Donchess

Yes. Right now, Pearl Street heads west and Factory Street and Temple Street head east. It is a one-way pair that goes all the way from the oval to where the Senior Center is. Because of the opening of the Broad Street Parkway, there are now people who come down the Broad Street Parkway, turn onto Central and want to head to Main Street and cannot do that directly because Pearl Street comes west right at them so they have to begin to go around the oval and then make a right on High or Factory to get to Main Street. The idea has been to reverse Pearl Street so you can drive directly from Central along Pearl to Main. The idea is also to reverse Factory and Temple to make it west so the one-way pair would be different than it is now. It would cost about \$500,000 and there is support for it but there is also some objection. It will take a \$500,000 appropriation as well as the decision to move forward with it. Because there has been some objections to it downtown, it is a little bit of a disincentive but it is probably something that we should move forward with. Maybe we should take

a look if Pearl Street should be redesigned in any way; the sidewalks are a little old. We may need some money to have someone look at Pearl Street because it could be a very picturesque street. If we redo it, it should be something that upgrades the entire neighborhood and can retain its pedestrian, comfortable feel.

Commissioner Ackerman

The only feedback that I heard was that many businesses did not want to lose parking spaces.

Mayor Donchess

It is clear if you were to go Pearl Street west, you could not make it two-ways, especially between Elm and the oval because there is not enough space to do two-ways in that section without taking parking off of the streets. Some people have suggested that Elm to Main could be two-ways for various reasons without losing parking but that would have to be decided on.

Commissioner Pappas

I wanted to point out that I received a constituent's concern regarding traffic not being able to go through that area. Quite honestly, I never really figured out how to use that oval. I wanted to make sure that we get that yearly approval. It would be great if we could get a couple of month's heads up because I told the individual that I would let them know when it would be on the agenda. If we can have the traffic engineer tell us what the pros and cons are with closing it.

Director Fauteux

I think Director Cummings wants to give an update on the potential of East Hollis Street projects and maybe I can ask him to give us an update on that as well.

Commissioner Pappas

I think it would be really helpful to have a traffic person speak to it as well just to get both sides of it presented.

Commissioner Moriarty

Mayor, I think moving forward, it appears that we should have some kind of special meeting to go over the structures and what we are going to do in the future. We also had talked about having a special meeting to discuss recycling and we have not had them yet.

Mayor Donchess

We did have a meeting on September 6th to start to talk about the buildings but I think the department was beginning to develop some priorities and certainly, we should have another conversation on that subject. We do need to schedule those meetings.

Personnel

- A. MOTION:** Commissioner Ackerman to unseal the nonpublic minutes for Personnel from the Board of Public Works Meeting of August 23, 2018.
MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Non-Public Session

B. MOTION: Commissioner Ackerman 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.

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

Yea: Mayor Donchess, Commissioner Ackerman, Commissioner Pappas, Commissioner Moriarty & Commissioner Teas	5
Nay:	0

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Commissioner Ackerman made a motion to come out of the non-public session.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

MOTION: Commissioner Ackerman moved by roll call to seal the minutes of the Board of Public Works non-public meeting of September 20, 2018, until such time as the majority of the Board votes that the purpose of the confidentiality would no longer be served.

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

Yea: Mayor Donchess, Commissioner Ackerman, Commissioner Pappas, Commissioner Moriarty & Commissioner Teas	5
Nay:	0

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Non-Public Session

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

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

Yea: Mayor Donchess, Commissioner Ackerman, Commissioner Pappas, Commissioner Moriarty & Commissioner Teas	5
Nay:	0

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

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

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

MOTION: Commissioner Moriarty moved by roll call to seal the minutes of the Board of Public Works non-public meeting of September 20, 2018, until such time as the majority of the Board votes that the purpose of the confidentiality would no longer be served.

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

Yea: Mayor Donchess, Commissioner Ackerman, Commissioner Pappas,
Commissioner Moriarty & Commissioner Teas 5

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Adjournment

Commissioner Teas made a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.