

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING HELD: October 5, 2021**

**LOCATION:** 84 Somers Road, East Longmeadow MA 01028

**ATTENDANCE:** P. Abair, T. O'Brien, W. Gelinas, B. Fenney, T. Christensen, F. Vachon, J. Dunn and D. Keane, and B. Taddia

**P. Abair** called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm and asked if anyone is recording the meeting other than the webinar. B. Taddia confirmed that he would record for meeting minutes.

**REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES OF 09/14/2021 MEETING: P. Abair entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated September 14, 2021; W. Gelinas made a motion to approve the minutes; T. O'Brien seconded the motion. The vote was taken and was unanimously affirmative.**

**APPROVE to MOVE UP OTHER BUSINESS and have Emily Tully present her MS4 Update. P. Abair made a motion to approve moving up Other Business; T. O'Brien seconded the motion. The vote was taken and was unanimously affirmative.**

**OTHER BUSINESSES:** Emily Tully, MS4 Permit Review Year 3 as well as past work; this is a public participation requirement. Presentation is on the Town of East Longmeadow website under Stormwater: [https://www.eastlongmeadowma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/12067/EL-MS4-Program-Update-Presentation\\_Oct-2021](https://www.eastlongmeadowma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/12067/EL-MS4-Program-Update-Presentation_Oct-2021)

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: B. Fenney** updates: Staff Update: Hired 2 new Skilled Workers for Highway department: Anthony McAuliffe and Philip Levesque; we are at full staff. Permanent Wastewater flow monitoring project on N. Main Street; bid open on 09/22/21 @ 2pm; one bid received by Ricciardi Brothers Inc. \$860,000; third time going up for bid; tried to piggyback on City of Springfield.

**Board Comments:** Can the project be done in-house? **B. Fenney:** Unfortunately not.

Maple St sidewalk project was completed 2 weeks ago along center field; purchased 6 cherry trees which will be installed on Maple St as well to help bring back the old Town feel again; moving planters and picnic tables along Leahy field over along that corridor as well; help to beautify the center as well; some planters and picnic tables will go to the entrance of Heritage Park. Urban Forestry grant was completed last weekend; planted 29 trees amongst various locations around town; B Taddia will work on submitting reimbursement.

**FY23 "DRAFT" Capital Budget:** B. Fenney presented the FY23 Budget with the board.

**Building Maintenance**

1. Town Hall – Trailer Mount Generator (150 KW): **\$104,153**
2. Police – New Generator (60 KW): **\$37,657**
3. Fire – New Fire Sprinkler System Piping: **\$192,488**

**Highway**

1. Design Cost North Main Street TIP Harkenss to Dearborn: **\$560,000**
2. Sidewalk Fund: **\$150,000**
3. Fire Station – Repave Parking Lot: **\$107,069**

### Equipment

1. Flat Bed Truck #73 F800 (1999); Replace with Ford F550 Flatbed: **\$95,300**
2. Backhoe #17 Volvo (2008); Replace with John Deere 410L: **\$179,550**
3. Bobcat #109 185 (2006); Replace with Bobcat T770 Compact Track Loader: **\$76,734**
4. One Ton Dump Truck #67 F550 (2001); Replace with Ford F550 Dump Body: **\$90,686**

### Water

1. Ford F350 #11 w/Utility Body; Replace with Ford F350 Utility Body: **\$69,589**
2. Meter and Module Upgrades: **\$120,000**
3. Pump Station Communication PLC Upgrades 25%: **\$90,692**

### Sewer

1. Vineland Sewage Grinder Replacement: **\$47,281**
2. Pump Station Communication PLC Upgrades 75% (Water 25%): **\$305,676**
3. 1997 Ford L-8000 #9 Dump Truck; Replace with Mack Granite 42FR: **\$221,318**

### Stormwater

1. Westone Dam – Short Range: **\$0**

### Landfills

1. Allen Street Landfill Closure: **\$147,265**

**DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: T. Christensen updates:** There was an article in the Reminder where a resident was complaining about the stormwater fee; there are a lot of residents that may not know that they are being charged for stormwater; \$6.25 per quarter; everything you need to know about stormwater is on our Town website under Stormwater; we are required to supply links and information per our annual report.

**Board Comments: P. Abair:** Where are we at with the dam in the industrial garden park? **T. Christensen:** Same; still on the capital list but not put on for this year as a priority; checked it out in July; have a video of 18" of water coming out of the top of the dam; stormwater foreman has a check off list that he completes monthly; forgoing the maintenance because it is in decent shape; we will continue to monitor; will get a water quality quote from Tighe and Bond to determine if we can remove the dam; to test the soil was \$12,000; environmental crowd in town may not look to kindly about moving a body of water.

**WATER & SEWER ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: F. Vachon updates:** Excavating for both water main projects will start within 1-2 weeks; received one load of pipe this week; most jobs will be complete by December. To date, contractors for the leak detection found one minor leak and few hydrant leaks. **B. Fenney:** this goes hand and hand with our water meter module and meter upgrade; lot of batteries were going bad; possible water tampering; new units will detect water tampering and other activities; we have found that people are bypassing meters, cutting the pipe before the meter; assisted living center on Benton Dr. was getting free sprinkler water for years; sometimes we don't find out if there is a problem until we go to change out the meter; Felix is involved with these day-to-day operations which wasn't the case in the past; we are very proactive with doing our investigations; this checks another box on our annual DEP reporting. **F. Vachon:** There is a \$500 fine for tampering with meters. Judy does an excellent job of calling residents when there is a problem with water usage.

**BUILDING FACILITIES REPORT: J. Dunn updates:** Pineknoll is locked up for the winter, drained and winterized. Working on boiler for the Senior Center. One section left to side for the little red schoolhouse.

**Board Comments: P. Abair:** Any problem with the schools, air quality? Any water leak cause from the summer, mold issues like S. Hadley? **J. Dunn:** No. Tighe and Bond completed a study with Gordon and they made a recommendation to open outside dampers more through the building automation for more fresh air. We have one ongoing issue with the roof at the High School, few leaks but nothing major. **B. Fenney:** Joe does a great job maintaining the buildings and following everyone's guidelines.

**HIGHWAY UTILITY MANAGER REPORT: D. Kean updates:** Ramping up for winter; received the salt bid with Eastern Mineral; will order salt within the next couple weeks; seeing shipping shortages; ordering salt and filling up our shed; changing salt and sanding routes; we have 3 trucks that have automation where we can program the amount of salt we put down per mile; we will use the trucks to help monitor salt usage. Parks department getting ready to suck up leaves and take care of sports fields. We have guys putting on snow plows; guys checked on cutting edges and we are fully stocked; one plow out for repair; toward the end of the month we will start putting sanders on; we have 4 sanders ready to go every day for emergencies.

**Board Comments: P. Abair:** How have all the fields been with all the water during the summer? **D. Kean:** We fell behind; Will Arment and a bunch of parents of the leagues and volunteers worked in getting 3 fields in better condition; we will be working on a couple more fields on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>; I have been hearing complaints about the fields for the past 18 plus years; It was nice to see the community step up and help; it takes a lot of time and work to get our fields right; 7am til noon with 25 volunteers and 3 bob cats we completed 3 fields; it was a learning experience for everyone. **B. Fenney:** All the baseball fields were in good condition before we had the 17 inches of rain from the summer; this was the first year that we had a fall baseball league; Will Arment is one of the main volunteers who is active in the forum; he decided to get a crew together to help and come together as a community and work together; we have a quote from the Arment's to go through all our fields and baseball diamonds twice a year, in the spring and fall; approx. \$80,0000; will put this as a supplemental item on our budget to address some of the concerns for the department. **D. Kean:** The quote was for 16 fields; \$2,500 per field twice a year; adding one at Mapleshade and Mountainview; the town doesn't have enough area for the amount of kids playing baseball; 17 t ball teams.

**SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: B. Fenney** will send an email invite for the next meeting on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 and will have it posted to the town website.

**P. Abair entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:41 pm; W. Gelinis made a motion to end the meeting; T. O'brien seconded the motion; there being no further discussion; the vote was taken and was unanimously affirmative.**