

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS AND THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM  
October 10, 2018 – 4:00 PM

Committee Members present:      Councilor Dale R. Sprague, Chairman  
   Councilor David A. Witham, Vice Chairman  
   Councilor Kenneth S. Vincent  
   Councilor Martin Pepin

Administration/Staff present:      City Manager, Bob Belmore  
   Finance Director, Scott Smith  
   Director of Public Works, Michael Bobinsky  
   Engineer Gary Lemay  
   City Clerk, Trish Harris

Others:                                      Bernie Peilage, Attorney representing Mr. Caldarola  
   Joe Caldarola, Contractor  
   Angie Penny, Resident  
   Councilor Richard Michaud

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Chairman Sprague called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion made by Councilor Pepin, seconded by Councilor Witham, to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2018 meeting. Motion was approved 4-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-19 - ACCEPT CURRAN WAY

Director Bobinsky stated that he and City Engineer Lemay reviewed the design plans for Curran Way from 2006-07. The plans called for 18" of gravel, 4" of crushed gravel, and a 2" base. After test boring, the base binder was just under 2" and the top was 1". The compaction tests exceeded DOT requirements. Everything else that was supposed to be done has been done.

Concerning the cracking area in the lower 3rd of the road, the engineer reviewed. There are no issues with the binder. The cracking appears to be in the topcoat. Recommendation was to overlay the entire road surface, as they do not want to cut into a new road.

City Manager Belmore referred to an email from Mr. Caldarola with a quote \$22,000 from Brox to pave the entire road.

There was lengthy discussion about surety bonds, irrevocable lines of credit and the process in Somersworth and other communities.

Councilor Sprague, seconded by Councilor Pepin, made a motion to waive rules to allow guests to speak.

Mr. Caldarola stated that he met with the Scott Bourcier of Dubois and King, earlier in the spring to look at the cracks. Borcier said crack seal or chip seal would be sufficient. Councilor Witham

stated he visited the road and he thought the road was not in a significantly poor condition as to his layman's eyes.

Mr. Caldarola requested that the City waive its new policy of not accepting Surety Bonds. Attorney Peilage stated performance, surety bond or irrevocable letter of credit will be established for future road maintenance is allowed by State law.

There was brief discussion about obtaining legal easements for utility and drainage.

***Councilor Witham, seconded by Councilor Pepin made a motion to recommend to Council that the City accept Curran Way with the following conditions: A Maintenance Surety Bond in the amount \$71,000 for a period of 2 years for Curran Way is provided acceptable to the City; a deed to the road as well as all needed public utility easement are provided to the City. The motion passed, 4-0.***

#### W-P ENGINEERING AMENDMENT: SRF UPDATE

A general overview of the Finance Committee's discussion and recommendation was given. Wright Pierce requested an amendment agreement. Finance Committee endorsed a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$155,000, increasing the engineering contract from \$863,000 to \$1,018,000.

***Councilor Witham, seconded by Councilor Pepin, made a motion to endorse an ordinance for supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$155,000 to cover the additional engineering cost for WWTF. The motion passed, 4-0.***

#### WATER INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT UPDATE

City Manager Belmore gave a brief update, stating that there was lengthy discussion in the Finance Committee Meeting regarding the allocation of financial responsibility of the annual operation and maintenance fees as well as any needed future capital improvement needs. There was discussion about the number of users/units in Somersworth and Dover and what options to share in the cost might be. Committee consensus was that the City Manager/staff should continue negotiating in this preferred methodology.

#### TAP GRANT UPDATE/CEMETERY ROAD COMPLETE STREETS

City Manager Belmore gave a brief update. The estimated project cost is at \$1,460,000; \$473,500 over TAP Grant budget. Belmore stated that there was lengthy discussion in the Finance Committee Meeting regarding the option to remove the Cemetery Road sidewalk segment and include that part of this project with the Cemetery Road improvements currently being engineered by Wright/Pierce, reducing the project scope by \$414,000. Finance Committee voted to support this strategy outlined by City Staff.

***Councilor Witham, seconded by Councilor Pepin, made a motion to endorse the strategy outline by City Staff, to remove Cemetery Rd from TAP Grant funding and have the project completed by Wright/Pierce. The motion passed, 4-0.***

This will be listed under OTHER on Monday's Council agenda.

#### FAIR COURT UPDATE

City Manager Belmore gave a brief update. Committee consensus was there was a good potential compromise currently being discussed and this should be further explored.

#### SOLAR ARRAY PROJECT UPDATE

City Manager Belmore stated that this will be on the November 5, 2018 Council agenda, for vote from full Council in regards to one or two issues that may need to be addressed for this project to move forward.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Councilor Witham asked about the guard rail on Maple Street. It is complete.

The State Law- Yield to pedestrian signs have been installed in the downtown.

Councilor Witham asked if the tax rate is set. Director Smith said it was set by the DRA, and is less than what was thought. The tax rate amounts were provided.

Councilor Sprague stated that Whitehouse Road is about to pave in Rochester and the gas company has not done what we suggested should be done.

Councilor Pepin stated that on Maple Street at Hillside, there are trees hanging down; looks like a broken branch.

Main Street paving is scheduled to start early next week.

Councilor Witham stated that there are many utility poles around the city that have not been transferred. Director Bobinsky stated that he is setting up a meeting with the utility co.

#### ADJOURNMENT

***Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Witham seconded by Councilor Pepin. Motion passed, 3-1, with Councilor Sprague opposed. Meeting adjourned at 4:59pm.***

Respectfully submitted,

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Trish Harris, City Clerk