

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS AND THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM
March 29, 2019 – 4:00PM

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

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

Others: Councilor Richard Michaud

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

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Councilor Witham made some amendments to the March 25, 2019 minutes, on page 2 he stated that chip seal creates high noise, not crack seal. Also, the 4th paragraph down on page 2 he did not say except Down St that was Councilor Sprague that stated it.

Motion to accept minutes made by Councilor Witham, seconded by Councilor Pepin, to approve the minutes as amended of the March 25, 2019 meeting. Motion was approved 3-0.

ROAD RESURFACING PROJECTS AND ROAD REPAIRS

The Committee discussed a memo included in the packet from City Engineer Lemay. The memo referred to a list of road repair candidates that were discussed at the PW&E meeting on March 25, 2019. City Engineer Lemay stated that he met with a chip seal representative from All States Materials Group, they spoke of cost estimates for various types of chip sealing and other surface treatment options and how they may be applicable to our City's streets and roads.

Councilor Sprague asked how thick the chip seal is. City Engineer Lemay stated 1/4" at \$2.50 - \$3.00 per square yard, which is three times more than the crack sealing.

Director Bobinsky stated that when he met with the representative from ASMG he looked at Willand Drive and he stated that due to truck traffic that chip seal was not a viable option.

Councilor Sprague suggested paving to Franklin Street instead of stopping at South when paving High St to tie in with the TAP grant.

There was discussion on the budget, potential dollar amounts left over after the projects are completed and what other road repairs can be completed.

Councilor Sprague stated that the current list of road repairs is low traffic areas. These may not have to be done again within the next 15 years or more. Discussion occurred regarding notifying the gas company and property owners.

Under consideration for the FY2020 road repair list are the following roads; Clement Road, Crest Drive, Franklin Street, Indigo Hill Road, Brick St., Chesley Ave., First St., Second St., Third St., River St. between Buffumsville Rd. and Indigo Hill Rd., Stackpole Rd., Union St., Ash St., Central St., Kings Lane, School St., Spring St., Spruce St., Summer St., and Water St. There was discussion of adding other roads and it was agreed to add Down Street and Rita Road and as an alternative bid to include Buffumsville Rd, Lily Pond Rd as perhaps a shim and overlay project

The Committee also discussed crack sealing the following roads; Deer Creek Run, Davis St., Chadwick Lane, Lenox Dr., William St., Cote St., Longleaf Lane, Winslow Dr., Greenfield Dr., Hickory Lane, Morrison St., Aspen Dr., Milo Lane, Cornfield Dr., Maize Dr., Guy St., Commercial Dr., Victoria Dr., and Willand Dr. Councilor Sprague recommended the City consider crack sealing High St from Blackwater to Sinclair and the Sinclair to the City line.

Councilor Witham seconded by Councilor Pepin made a motion to support a Resolution that the Public Works & Environment Committee endorses the road repairs for FY2020 which includes mill/overlay, adding Down St and Rita St to the list, and crack sealing as described.

Councilor Sprague asked when you put this out to bid are we stating it's just a mill/overlay and by linear feet. City Engineer Lemay answered that he will put this out for bid per ton, on a square yard basis. Director Bobinsky stated that last year he included the street list, but the bid was not road specific.

Councilor Witham, seconded by Councilor Pepin made an amendment to also solicit bid alternates for Buffumsville Rd and Lily Pond for shim/overlay.

Discussion on crack sealing table 2 in the packet was spoken about and ideas. Councilor Sprague stated that it is important to keep up with High St as it is a heavily traveled road and also a large road.

Manager Belmore informed the committee that the City has reached out to the Boston Main Railroad in response to our proposed work near the crossing on Indigo Hill Road and they seemed very receptive to working with us in this area.

Motion Passed 3-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

Councilor Pepin mentioned that on Rocky Hill Rd near the farm there is a good 6-8 inches of gravel on the side of the road that is washed away.

Councilor Witham stated that the edge of Noble St is falling apart and people will be parking there in 1 week for baseball.

Councilor Sprague asked for an update on Breton's cleaners. Manager Belmore stated that DES stated he is authorized to move forward.

Councilor Sprague stated he wanted to look at the way we do trench permits to make sure companies have been notified if they want to do any work while the trench is open.

Director Bobinsky stated that abutters will be notified to make any updates while paving is being done.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Witham, seconded by Councilor Pepin, motion passed 2-1, with Councilor Sprague opposed. Meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Gagne, Deputy City Clerk