

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

July 12, 2022

Convened: 7:00PM City Council Chambers

Present Francis Cain- Acting Director of Public Works
Casey Berube - Deputy Superintendent
Thomas Pereira-Board Chairman
Stephen White-Secretary
Brian Richards- Member
Joanna Williams-Budget Analyst
Alison Daigle-Head Clerk

Reading of the minutes of the June 14, 2022 meeting waived and approved vote 3-0.

Public Participation: None

City Councilor Communications: None.

Vote on August Commission Recess- Voted 3-0 to cancel the August meeting, and resume the second Tuesday of September. Clerk Alison Daigle will send letter to Mayor and City Council to notify of recess.

Stormwater Permit: 68 Klondike & 868 Southampton Road: Aaron from White Engineering presented the plans for Stormwater rehab as well as plans for water and sewer main rehabs at two of the Mobile Home Parks in the City. Arbor Mobile Home Park is located at 68 Klondike Avenue and Heritage Mobile Home Park is located at 868 Southampton Road. All of the updates will be on the privately owned property of the Mobile Home Parks. Board Secretary Steve White recommend to approve the plans as he is actively employed in a field that allows him the expertise to do so.

Motion was made by Board Chair Thomas Pereira to approve the Stormwater Permits for both of the locations stated above. Voted 3-0, Motion Approved

Tree Removal Permit 17 East Bartlett: Peter Browne the owner of 17 East Bartlett Street approached the Commission with a tree removal permit for a Silver Maple that has been causing property disturbances for quite some time. The tree is located in an area that impacts Mr. Browne's stormwater drain as well as cracking the pavement of the sidewalk and interrupting the flow of the sewer main due to root growth. Mr. Browne presented a packet full of photographic evidence of the damage the tree is causing. Acting Director Francis Cain recommended to the Commission that the permit be approved. **The Commission voted 3-0 to approve the permit for the removal of the tree in question at 17 East Bartlett Street.** Details of the removal will be discussed privately between the homeowner and the Tree Warden/Acting Director.

Department of Public Works Monthly Report: Updates were given on Union Street and Holyoke Road projects, this includes replacing an existing water main on Union Street that has been in dire need of repair due to multiple water main leaks and age. Structure work is being completed on Holyoke Road and both projects are slated for an early August start. A beaver has been removed from Root Road as it was causing roadway issues. Jack's Brook/City View Culvert repair has been placed on hold again by the State contractor due to supply chain shortages. The Engineering Department hired a new department director Allison McMordie and herself and Francis Cain will be having monthly meeting to discuss City projects that include both departments. As always DPW and Personnel continue their work on both new hires and contract negotiations for FY23.

City Engineer Update: None; Engineering Department not present

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 PM.


Secretary