

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

October 08, 2019

Convened: 7:00 P.M.

Present David Billips-Director of Public Works
Francis Cain-Assistant Director of Public Works
Casey Berube, Deputy Superintendent
John Sullivan, Chairman
Jack Campaniello, Secretary
Thomas Pereira, Member
Mark Cressotti-City Engineer
Leslie LeFebvre- City Councilor
Cindy Harris-City Councilor
Alison Daigle-Head Clerk


Reading of the minutes of the Sept. 10, 2019 meeting waived and accepted.

- 1. Public Participation:** Peter Colo from 49 Montgomery St. representing his daughter and son-in-law was looking for an update from the September 10, 2019 meeting about the ongoing sewer backups. Mr. Colo summarized the dates the sewage had backed up and the six months he has been waiting for the resolution of the ongoing issue. Deputy Berube stated the CCTV camera did inspect the line and found that when the sewer main had been laid out approximately 100 years ago the connection at 49 Montgomery St was not connected to the sewer main but had been broken into the line at another location. The pitch of the connection also appears to be level if not pitched backwards. There was also some grease buildup near Crown Street and the blockage was cleared. As of the meeting the results were not sent to Deputy Berube from the CCTV Vendor so the final summary of the finding is not yet available. Director Billips intervened and said the Health Department was made aware of the grease issue in the Crown Street location. Chairman Sullivan stated the ownership of the country store in that location had switched about six months ago. Mr. Colo then stated that Health Inspector Steve Cipriani had inspected that grease trap on July 18, 2019. Mr. Colo then asked what the next step was and stated he has contacted the Law Department but they are unable to give any further information. Chairman Sullivan informed Mr. Colo he would need to wait for the report from the camera inspection to be reviewed before the next step can be determined. Deputy Berube explained how the pitch can't be changed without replacing all the plumbing throughout the entire house or possibly a booster pump would need to be installed to force the sewage out. Mr. Colo inquired about a back flow being put into the system however Deputy Berube said they are prone to failure. Director Billips said the backups may be alleviated with the cleaning of the grease out of the sewer main. Director Billips also let Mr. Colo know that as soon as the report came through that Public Works would coordinate with the Law Department to determine what else needed to be done to resolve this claim. Director Billips reiterated to Mr. Colo that he owned the lateral line and any back flow devices and booster pumps would be the homeowner's responsibility to invest in and install. Matt Roman approached the Board to talk about the manhole covers on Holyoke Road. Mr. Roman believes the city should invest in rubber risers however Director Billips informed Mr. Roman the rubber risers are not as hearty as they're claimed to be and have a poor performance record. Mr. Roman then brought up the section of East Mountain Road from Rosedell Dr. to Papermill Rd and claims the road is in such poor condition it needs to be repaired before winter. That section of East Mountain Rd is not scheduled for repair but the DPW will investigate the claim of 3 manhole covers that need to be repaired along East Mountain Rd. Friends of the Columbia Greenway presented the number of users along the bike path for the months of April-September it was anywhere from 59,000-73,000. Usage of the trail has gone up in all categories. There is less vandalism along the esplanade as there is now signage stating there are camera in use.
- 2. City Councilor Communications:** Councilor LeFebvre is still concerned about the driveway pitch issue at 125 Little River Road. The Councilor plans on meeting with both Engineering and DPW even though this was a State project.
- 3. Authorized Signature Form-** Secretary Campaniello motioned to approve Casey Berube for the Authorized Signature form. Seconded by Member Pereira. Motion approved 3-0.
- 4. Approval for signage for the Historical Commission to demarcate the old Northampton- New Haven Canal Crossing-** Robert Madison representing the Southwick Historical Society presented signage that would be

displayed on Arch Road and Cardinal Lane to demarcate the Northampton New-Haven Canal. The signage was previously approved by both the Historical Committee and City Council. All the funds came from Mr. Madison's books sales on the bike path which runs along the canal from New Haven to Northampton. The DPW was asked for approval and help to install the signage. Member Pereira motioned to approve the signage. Motion Approved 3-0

5. **Driveway Permit 27 Noble Ave-** The resident from 27 Noble Avenue pulled the appropriate permit to upgrade their driveway. There were concerns as the construction was pushing residents walking down the sidewalk into the road. There was also a concern of a drainage issue on the neighbor's property. Deputy Berube and the resident have laid down plans to complete the project. Deputy Berube is asking the board to approve the work to continue and be completed with a condition that the driveway meets regulations once inspected. Secretary Campaniello motioned to approve the driveway with the contingency it will be inspected. Motion Approved 3-0.
6. **Veteran Banners Update-** Head Clerk Alison has reached out to the vendor who will be fabricating the banners and is putting the final touches on both the informational flyer as well as the application to be part of the Hometown Hero Programs. Once the program kicks off the residents of Westfield will be able to sponsor an honorably discharged Veteran and hang a banner for a total of 3 months and then the banner will be returned to the sponsor. The first round of banner display will hopefully be in place prior to Memorial Day 2020. All fees will be included in the initial charge of \$150, this includes the banner, all costs of shipping and the fee of hanging the banners for display.
7. **Department of Public Works Monthly Report David Billips:** Cold in place recycling has been completed on North road and Northwest Road. Union Street is tentatively scheduled for crack sealing. Prospect Street extension has been paved funded by Chapter 90. Lindbergh Blvd has also been paved. Servistar Industrial way has had the drainage repairs completed; paving wasn't part of the contract but it will need to be completed before the winter. Root Road will be scheduled for paving in November as there were funds left over for the project. Western Ave from Lloyd's Hill Rd to Stanley Park will be paved before winter as the road is in poor condition. The new trash trucks have been ordered and the City is awaiting the delivery. The delivery date is 90-120 days out. Crack sealing work will continue throughout the city. DPW is looking into more in house projects, including skim coating Loomis Street. Several Stormwater projects are in que however there is lack of funding. The DPW will be interviewing for open positions there are currently 3 Motor equipment Operator positions and one Mechanic position open. Chairman Sullivan asked if there was an update on the recycling program as the program will no longer be free of charge. Director Billips has a meeting in Longmeadow with the Western MA Consortium to discuss the options for the City. The worst case scenario is that the recycling program would cost the City approximately \$500,000.
8. **City Engineer Mark Cressotti:** Springfield Road and Union Street traffic signals are under construction the road work will be completed this year and the traffic signals will be installed in the spring. The route 20 lights will coordinate. The possibility of a Mass Pike exit in Blandford is projected to cost \$32 million dollars and would take over 10 years to complete. Western Ave sidewalk are being constructed there will be bike lane that goes past Juniper Park school. Crescent Circle easements and deeds have been sent out, however the repair lacks funding. Woodard and Curran will be submitting paperwork to complete the work. Chairman Sullivan questioned if the residents were upset. Engineer Cressotti informed the board that only 3 residents are directly impacted.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:53PM.


Secretary