

Meeting of the Public Service Committee was held in the office of the DPW 50 Manca Drive at 4:15 pm, September 16, 2019.

**Members Present:** Councillors Nathan Boudreau and Craig Cormier were present. Councillor James Boone was absent.

**Attendees:** Dane Arnold, DPW Director; Chris Coughlin, City Engineer; Jeff Legros, Conservation Agent; Administrative Assistant Denise Merriam; and resident Mike Enright.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Councillor Nathan Boudreau called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm.

### **OPEN MEETING RECORDING**

ANNOUNCEMENT – any person may make a video or audio recording of an open session of a meeting, or may transmit the meeting through any medium, subject to reasonable requirements of the chair as to the number, placement and operation of equipment used so as not to interfere with the conduct of the meeting. Any person intending to make such recording shall notify the chair forthwith. All Documents referenced or used during the meeting must be submitted in duplicate to Secretary of the Committee, pursuant to the Open Meeting and Public Records Law. All documents shall become part of the official record of the meeting. *No one is recording the meeting.*

### **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

Motion to accept the minutes of the July 29, 2019 meeting as written Councilor Craig Cormier second by Councilor Nathan Boudreau, all in favor, motion carried.

### **RESIDENT REQUEST**

Request from Mike Enright to raise the poles and put up more netting at Bickford Playground as he is getting a lot of damage to vehicles parked in his lot from softballs. Also would like City to look into the backstops that curve. He has put claims into the City, but according to the City Solicitor, the City is not responsible and ballplayers are stating they are not responsible. I cannot take all the loss anymore something has to be done. I have an enormous parking lot that cannot be used.

Dane stated we do have to add some netting in the outfield but raise poles is not going to happen and we will look into the backstop. Mr. Enright stated where that leaves me, there were two layers and I was still getting balls. The problem is closer to the backstop, if we would take out the small pole and install a taller one. Mr. Enright spoke with Councillor James Johnson as the first step and move on from there.

Mr. Enright asked the Committee if they felt this was a City problem or not.

Dane - we are not Attorneys - the park use permit passes liability on whoever takes it out. We only have to do defects. Cost of new backstop is not reasonable.

Mr. Enright stated he would like a reply from each Councillor here as to the problem, state if any defects, plan going forward, resolution.

Councillor Boudreau stated that they are not Attorneys and cannot answer these questions. Dane informed Mr. Enright that he has put the City on notice so now they will work on it.

Councillor Boudreau asked if we could get extensions pipe and chain link.

Mr. Enright stated we would have to check with Fence Company. Mr. Enright asked if he could be notified as to what is going to the City Council he would like to forward any information to Councillor James Johnson so he has something to go on.

Councillor Boudreau stated this Committee can only make recommendations to the City Council.

Councillor Cormier stated they could speak on Mr. Enright's behalf, but not the City's.

Councillor Boudreau said we are a legislative committee only and have no control over management authority. We will be willing to relay the problem to the Mayor.

Jeff Legros stated maybe we could plant some trees.

### **PUBLIC WAY LAYOUT PETITION**

**#10148** – Petition of Proposed Acceptance of the James Street Extension Layout. Joint Public Hearing on 10/7/19 at 7:00 p.m. Property located near the pump station in red on map. Accept as public way so that frontage of last parcel on James Street becomes a buildable lot.

### **UTILITY PETITIONS**

**#10149** – Petition by National Grid to construct a line of underground conduits, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, under along and across for following public way: City Hall Ave. – National Grid to install underground electric conduits on City Hall Avenue beginning at a point approximately 35' in an easterly direction. National Grid to install two (2) 3" conduits from existing vault #2 to a new heavy duty handhole in sidewalk to service street light cabinet.

Councillor Boudreau stated the City Engineer has explained everything and is OK with this.

Motion made by Councillor Craig Cormier second by Councillor Nathan Boudreau to approve request. All in favor, motion passed.

**#10150** – Petition by National Grid for permission to construct a line of underground conduits, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, under along and across the following public way: Clark Street – National Grid to install four (4) JO poles on Clark Street beginning at a point approximately 200 feet northwest of the centerline of the intersection of Century Way

and Clark Street and continuing approximately 850 feet in an northwesterly direction. National Grid to install 4 new poles between Pole #33 and Pole #36 on Clark Street.

Motion made by Councillor Craig Cormier second by Councillor Nathan Boudreau to accept. All in favor, motion passed.

**#10151** – Petition by National Grid for permission to construct a line of underground conduits, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, under along and across the following public way: Clark Street – National Grid to install five (5) JO poles on Clark Street beginning at a point approximately 200 feet northwest of the center line of the intersection of Leo Drive and Clark Street and continuing approximately 1200 feet in an northwesterly direction. National Grid to install 5 new poles between Pole #37 and Pole #41 on Clark Street.

Motion made by Councillor Craig Cormier second by Councillor Nathan Boudreau to accept. All in favor, motion passed.

**#10165** – Respectfully represents the National Grid of North Andover, Mass. That it desires to construct a line of underground electric conduits, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, under and across the public way or ways hereinafter named. Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it be granted permission to excavate the public highways and to run and maintain underground electric conduits, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary for the transmission of electricity, said underground conduits to be located substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked – Park Street & Clark Street – Gardner. The following are the streets and highways referred to: plan number #28039529 Park Street & Clark Street – National Grid to install 1100' of conduit starting at 370 Park Street and heading north to Pole #1 Clark St.

Dane stated the road has just been paved he would like the Council to give approval with the stipulation they have to pave from curb to curb.

Motion made by Councillor Craig Cormier second by Councillor Nathan Boudreau to approve with the condition that they mill and pave from gutter to gutter. All in favor, motion passed.

### **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Dane Arnold: Water main project is moving faster than we thought. Councillor Cormier are we putting new main in while the old one still exists. Dane yes.

Paving Graham St. will be done the end of the week. We have a binder on Smith St., Chapel St., Willis Road after these are done we will move to Becky Ave. and Bertha Ave. areas.

Ovila Case Playground received a \$40,000 grant from the state, \$10,000 donation from Rock Foundation and \$20,000 from City funds. We are removing in sections over the next 3 – 5 years. Jeff stated Mass. Develop Program public can go and match state matches.

Bid opening for Facilities next Wednesday.

Willis Road Pump Station two weeks from Thursday, Councillor Cormier long bid period, we moved out to get more bids. Chris stated contract for water/wastewater operations is for 3 years, we would like to push out to 10 years and we need Council approval. If we add years, we will get a better price.

Chris Coughlin: Bid opening Friday for Wright's Reservoir at the Deer Club, \$300,000 grant, City has to do 25%.

Jeff Legros: Informed the Committee on two Grants the City received for tree planting City Parks & Playgrounds. I will meet with Dane and Dean to get them planted.

Discussed progress on MBP Grant.

Spend funding of Bailey Brook Park, reapplied for grant this year. Having a public information meeting 9/25/19 at the Library. Will have follow up meeting after.

### **REPORTS & REQUESTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Craig Cormier: Status of the Pleasant St. Bridge. Railroad delayed work stating they need flagmen, looking like will be close to 2021. Councillor Cormier asked if the tracks are going to be lowered so double cars can go under the bridge. Chris stated that would be separate from the bridge.

Motion made by Councillor Craig Cormier second by Councillor Nathan Boudreau to adjourn meeting at 5:05 pm. All in favor, motion passed.

Next meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

All documents submitted at this meeting are stored in the office of the DPW 50 Manca Drive for any review.

Respectfully submitted:  
Denise M. Merriam, Administrative Assistant

Minutes were approved as written at the September 16, 2019 meeting.