Town of Greenville Board of Selectmen Minutes – June 14, 2017

Call to order at 3:30 p.m. Present: Chairperson Carla Mary, Selectman Douglas Reardon, and Town Administrator Tara Sousa.

Pool Status

The Town Administrator updated the Board on the status of the pool. The pool painting has begun. The Town Administrator is hopeful that the pool opening will only be delayed 1 week.

Temple Street Parking

The Town Administrator reported that Chief McTague was seeking confirmation from the Selectmen that they will support parking enforcement efforts in addressing the previously discussed Temple Street parking issue. The Selectmen expressed their support for ticketing, towing, and other appropriate measures.

Eversource Abatement Appeal

The Town Administrator reported that we had received notice that Eversource's appeal in the multitown lawsuit had been denied. Eversource's next step, if any, is unknown at this time.

ZBA Hearing Update

The Town Administrator reported that the ZBA Hearing regarding the bakery property variance request took place on June 7th. There were a substantial number of abutters and other interested residents in attendance, many of whom expressed opposition to the variance. During the hearing, the applicant withdrew his application without action from the Zoning Board.

Pilgrim Foods Request to Accept Flow

The Town Administrator discussed an informal inquiry she received from the new maintenance person at Pilgrim Foods. Patrick Richard inquired if the Town would consider accepting wastewater flow from Pilgrim Foods. Chairperson Mary stated that Pilgrim Foods repeatedly violated their permit when connected in the past. Their process waste caused substantial problems at the WWTP. Both Selectmen expressed that they would not support issuance of a discharge permit to Pilgrim Foods at this time.

SWRPC Culvert Inventory

The Town Administrator discussed a free service offered to the Town by Southwest Regional Planning Commission. The project would involve inspection of all the culverts and stream crossings in Town, documenting their locations, materials, and condition. The report produced would be a helpful tool for prioritizing the repair and/or replacement of said structures. Road Agent Tom Plourde supports the project. The in-house staff time commitment is very limited, mostly encompassed in a pre and post meeting with the Road Agent. Selectman Reardon questioned if accepting this free service would bind the Town to any further work or expense in the future. The Town Administrator believed not, but she will confirm such in her next communication with SWRPC.

Motion by Chairperson Mary, 2nd by Selectman Reardon, to contract Southwest Regional Planning Commission to inspect and document the Town's culverts and stream crossings at no cost to the Town.

Motion carried with 2 in favor, none opposed.

Primex CAP Program

The Town Administrator presented the Primex Workers' Compensation Contribution Assurance Program (CAP) Agreement, which would limit increases to a maximum of 8% percent/year for the next 3 years. At our current contribution amount, an 8% increase would be approximately \$1300.

Motion by Chairperson Mary, 2nd by Selectman Reardon, to authorize Town Administrator Tara Sousa to sign the Primex CAP Agreement.

Motion carried with 2 in favor, none opposed.

Boston Post Cane

The Town Administrator asked the Selectmen about the process for awarding the Boston Post Cane, as she believed the holder had passed. The Selectmen discussed the most recent recipient, indicating that there may be a confusion of names as the cane holder is still living.

Old Ashby Road Fence

The Town Administrator discussed a concern expressed by the Road Agent that a fence erected by the homeowner at the end of Old Ashby Road will inhibit the Town's ability to plow that road in the winter. The Town Administrator relayed input sought from the Building Inspector, Scott Tenney, who stated that enforcement of a lot line or right of way would require a survey at the Town's cost. The Selectmen suggested the Town Administrator write a letter to the property owner asking him to contact the Road Agent regarding this matter.

Meet with Tom Page/Underwood Engineers and Dave Brennan/Utility Partners

Tom Page discussed the sequence of events in the failure of the raw water pumps upon installation. The first of the 2 pumps was removed, and the new pump was craned into place and the motor was tested. Upon that successful test, the 2nd pump was removed, and the new one placed. At that point, it was determined that no flow was going to the plant. Attempts to diagnose the failure in place, such as electrical checks were completed without success. A temporary pumping system was put in place. The pumps were removed by crane to be broken down to determine the failure point. When taken apart, the pumps were clogged with sediment, sticks, etc. Tom Page explained that inspection of the intake and cleaning of the wet well were not part of the original project scope. The Selectmen expressed their frustration that verification of the existing conditions supporting the new equipment should have been included, so that this would not have happened. Chairperson Mary stated that this is why we hire engineers. Tom Page stated that there has been approximately \$25,000 in additional costs due to this situation. Although existing conditions appear to have caused the issue, he has advocated with the contractor that the cost should be shared, as Methuen Construction should not have removed the second pump without verification of flow to the water plant. Tom Page presented a design revision which would improve the function of the pumps. The addition of air release valves would vent air quicker upon start-up.

The Selectmen reviewed 2 quotes for the divers needed to inspect the intake in the reservoir. Chairperson Mary preferred that we contract with Underwater Solutions, due to prior experience with them as the Town's water tank inspectors, and the detailed nature of their quote. The on-site engineer, Keith Noyes, had experience with the other firm, Pepperrell Cove Marine. After discussion, it was determined that availability is the most critical factor in the scheduling of this work.

Motion by Chairperson Mary, 2nd by Selectman Reardon, to contract the dive inspection of the intake and elbow with the firm soonest available, and to obtain a more detailed scope of work (if Pepperrell Cove).

Motion carried with 2 in favor, none opposed.

Motion by Chairperson Mary, 2nd by Selectman Reardon, to approve installation of air release valves on both the raw and finish water pumps, at a cost of \$4,499.85 Motion carried with 2 in favor, none opposed.

Methuen Construction had provided a quote of \$2194.00 to clean the wet well. The Selectmen agreed that a quote for this work should be sought from the divers contracted, and if less than Methuen's cost, that work shall be added to the dive contract.

Selectman Reardon asked Tom Page the status of the 23 Main Street project. Tom Page answered that the scope of work would be completed in 2 to 4 weeks. Other open items, such as Greenville Recycling and the ongoing filter backwash issue were briefly discussed. Tom Page left the meeting.

The Selectmen reviewed a plumbing bill submitted by Tiana Collins, owner of 61 High Street, for costs she incurred after the water service line replacement and water main repair was completed earlier this year. The invoice indicates mud, debris, and leaves were found in the plumbing to various fixtures.

Motion by Chairperson Mary, 2nd by Selectman Reardon, to reimburse Tiana Collins \$278.00 for costs incurred due to debris in her water line.

Motion carried with 2 in favor, none opposed.

The Selectmen reviewed the Eastern Pipe Services report with Dave Brennan. The sewer pipe inspection revealed one offset which will require contracted excavation to repair. The other noted items of concern could be repaired with pipe liner in some cases, and sectional spot repairs in others. Eastern Pipe Services provided a quote of \$14710.00 for all of those lesser repairs. The Selectmen asked Dave Brennan to obtain a quote from RH White for the excavation repair, so that cost is known before proceeding with any lesser repairs. Dave Brennan left the meeting.

The Depauws, of 4 Happy Hollow, requested audience with the Board regarding the ongoing violation of the Town's Trash and Dumpster By-law at their property. Daniel Depauw discussed their efforts to date to clean-up the debris, including the removal on one dumpster load, and a second which is full and ready for removal, along with removal of a camper, and orderly stacking of other items to be removed. He discussed that it is the cost of disposal which is the barrier to full compliance. Barbara Depauw discussed the existence of Asbestos shingles that were left behind by the owner of a neighboring property. Mr. Depauw requested 30 days to continue the clean-up without the levy of fines by the Selectmen. Chairperson Mary stated her recusal from decisions in this matter. Selectman Reardon consented, asking that the Depauws come to the July 12, 2017 Selectmen's meeting. Mr. Depauw stated he is suing an alternate party for the removal of tires left on the property. Mrs. Depauw expressed concern about how the pictures sent to the Selectmen (as part of the formal complaint by a neighboring property owner) were obtained. She believes that someone entered her property to take the pictures. Selectmen Reardon thought some may have been taken with a drone.

Michael Sadowski, of Livingston Road, asked if he and his neighbor could erect a gate to block access to Butternut Hill Road, which is class 6. He discussed issues with trespassing, including unauthorized ORV use on his and his neighbors' properties. The Selectmen referred Mr. Sadowski to the Road Agent to determine the feasibility of gating the access to Butternut. Regarding the Planning board, Mr. Sadowski noted that Miles Horsley had expressed interest in serving on the Planning Board. The Town Administrator stated that she has emailed Mr. Horsley seeking a brief letter of interest to confirm his willingness to be appointed.

The Selectmen reviewed a quote from JDK Paving for the crack sealing at the tennis court. This was the only quote the Road agent was able to obtain.

Motion by Chairperson Mary, 2nd by Selectman Reardon, to accept the quote for crack sealing of the tennis court from JDK paving for \$550.00.

Motion carried with 2 in favor, none opposed.

Motion by Chairperson Mary, 2nd by Selectman Reardon, to adjourn at 4:37 p.m. Motion carried with 2 in favor, none opposed.

Submitted by: Tara Sousa/Town Administrator

Carla C. Mary/Chairperson

Dougles A. Reardon/Selectman

Vacant/Selectman