

DPW Commission Meeting
Wednesday, 10/21/15
7:00 p.m.
Police Station Community Room

Approval Items:

The minutes from the 10-7-15 meeting will be approved at the next meeting because Commissioner Reed and Commissioner Gardner have not had a chance to review them.

Open Session

Open for Public Discussion with the Commissioners:

Sen. Bruce Tarr started things off with good news about the train station. He got the word today from the MBTA that they will appoint a crew as soon as possible to relocate the track from Evans Field. He said they would like to get it done before the cold weather and the ground freezes. B. Tarr said he wanted to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator, and the DPW Commissioners for keeping this on the forefront; he will provide updates when they are available. E. Battistelli said she has a contact number for someone at the MBTA; she will e-mail this to J. Parisi.

New Business:

E. Battistelli said there will be no policy changes for the coming year regarding the plowing of private roads. She also said the winter parking ban is subject to change.

The commissioners discussed how to proceed on the Long Beach seawall. There were several good ideas but it seems there are too many unknowns to put a plan in place right now.

Millbrook Meadow was discussed, and the commissioners feel strongly felt that the Board of Selectmen, CPC, DPW, and CPIC need to meet so everyone can be on the same page. The Commissioners think the first big step should be to dredge the pond. There is confusion about where the funding will come from for this. Chairman Sena said he is in favor of the Millbrook project but will not vote for it if any town funds are used.

Commissioner Gardner brought up the following issues which he would like to discuss with the Board of Selectmen:

- He would like to see the building survey.
- He said there were problems with the new employee performance evaluation tool that was used this year, and he would like to revise it for next year. The Commissioners would like to meet with M. Vieira and/or the Personnel Board to do this.
- Granite Pier extension – he thinks maybe we should step back and take a look at how Granite Pier gets used before we start redesigning things in bits and pieces.
- Firehouse Trust Building – he would like to talk to the selectmen about starting repairs sooner rather than later.

- Social media - DPW is waiting for the form to fill out to set up their account. There seems to be some confusion around this.

It was decided to combine the DPW/Board of Selectmen budget meeting with time left to discuss the above issues. November 10th was mentioned as a possible date.

E. Battistelli said she will remain the liaison from the Board of Selectmen to the DPW for now.

List of goals and objectives:

Discussion on DPW goals and objectives ensued. J. Parisi suggested we set up the seven functions as the main categories, and then assign each task under one of these categories. At the next meeting they will take a look at the specifics of the 2015 goals and expand on those.

Ongoing Capital Projects

J. Parisi distributed the Capital Planning Report and there was discussion about some of the items.

Tickler list

DPW barn

Review goals and objectives

Transfer station redesign

Next Meeting

Wednesday, 11/18/15 at 7pm at the Rockport Police Station.

9:16 pm: Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Gardner, seconded by Commissioner Reed, Vote: 3-0.