

DPW Commissioner Meeting
Wednesday, May 6, 2015
7:00 p.m. – Police Station Community Room

A meeting of the Rockport DPW Commissioners was held at 7pm on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 in the Community Room at the Police Station; present were Chairman Sena, Commissioner Reed and Director Parisi, Commissioner Gardner was not in attendance.

7:00 PM Approval Items:

Board of Commissioners Minutes Approval – postpone to next meeting, necessary voting members not present.
Approval of Sale of Cemetery Lots

7:05 PM Open Session:

Open for Public Discussion with the Commissioners: T. Arsenian, Granite Street, questioned Granite Pier, 14 Wharf Road, the lot where a clump of trees is at the end of it. He said it was given to the town by Mary Brown; it's under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission, there is a large pile of chain link fence there. He said it is not supposed to be used for storing equipment. He also said he hopes that Rockport granite will be used at the entrance of Beach of Street on the benches at Millbrook Meadow.

Z. Seppala, Granite Street, spoke about any update on permits for Pigeon Cove Breakwater. T. Olson said he has a draft of the preliminary plans and specifications in hand for review. He said permits are almost complete except Chapter 91. There were initial comments, he said we responded back and are waiting for final approval. Z. Seppala said he has not been able to get on a website for superior court, last we heard it won't be going through DEP until mid-September. The FEMA deadline is Feb, 2016. Director Parisi spoke about the steps at Granite Pier and the CPC. He said they're probably going to ask the DPW to do the project, similar to the extension. There is concern about the ability to take this on. Commissioner Reed said he was at the CPC, he questions that project from the perspective of the ADA; the staircase from top to bottom. T. Olson said they got quotes for the staircase, there are no plans or specifications; this will probably need to go out to bid. They received quotes from the CPC.

7:10 PM New Business:

South End Water Tower Road Draft Easement Review: Director Parisi said he has draft easement, Whalen, #1) perpetual non-exclusive right under the land (water tower access road), #2) pavement, obligation on the part of the Whalen's to improve the pavement. Complete leveling course on the entire road. Plowing obligations, snow removal/plow to whatever meets their needs beyond whatever the town would typically do. #3) relocate gate to whatever location the town thinks is appropriate, they will install 8" high density pole underneath their driveway for drainage. Chairman Sena inquired about #7, the second paragraph, regarding when their property is sold; whoever buys it has the same rights. This document will be scanned into our GIS. T. Arsenian spoke about the possibility that it could be further divided; Director Parisi said that's not possible.

National Grid Municipal Energy Efficiency Summit Discussion: Director Parisi and Commissioner Reed went to Holy Cross to a seminar that National Grid sponsored. They were talking about giving funds back to cities and towns. He said some communities had people on the payroll whose job it is to find funds for the town for energy savings. Commissioner Reed said one community had an employee that started at \$18 hrs/week, he said in four years she had brought in \$1.3M in grant money for energy projects. Commissioner Reed said he spoke to someone who said there is a ton of money now, but it's going to dry up. He said they had a table about new construction, National Grid wants to be involved with these projects from the beginning, they want to invest funds when a new project is being designed by an architect, that way they can discuss the energy part of the project to develop the best possible plan. They had another table on lighting (cities and towns taking over the lighting) where there can be big savings. There also might be grant

money available to pay for an individual to seek out grants. Commissioner Reed recommended putting a board together of people in town (volunteers, school kids, Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, etc.) to look at this.

Transfer Station Operations: Commissioner Reed said he would like to see a no cell phone policy in town for employees while on duty. He said the transfer station staff should be courteous to the elderly and assist them if possible. Chairman Sena said he made multiple trips last week to the transfer station. He said he went to the swap shop, he couldn't get in there; the same cars were parked there for long periods of time. He said it creates congestion; we had spoken about volunteers to oversee the swap shop; we need a solution, we've talked about this for years.

Schedule Sewer & Water Rate Public Hearing: Chairman Sena said given the fluoride vote, do we need to supply non-fluoridated water for resident? Who has jurisdiction over this, the Board of Health or the DPW? He said we need to be proactive here. He said the costs will be paid by the users of the non-fluoridated water, not all residents. It was suggested the next DPW meeting be held on May 27 at the Police Station, then a public meeting on the sediment transport study, in June in the Peggy Brenner Room at the library. We would need to get Applied Coastal, the Conservation Commission and the Board of Selectmen there.

8:00 PM Ongoing Business:

Plowing Private Roads: Discussion will continue subsequent to vote.

DPW Facility RFP: T. Olsen spoke about a seminar in Boston on building projects; he said we would have to hire an OPM (On Site Project Manager) for any project over \$1.5M. The individual should have seven years supervisory experience in construction of that size and nature. We need to hire them at the right time.

8:20 PM Ongoing Capital Projects

Bedrock Well Project: pump station is set, should have completed well into the hole about 400' deep. Next efforts are electrical and plumbing up at the building. Electric line is not in; the poles are in, still tree clearing to do.

Pigeon Hill Water Tank Replacement Project: T. Olson said we re-bid the tank; the first bid came in over budget. We changed the specifications, the second time it came in higher than the first. They are looking into epoxy coated steel tanks; steel is over our budget at this time.

WWTP Grit Pumps & Detritor Mechanism Replacement Project: ongoing, had kickoff meeting and the Detritor is on order. It's 12 to 14 weeks out, they build it; August will be the start of the project. No downtime is anticipated.

The Breakwater project is nearing completion.

8:25 PM Other Issues of Discussion

Tickler List:

Cell tower lease funds

Green Communities/Energy efficiency

Sewer use regulations

Transfer Station Redesign

DPW Facility

Paving Plan

Next Meetings: Wed., May 27 at the Police Station, 7pm

8:45 PM Commissioner Reed moved to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Sena, Vote: 2-0.