

Public Works Committee
Minutes – Regular Meeting
March 16, 2021 10:00am

The Seven Devils Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 and the format of the meeting was dual Electronic – Go To Meeting #161842309 and In-Person at Town Hall. Attendance In-Person were Jack Byrnes, Larry Fontaine, Brad Lambert, Robert Michaud. Attending remotely, with visible video display was Barrie Winn; Mark Williams attended remotely with audio only. Also present were Public Works Director Kevin Aldridge, Town Engineer David Poore and Town Manager Debbie Powers. The minutes were recorded by Town Clerk Hillary Gropp.

CALL TO ORDER

Town Manager Powers called the Public Works meeting to order at 10:00am.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Town Manager asked for nominations for Chair of Public Works Committee.

Brad Lambert was nominated by Larry Fontaine; seconded by Jack Byrnes.

All members agreed. Brad Lambert elected as Chair.

Larry Fontaine was nominated as Vice Chair by Jack Byrnes; seconded by Brad Lambert.

All members agreed. Larry Fontaine is elected as Vice Chair.

ADOPT AGENDA

Vice Chair Fontaine made a motion to adopt the agenda; Chair Lambert seconded. All members agreed.

APPROVE MINUTES – May 19, 2020 - Amended

Member Winn stated that Town Council Member Bonomo was at the meeting, and to include in the minutes. Vice Chair Fontaine made a motion to approve the amended minutes; Chair Lambert seconded. All members agreed.

CITIZENS COMMENTS - None

OLD BUSINESS

Public Works committee is a 3 year term, and upon review of overall expiring terms, there is a need to stagger 2 members by an additional year. Members Jack Byrnes & Larry Fontaine agreed to extend their term until 1/1/2023. Forward to Town Council to approve.

NEW BUSINESS - None

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

A. Effects of Winter – Public Works Director Aldridge reports $\frac{3}{4}$ of the chat supply has been used due to reoccurring winter weather events. Discussion occurred about the increase of tourists, short term rentals, full time residents and the difficulties of disseminating road conditions and plow routes & timelines throughout the Town.

(i) Salt - The pros & cons were discussed about the future use of salt for roads that ice, and experience long periods of shade. This could be mixed with chat, when needed. Concerns are the negative impacts on the environment, roads & vehicles, as well as ordering costs and storage. Salt has not been used on Town roads.

(ii) Chat - Public Works uses #9 chat to provide grip. Discussion about the benefits of increasing the size of chat to 7/8. Research & follow up at next PW meeting.

B. Status of Maintenance Equipment – Public Works Director Aldridge provided a recap of the fleet: 2 pick-up trucks, 1 dump truck & 5 plows. Overall, everything is in good shape.

(i) Plows - 1 plow needed to be rebuilt.

(ii) Zero-turn Mower – Public Works will need a mower for the upkeep & beautification of future parks in the Town. TDA will fund the purchase of new mower - \$13,500.

(iii) Chipper – Current chipper needs replacement. Estimated cost - \$51,000 with \$28,000 already budgeted in CIP. Discussion about TDA contributing \$23,000.

Chair Lambert made a motion to request \$51,000 budgeted in FY22 CIP to purchase new chipper; Member Fontaine seconded the motion. All Members agreed.

C. Other Discussion Items

(i) RWA Report to State – Public Works Director Aldridge reports 3 major leaks occurred and the water loss % is not finalized, but expected to increase. Knob Hill Lane & Four Diamond Drive needs replacement with ductile iron pipe.

(ii) Debris Pickup Dates – Deadlines are April 25th, June 20th and September 30th

(iii) PRV#4 – Replacement costs \$39,000 to be budgeted in FY22 CIP. Discussion about possible infrastructure grant money; Manager Powers stated grant funds are usually distributed to distressed areas. Research & follow up at next PW meeting.

(iv) Well house #2 & #4 – Completed costs = \$14,168. Obtaining estimates for future well house repairs. Future well house projects on hold until further discussion.

(v) Speed bumps – Alpine Drive – Speed bumps will be painted to give optimal visual warning. Future paving of Alpine Drive will reduce the negative impact of the speed bumps.

(vi) New Ordinances – Chain Law & RV Restrictions – Manager Powers provided an update about the need for the 2 Nuisance Ordinances. Recommended by Planning Board and adopted at Town Council meeting on February 9, 2021.

(vii) Replace Meters – Goal is to replace all remaining meters to radio in 2021. FY22 CIP budget \$12,000. Benefits of radio meters are efficiency and data log capability.

(viii) Cracked Road Edge – Wildcat Rocks Road – Right of way repairs need to be done on Wildcat Rocks Road & Wayside Court. 4 new construction projects will increase the need

for ROW repairs in the future; costs are collected in the \$2,500 Performance Bond. Ordinances are already established by the Town for damage & liability for ROW's.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Member Williams asked several questions about road conditions and safety. He noted the road is crumbling on Chestnut Ridge Trail and Wayside Court. The roadside shoulder embankment is sloping into the ditch. Several members of the Public Works committee explained the process of compiling the Blind Road Analysis (BRA) by Public Works Director Aldridge & Town Engineer Poore. The BRA rating will provide guidance on the roads with the most needed repairs, and budget considerations. The BRA should be completed and provided at the next PW meeting. Previous examples of BRA will be given to new members.

Member Williams inquired about installation of guardrails on Town roads. Committee members replied the challenge is the narrow ROW's & meeting DOT standards, this is unachievable on Town roads.

Rick Thompson, Owner – 227 Buckeye Lane – inquired about the Town paving a portion of Cliff Dwellers Lane for access to his vacant land. He intends to build a house to be used as a short term vacation rental, and stated the Town will benefit from the 6% Occupancy Tax. Committee members explained one factor used in the BRA for paving is the total number of homes on the road. Cliff Dwellers is gravel, and no paving is planned. Owner Thompson asked if he incurred the costs of paving a portion, would the Town maintain it afterwards. No definitive answer was provided to the Owner. Appx cost of paving 200ft = \$15,000.

ADJOURN

Member Byrnes made a motion to adjourn; Member Williams seconded. All agreed. The meeting adjourned at 11:27am.

Brad Lambert

Brad Lambert, Chairman

Hillary Gropp

Hillary Gropp, Town Clerk

