

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JULY 30, 2019

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Fedler, Shay, Haff, Hicks, Shaw, Skellie, Middleton, Rozell

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Campbell

SUPERVISORS: Henke, Moore, O'Brien, Hogan

Debra Prehoda, Clerk

Al Nolette, County Treasurer

Deborah Donohue, Supt. Public Works

Roger Wickes, County Attorney

Chris DeBolt, County Administrator

Matt Jones, Superintendent of Bldgs.

AGENDA AS PRESENTED IN COMMITTEE NOTICE:

1. Call to Order
2. Accept Minutes – May 28, 2019
3. Department Reports/Requests:
 - A. Department of Public Works
 - 1) Project Updates
 - 2) County Route 113 Temporary Structure Payment
 - 3) Miscellaneous
4. Other Business
5. Adjournment

Chairwoman Fedler called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

A motion to accept the minutes of the July 2, 2019 meeting was moved by Mr. Shay, seconded by Mr. Rozell and adopted.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – Deborah Donohue, Superintendent of Public Works, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Project Updates:
 - Paving:
 - Finishing paving Co. Rt. 18 this week, then moving to Rt. 30 and once completed will be finished with their paving projects. Rts. 40 and 75 are finished.
 - Bridge Projects:
 - Slocum Creek has started.
 - Poured the deck on Co. Rt. 10 (State of Vermont is the lead agency), completed a project in Hartford and started Kingsbury this week and Co. Rt. 54 next.
 - Co. Rt. 113 poured some footings.
- County Route 113 Temporary Structure Payment – When they sent the plans out to do this project there was a temporary structure to hold the gas line and National Grid wanted to pay for it. When it came time to build it National Grid did not like the design and modified the design increasing the cost to \$505,000. DPW has received National Grid payment in the amount of \$505,000 and it needs to be recognized in the project. A motion to recognize revenue, \$505,000 from National Grid, in County Route 113 Capital Project and forward to the Finance Committee for a budget amendment was moved by Mr. Middleton, seconded by Mr. Rozell and adopted.
- Miscellaneous:
 - Parking Lot – The Government Operations approved creating parking spaces in front of the DPW Shop. DPW thought the new parking spaces were to be paved and the Government Operations Committee approved gravel/stone. DPW has done prep work on the parking spaces – removed trees, dug out the area and put fabric down. The Government Operations Committee approved an amount based on figures from DPW for gravel/stone and the County Administrator stated in the

interim there was a miscommunication and DPW thought the spaces were to be paved for ease of maintenance. DPW was waiting for all the County roads to be paved prior to addressing the additional parking spaces. Buildings and Grounds has the money in their budget to gravel/stone the parking spaces. DPW prepared site for blacktop and DPW could do it when they finish paving. A riser was put on the catch basin. The Buildings and Grounds Superintendent did not recommend paving because there is more that needs to be done, part of a larger project. His staff plows the car pool area that is all stone so they are familiar with plowing this type of surface. Mr. Middleton asked about moving the guidewire? The Building and Grounds Superintendent does not think so but would like it moved and will check into that with National Grid. The cost difference is \$20,000 for paving verses \$3,000 for gravel/stone. DPW has put down the fabric and suitable base of stone. A motion to gravel/stone the DPW parking spaces was moved by Mr. Rozell, seconded by Mr. Middleton and adopted. The Buildings and Grounds Superintendent is hoping for volunteers to park in these new spaces. Also plan to close the exit going out from this parking area to the traffic light. That exit interferes with the traffic flow.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Co. Rt. 19 – Shine Hill Road – Mr. Haff stated you cannot see the lines on the road due to burn outs. This is a County road and something needs to be done. It has become a danger.

Broom Tractor – Official bids were solicited for the purchase of a broom tractor but due to the cost decided not to move forward and requesting to reject all bids. A motion to reject all bids for broom tractor was moved by Mr. Skellie, seconded by Mr. Rozell and adopted.

Mr. Haff questioned how long it takes to get these plow trucks because the two ordered last year are not here yet. Those two trucks are scheduled to be here in August. In general, trucks are about a year out. Purchasing trucks and cycling them through the system faster will be discussed at budget time. Discussion ensued on whether or not the stainless-steel box on the truck would be cycled through and sold with the truck or not.

The meeting adjourned at 10:24 A.M.

Debra Prehoda, Clerk
Washington County Board of Supervisors