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September 25, 2019

Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Public Works Committee was held on Tuesday, September 24, 2019, at DPW Headquarters, 301 Broad Street, at 5:00 PM.

Committee Members Present: Councilors Joel Kaddy (chair), Paul Beauchemin, Marisa Fleming, and Sam Squailia.

Committee Members Absent: Dave Clark

Other Participants: Tom Donnelley
DPW Commissioner Nicolas Bosonetto
DPW Superintendent Gary Withington

Action taken as follows:

Petition 209-18: Multiple citizens to repair McTaggart's Dam to refill pond and restore wildlife population.

Discussion: Commissioner Bosonetto reported that the City's consultant will be releasing their draft report on October 11th. Permits have been acquired to remove the trash rack and to install a filter blanket, however, all work will be postponed until after the report is finalized. The Committee voted 4-0 to HOLD the petition, pending completion of the ongoing alternatives analysis.

Petition 125-19: Councilors Fleming and DiNatale on behalf of Joseph Novelli, to repair or remove city-installed retaining wall at 430 High Rock Road.

Discussion: The report from 4/30/2019 was not accepted by the City Council and petition was resubmitted during council meeting of 5/7/2019. Commissioner Bosonetto reported that the retaining wall is located on private property and there is no evidence the city built or maintained the retaining wall. Public funds cannot be spent on maintaining or upgrading private property. The Committee voted 4-0 to WITHDRAW the petition.

Petition 126-19: Councilor Joel Kaddy, to correct water problem at 15 Thurston Place.

Discussion: Superintendent Withington requested additional time for DPW to observe the problem during a rain event so that an appropriate remedy can be determined. The Committee voted 4-0 to HOLD the petition.

Petition 205-19: Councilors Kushmerek and DiNatale on behalf of Richard Gadoury, to install a berm at 22 Oxford Street.

Discussion: Superintendent Withington recommended approval. Committee voted 4-0 to GRANT the petition.

Petition 210-19: Councilor Paul Beauchemin, to replace the sidewalk on Pratt Street from Woodland to Beech on the right side.

Discussion: Commissioner Bosonetto reported that the sidewalks are in bad condition and need improvements. DPW Engineering estimated cost is \$55,000, DPW will coordinate to find funding with CDBG. The Committee voted 4-0 to GRANT the petition.

Petition 227-19: Deloge Heights, Inc. represented by Atty. Donald J. O'Neil, to accept a portion of Tibbett Circle as a public way as outlined in the enclosed Petition.

Discussion: Commissioner Bosonetto recommended that this section of roadway be accepted. The Committee voted 4-0 to GRANT the petition.

Petition 228-19: Robert Thompson, owner of 69 and 70 Greenhurst Avenue, Fitchburg, to acquire the street right of way between the two lots as outlined in the enclosed Petition.

Discussion: Commissioner Bosonetto reported that Greenhurst Avenue was never accepted as a City street, and therefore there is no public right-of-way to discontinue. The Committee voted 4-0 to WITHDRAW the petition.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicolas Bosonetto, Commissioner of Public Works
Clerk of Committee

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