

Town of Seymour
Board of Public Works

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Minutes

Regular Meeting
Monday, August 12, 2013 at 7:00pm
Public Works Facility

Members Present: Sean Walsh, Phil Wilhelmy, Yashu Putorti, Al Bruno (7:16pm) and Wayne Finkle

Others Present: Jordan Addis and Craig Stevens

Call Meeting to order

The Chairman, Sean Walsh, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Item #2 – Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone saluted the Flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item #3 – Public Comment

Jordan Addis, 7 Summit Drive: Spoke on behalf of the union, presented a letter from union members to the Board of Public works recommending the hire of the two summer help employees to the full time Truck Driver position.

Motion to add to the agenda approval of minutes from the July 15, 2013 Special Meeting.

Motion: Phil Wihelmy Second: Yashu Putorti
Yes: 4 No: 0 0: Abstain

Motion to approve minutes from the July 15, 2013 Special Meeting.

Motion: Phil Wihelmy Second: Yashu Putorti
Yes: 4 No: 0 0: Abstain

Al Bruno arrived 7:16pm.

Item #4 – Financial Update

Sean Walsh inquired about the tree account being 50% expended in the first month of the fiscal year. Craig Stevens will look into it and report to the Public Works Board at the next scheduled meeting.

Item #5 – Transfer Station Update

The Board discussed possible options for removal of the brush pile. Further information will be provided at the next scheduled meeting.

Item #6 – Vehicle Update

Sean Walsh informed the board that the new mower should be delivered in another week or so. The board is working on bid specs for the new mason dump in hopes to go out to bid next month. Craig Stevens provided an update on vehicle maintenance. Sean Walsh asked Craig Stevens to check on the mechanics repair logs to ensure they are being done properly. Craig Stevens will report on the status at the next scheduled meeting.

Item #7 – Work Performance Update

Discussed various repair work at different locations around town. Discussion on pothole logging system. Craig Stevens stated the computer system is working well but will still not generate individual work orders. Board also

discussed poison ivy removal at various locations around town. Al Bruno stated he is very happy with the condition of Gary Park.

Item #8 – Discussion on Sub-Contractor Use

The board discussed putting specifications together for RFQ for outside contractor for snow removal. The board will have specifications to advertise for the next scheduled meeting.

Board discussed the recent use of sub-contractors in the downtown area to do work normally performed by Public Works Department.

Motion to have the Public Works Board Chairman draft a letter to the Board of Selectmen to inquire the reason that work in the downtown area which was normally done by Public Works is not being done by a sub-contractor. The board would like to know why, when, how, who and what is the cost to the town.

Motion: Phil Wihelmy Second: Wayne Finkle
Yes: 5 No: 0 0: Abstain

Item #9 – Executive Session

None.

Item #10 – Other Business

Discussion on the status of the open Truck Driver positions. Sean Walsh informed the board that more interviews need to be conducted and the Board of Selectmen will have the recommendations for the August 20, 2013 meeting.

Board discussed filling the third vacant driver position.

Motion to have the Public Works Chariman draft a letter to the Board of Selectmen to recommend the filling of the third Truck Driver Position due to departmental needs and address the prospective laborers position when the next opening occurs.

Motion: Wayne Finkle Second: Yashu Putorti
Yes: 5 No: 0 0: Abstain

Item #11 – Public Comment

None.

Item #12– Adjournment

Motion to adjourn

Motion: Yashu Putorti Second: Wayne Finkle
Yes: 5 No: 0 0: Abstain

Meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm.

Submitted by:



Sean Walsh
Board of Public Works

August 12, 2013

To the Seymour Board of Public Works,

It is our understanding that the Board of Public Works is currently reviewing and interviewing candidates for the two open driver positions. We would like to show our support for two of those candidates, Theodore Freeman and Sean Strumello.

We have had the opportunity to work besides these two men for an ample amount of time. They are determined workers and have exhibited qualifications necessary for the job. They accomplish the various tasks that are handed to them in a timely manner and have been involved in several natural disaster situations, including Hurricane Sandy and the blizzard of 2013. As employees of the Seymour Public Works Department we often find ourselves working in stressful conditions such as plowing snow during winter storms. It is important that workers demonstrate effective communication and can trust fellow coworkers during these times. Both of these men have shown the ability to communicate with all coworkers and maintain a positive relationship with everyone as well.

Sean and Theodore have the experience, skills, and knowledge to perform the tasks of a public works employee. They have shown us that they can safely and proficiently operate all equipment used in this department and perform skilled tasks required for these available positions. We trust that these two men can work besides us efficiently and successfully.

We ask you to highly consider Theodore Freeman and Sean Strumello for the two driver positions at public works. They have already proven to be assets to this department and town.

Sincerely,

The Employees of Seymour Public Works

James Pollock
Fred Wilkins
Frank Gohaille

Ed Bomber
Peter S. Sattowski
Dan
Phil Fritz
John F. ...