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Board of Public Works Regular Meeting
Monday, May 13, 2013 at 7:00 PM
Public Works Garage

Members present: Chairman Sean Walsh, Vice-Chairman Wayne Finkle , Al Bruno (7:15), Phil Wilhelmy
Members not present: Yashu Putorti
Others present: Robert Koskelowski, Jr., Dennis Rozum, Craig Stevens

→ Sean Walsh opened the meeting at 7:03 PM

ITEM #1: Pledge of Allegiance

ITEM #2: Public comment

→ Robert Koskelowski, Jr., 10 Poplar Drive, is a Public Works employee. He stated that he heard 90 bags of fertilizer were purchased. He said that last year he used 74 bags of fertilizer. He noted that fertilizer is very corrosive and he hopes that the equipment is being kept up and cleaned. He also said that he hopes that whoever is applying the fertilizer is keeping track of how much they are using. Last year he did six applications and so the total quantity used was divided by six.

ITEM #3: Financial Update

→ Rozum stated that he is working with Town Hall to locate money to cover the overages in the two line items with large negative balances (Overtime Snow Plowing and Snow Plowing).

ITEM #4: Vehicle Update

→ Rozum stated that the new mechanic is on the job and working out well.

ITEM #5: Work Performance

→ Rozum presented the Board with a list of work performed during the past month.

→ Walsh asked if the software system is working yet. Stevens reported that it is not.

→ Walsh asked if weekly street sweeping has been happening downtown. Rozum stated that it has happened three times already and will continue.

→ Walsh asked why there were no trash bags placed in the new pails placed in the parks. Rozum stated that the pails were installed on Thursday and bags were put in on Friday morning by 8:30 AM.

→ Walsh stated that he received a complaint from a taxpayer regarding the cutting back of brush on Chatfield Street. The resident told Walsh that the area has a lot of poison ivy and when the brush is cut

back it causes the poison ivy to become airborne. Rozum stated that the brush must be cut back so the stop sign is not obstructed. Stevens will look further into the matter.

ITEM #6: Discussion on filling potential open positions (Take possible action)

→ Walsh stated that he attended a Board of Selectmen meeting and inquired about the process for posting the three opening that the department will have as of July 1. He stated that he was told it is ok to prepare job descriptions and post them in-house for the required five day period and then contact Human Resources to have the jobs posted in the newspaper following the in-house posting.

→ Motion to post three jobs available as of July 1 in-house and, if at the end of five days no one in-house is eligible, post the jobs in the newspaper.

Motion: Wilhelmy Second: Finkle

Vote- Yes: 3, No: 0, Abstain: 0

ITEM #7: Other business

→ Rozum stated that Nafis and Young are working with the State to possibly re-design the intersection on Church Street.

→ Rozum said that a representative from Boss snowplows came in and did a demonstration. The Board felt that it would prefer to continue using Fisher snowplows to keep the fleet uniform and allow for interchangeability.

→ Walsh stated that last month the Board discussed making certain that the fields were lined for games and then he heard that an employee was paid overtime to come in on a Saturday to line a field. Rozum stated that in that situation the field was lined that Friday, but heavy rain caused the lining to wash away. Bruno asked if the department is using a different paint. Rozum said, no, they are still using Pioneer, but will be trying Sherwin-Williams.

→ Motion to add to the agenda the approval of the April 8, 2013 regular meeting minutes.

Motion: Wilhelmy Second: Finkle

Vote- Yes: 3, No: 0, Abstain: 0

→ Motion to approve April 8, 2013 regular meeting minutes with the following alteration – it was Wilhelmy, not Finkle that made the motion to adjourn (Item #9).

Motion: Wilhelmy Second: Finkle

Vote- Yes: 3, No: 0, Abstain: 1 (Bruno)

ITEM #8: Executive session (Personnel), if necessary

→ Executive session was not deemed necessary.

ITEM #9: Public Comment

→ Robert Koskelowski, Jr. stated that the correct levels of nitrogen and phosphates can be found on the D.E.E.P. website and he knows of two other good websites for this information.

ITEM #10: Adjournment

→ Motion to adjourn at 7:30 PM.

Motion: Finkle

Second: Wilhelmy

Vote - Yes: 4, No: 0, Abstain: 0

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicole Knott". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "N".

Nicole Knott