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April 26, 2016

Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Public Works Committee was held on Tuesday, April 26, 2016, at DPW Headquarters, 301 Broad Street, at 5:04 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Councillors Joel Kaddy (chair), David Clark, Jody Joseph, Paul Beauchemin

Committee Members Absent: Councillor Angelo Bisol

Others Present: DPW Commissioner Lenny Laakso
DPW Superintendent Gary Withington

Action taken as follows:

Petition 207-15: Kenneth J. Matson, President- Matson Homes, Inc.- To accept Downy Circle, located within the Parker Hill Subdivision, as a public way.

Discussion: The Engineering Division has advised that the street is not ready to be accepted- the developer said that as-built plans are still two weeks away. The Committee voted, 4-0, to HOLD the petition.

Petition 048-16: Councillor Angelo Bisol- To review a water issue in front of 88 Charlton St., Fitchburg, MA.

Discussion: Superintendent Withington stated that a large puddle forms in front of the driveway at this address, and the problem can be corrected by raising the grade with asphalt. The Committee voted, 4-0, to GRANT the petition.

Petition 049-16: Councillor Paul Beauchemin and John Jeffrey- To request a tree be cut down for safety purposes. The tree is located on Norfolk St., a paper road, as outlined in the enclosed petition.

Discussion: Commissioner Laakso stated that former City Solicitor Mike Ciota issued a determination several years ago that the City does not repair or remove trees from private roads or paper streets (see Tree Guide on city website). The Committee voted, 4-0, to give the petition LEAVE TO WITHDRAW.

Petition 181-15: Councillor Michael Kushmerek- To increase the height of a city-owned fence on Blossom Street between the intersection of Elm and Mechanic Streets.

Discussion: Commissioner Laakso advised that a 6 foot high chain link fence could be installed at a cost of \$2,200. However, it is unclear what the purpose of the requested height increase is, so the Committee requested that the Commissioner contact the petitioner for clarification. The Committee voted, 4-0, to HOLD the petition.

Petition 242-15: Councillor Paul Beauchemin- To put a gate at the end of Shattuck Street because of illegal activities and dumping near the quarries. People on the street are complaining.

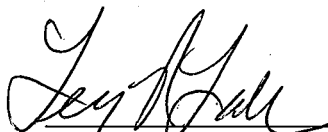
Discussion: Councillor Beauchemin explained that there is a considerable amount of illegal dumping near the quarry on Rollstone Hill at the trail extending from the end of Shattuck Street. Superintendent Withington agreed that DPW often has to pick up trash and debris in this area, and a gate should help reduce the problem. It will cost about \$3,000. The Committee voted, 4-0, to GRANT the petition.

Petition 081-16: Councillor Marcus DiNatale and Jim Viola- To repair/replace berms on both sides of resident's driveway. Berms were significantly damaged during the winter plowing. Location is 635 Mount Elam Road.

Discussion: Superintendent Withington agreed that the asphalt berms were damaged by plows and need to be repaired. Cost would be about \$200. The Committee voted, 4-0, to GRANT the petition.

The meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lenny R. Laakso, DPW Commissioner
Clerk of Committee

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