

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
February 22, 2010

Attending:

Chairman William Shakespeare	Public Works Director Chip Swan
Mayor Matthew Arnett	Town Manager Susan Lessard
Councilor Jean Lawlis	Jim Wilson, Woodard & Curran
Councilor Janet Hughes	Kyle Corbeil, Woodard & Curran
Councilor Andre Cushing	
Councilor Tom Brann	

The meeting was opened at 6 p.m. by Chairman Shakespeare.

1. Mayo Road – The Public Works Director gave a brief history of the development of Mayo Road and its traffic. After review of proposals presented by Norm Prouty by the Town’s consulting engineers, the Director’s recommendation remains that the road be constructed with 4 foot shoulders to accommodate the ability of people to pull over and then back into their driveways if necessary, and lining the lanes at a 10 foot width as a calming measure. The proposal for islands is not a good application for a high-volume road such as Mayo. The Town is working within the existing right of way on this project in order to lessen impact on Mayo Road Property owners, and still provide a much safer environment for both pedestrian and vehicular traffic. The Committee discussed the proposals with the consulting engineers from Woodard and Curran. Motion by Jean Lawlis, seconded by Janet Hughes to recommend to the Council that it proceed to bid the Mayo Road Project as presented, to include 4’ paved shoulders and 10’ lane markings as traffic calming and safety enhancements, and also to have the Mayor and Manager send a letter to Mayo Road residents explaining the decision. Vote 6-0
  - 1a. Sewer Line Extension – The Committee discussed whether or not the Town should explore extending the sewer line the rest of the way across Mayo Road during the reconstruction project. The cost is estimated at +/- \$500,000 and the line would not be usable unless or until another line was run across 4 Mile Square. The Manager indicated that this might be considered as a bid ‘add-on’ in case bids were less than the authorized borrowing amount, but it was pointed out that engineering would need to be done in advance if that was going to happen. Sewer funds are very limited at this time. It was the consensus of the Committee not to go forward with further exploration of this idea at this time, but to keep it on the list of future goals and objectives.
2. Grant for Municipal Building Boiler Replacement  
Motion by Tom Brann, seconded by Janet Hughes to recommend to the Council that the Municipal Building Boiler Replacement Project be put out for bid. Vote 6-0.
3. The Public Works Director explained that the manhole adjacent to the CSO tanks had a broken line and needed replacement. This has been a problem in the past and requires a more complicated replacement than has been done before. The

Town has the ability to use existing State Revolving Loan Fund monies that remain from the Route 1A Sewer Project to do the work with the same contractor, Sargent, that did the 1A project. This is a critical repair in order to prevent overflow from the CSO tanks. Motion by Jean Lawlis, seconded by Janet Hughes to recommend that the Council authorize the Public Works Director and the Town Manager to use existing SRF funds to repair the CSO manhole problem with plans for that repair to be reviewed by the Town's engineering consultant prior to construction. Vote 5-0.

4. Pool Roof. The Committee discussed the problems identified by the Pool Director with the pitched roof portion of the pool roof. Previous problems with moisture in the attic space were due to an inoperative fan and also to the amount of moist heat generated by the facility. It was the consensus of the Committee to direct the Public Works Director to meet with the Town's engineering consultant and bring back a recommended course of action in regard to the roof repair or replacement.

Other. Meeting with Hermon. The Hermon Town Council wishes to meet with representatives from Hampden Town Council to discuss the retirement of their fire chief and possible collaborative opportunities that exist as a result. William Shakespeare, Tom Brann, and Andre Cushing volunteered to meet with them at 5 p.m. on Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

5. Public Comments – None
6. Committee Member Comments – Matthew Arnett will be attending a meeting on Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup> in regard to the idea of utilizing 'green energy' from the landfill gas-to-energy plant as an alternative to the standard electric offer.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Lessard

Town Manager