

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes 10/26/2009

Attending:

<i>Councilor Thomas Brann</i>	<i>Water Dist. Supt. Cam Torrey</i>
<i>Mayor Matt Arnett</i>	<i>Jamie Holyoke</i>
<i>Councilor William Shakespeare</i>	<i>Shelli Gushue</i>
<i>Councilor Janet Hughes</i>	<i>James Conley</i>
<i>Councilor Andre Cushing</i>	<i>John Quesnel</i>
<i>Councilor Jean Lawlis</i>	<i>Don Darling</i>
<i>Councilor Shannon Cox</i>	<i>Mark Beauregard</i>
<i>Town Manager Sue Lessard</i>	
<i>Public Works Dir. Chip Swan</i>	

1. Minutes of September 28, 2009 Meeting – *Motion by Andre Cushing, seconded by Jean Lawlis to approve the minutes as presented, unanimous vote in favor.*

2. Old Business

a. Water District/Council Semi-Annual Meeting

1. Hydrant Plowing – *Public Works Director Chip Swan presented a proposal to allow the Water District to use the loader rented by the town for plowing use at the Town Office and the Pool for a rate of \$24/hour plus a \$7/hour fuel charge. The Water District would provide its own operator(s). The sharing of equipment would be a cost-effective way for the Water District to get the hydrants cleaned without the need for a new loader at this time. The Water District agreed that this was a practical solution to the issue of clearing hydrants.*

2. Customer Complaint – Backflow Device – *The General Manager of the Water District answered questions related to a complaint by Tammy Young regarding the need for a testable backflow device for an inflatable pool. Ms. Young has removed the pool and her water service has not been interrupted. Mr. Torrey stated that the District had not been contacted by the PUC regarding this issue despite the fact that Ms. Young has filed a complaint with them.*

3. Budget/Planning – *The Water District Trustee Chair, James Conley, then explained the agenda and information that they had provided for the meeting (copy attached).*

Highlights of that information included:

- *A 15% increase in the cost of water from Bangor*
- *A potential 10-20% rate increase in Water District Rates effective in April of 2010*
- *Projects including a new garage, replacement of a pump station on Route 1A, possible replacement of a line on Canoe Club Road, construction of a new water line to the new Hampden Academy, and a grant to upgrade the Water District facilities plan were discussed.*

- *The District wishes to continue working with the town on short and long term projects and anticipates the need for Water District staff to be onsite if the Mayo Road Project is approved in November.*
 - *Potential Cost Savings related to sewer billing were discussed*
 - *Wells are being explored in the Monroe Road Area as a possible alternative source to the City of Bangor*
 - *The Water District Trustees and the Council will meet prior to the public hearing for the proposed rate increase that will be applied for by the Water District in January.*
- b. *Saturday Bus Service & Parking for Bus Riders – Those present discussed the idea of Saturday service but indicated that more information was necessary before making such a commitment. The next newsletter will contain a survey that discusses this item. The Town will also look at potential sites for park and ride lot(s) for bus passengers who do not live on the route.*
- c. *Update – Route 1A Sewer Project – The Public Works Director reported that the project would be completed by 10-30-09.*
- d. *November Referendum – possible impact on Public Works – Those present briefly discussed the potential fiscal impact of the passage of the excise tax referendum. The consensus was that a strategic planning session should be planned for December, regardless of the status of that particular referendum question, so that that Council could take a ‘new’ look at the way in which services are provided and funded.*
- e. *Compost School – Waiting list for next class – The next class will likely be in June of 2010.*
3. *New Business*
 4. *Public Comments*
 5. *Committee Member Comments – Councilor Shakespeare reminded the Town Manager that the doorstops in the restrooms had not yet been replaced. The Public Works Director was in attendance and indicated that he would get that task completed.*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Susan Lessard
Town Manager*