

## INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 23, 2011

### Attending:

Councilor William Shakespeare  
Councilor Janet Hughes  
Councilor Jean Lawlis

Councilor Tom Brann  
Public Works Dir. Chip Swan  
Town Mgr. Sue Lessard

1. Minutes of 4/25/2011 – Motion by Councilor Hughes, seconded by Councilor Lawlis to approve minutes – unanimous vote.
2. Old Business
  - a. Pool Air Handler – Pool Director Darcey Peakall presented information from the Town's engineering firm related to the potential costs associated with replacement of the air handling system at the Lura Hoit Pool. The first step in determining the cost is determining what the options for replacement are. Motion by Councilor Hughes, seconded by Councilor Lawlis to request that the Pool Board of Trustees expend up to \$3500 for an engineering review to determine replacement options. Unanimous vote.
  - b. 2011 Snowmobile Trail Certification – Motion by Councilor Hughes, seconded by Councilor Lawlis to recommend to the full Council the approval or the Snowmobile Trail Certification program for 2011. Unanimous vote.
  - c. Transfer Station Operation
    1. Request to add C&D dates in April and May – The Town Manager explained the request from a resident that the Town open the transfer station for the collection of construction and demolition debris and wood more days during May and June so that the station is not as crowded as it is by only having two collection weekends a month. The Public Works Director explained potential costs associated with doing that related to disposal costs, as well as additional staff time needed. No action was taken on the item
    2. Transfer Station Decal –
      - a. Group Home Business Designation – The Town Manager explained that she had had requests from two group homes in Hampden for a transfer station decal. The policy has always treated these entities as businesses because the persons requesting the decals are staff members who work at these facilities – not the residents and staff members change. In addition, staff does not reside at the home and we do not issue stickers or passes to non-residents with no residence here. No action was taken on the item.
  - d. Streetlight Request – Jay's Way – The Town Manager reported that she had requested the Public Safety department to review the

request and make a recommendation to the Infrastructure Committee.

3. New Business

a. Sucker Brook Watershed – The Town Manager presented a memo from Town Planner Robert Osborne on the status of Sucker Brook. It is likely to be named in the near future as an urban impaired stream and that designation carries with it the responsibility of the Town to take action to protect and improve the watershed through the development of a Watershed Management Plan. This item is for information only so that the Council is aware of this very high cost item that will be facing the Town in the near future.

4. Public Comment - None

5. Committee member comments

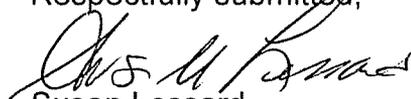
Brann – Asked about the work to be done on Kennebec Road. The Public Works Director informed the Committee that the State would be putting a coat of paving over it this summer.

Hughes – Questioned the salt price that the Council approved since the question was raised by a Council Candidate as to why the Town did not redo a bid this year and why it did not buy salt locally. The Public Works director explained that the Town 'piggybacked' with the State in 2010 and had obtained a very favorable price, including transportation. The Town buys bulk product with no middleman and the resulting price is substantially lower than could be achieved from a local vendor.

Shakespeare – Asked the ownership status of the road between Shaw Hill and Western Avenue. The Public Works Director indicated that it is a discontinued state road. The Town would not seek to make it a local road unless the State did substantial repairs to it prior to turning it over to the Town.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Susan Lessard  
Town Manager