

DPW Subcommittee Meeting – March 8th @ 3:00pm

Attendees:

- Joseph Conway – DPW Director
- Ann Waitt – DPW Business Manager
- Dennis Hogan – Finance Subcommittee Member
- Stefan Chase – Finance Subcommittee Member

Overtime

- Police details increased due to amount of work underway throughout the town

Purchase of Services

- Figures reviewed during subcommittee meeting does not include some encumbrances

Snow & Ice

- Estimated return to town of about \$300k if no further inclement weather events, such as snowfall or icy conditions, which may require salting operations
- Concerning salt stock
 - Rising commodity pricing of salt was mentioned as a budgetary risk item
 - DPW to attempt to time purchase of salt to reduce impact to budget

Sewer

- Pump rehabilitation +\$40k
 - Level cost anticipated to be included in future budgets

Water

- MWRA Assessment +\$718k
 - Increased cost of water 4%
 - Baseload increasing due to new construction
 - Expected to continue for next few years
 - Hotter summer increased existing use
 - Unfavorable PFAS test limited Crystal Lake pumping
 - Required additional MWRA water pumping to supplant
- Water Tower
 - \$2M - 0% Interest MWRA
 - \$3M - Borrow \$3M
- Ascending rate structure required
 - Current rate structure is appropriate

Warrant Articles

- \$1 easement

- Will take advantage of MWRA Sewer borrowing opportunity;
 - Pay \$750k over 10 years at 0% interest to obtain \$2.0M total
- Refuse collection
- Cemetery improvement item on hold