

## **Advisory Board of Public Works, April 5, 2021 – 5:30 pm**

**Item 1 | Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

**Item 3 | Approve Minutes from February and March Meetings:** Minutes approved with no discussion. Motion to approve made and seconded. Motion carries 3-0

**Item 3 | Public Participation:** None

**Item 4 | Water Disputes:** Water disputes tabled to next meeting due to no residents appearing before the board today.

**Item 5 | New Business:** Mr. Conway said all went well with the Finance Committee and Town Council. The next step is Town Meeting. Recycling and Refuse: Good package for town thanks to the Board. Black Earth starting May 1<sup>st</sup>: offer first 200 people 13 gal. compost bin and liner free with a 6- month subscription.

Per Mr. Conway, there will be a turnback on snow and ice since we didn't overspend. Ms. Proakis asked how much was spent: \$785,000. Mr. Conway mentioned the Board will be reviewing new water rates at the next meeting, to which Mr. Tarr responded he would like some extra time since there has been some online chatter regarding rates.

Ms. Proakis inquired about what dates new rates will start. Mr. Conway will review that after looking at retained earnings.

According to Mr. Conway, DPW will be purchasing a new software with a very interactive customer portal, whereby residents will be able to track their usage anytime away from their home. In addition, residents will quickly receive an alarm for any high usage. Ms. Palomino asked if this is a purchase or an upgrade to which Mr. Conway said we had the hardware, but not the software. The second component needed is the customer portal. Ms. Proakis made a point that due to Covid residents were home more and it would be hard to separate out how much water was really used.

### **FY2022 Warrant Articles:**

- A) **Eminent Domain** - \$1.00
- B) **Refuse/Recycling** - \$2,284,011
- C) **Supplemental Expense** –damages incurred during hurricane in August.  
Ms. Palomino asked if DPW should expand the snow and ice budget to include a storm budget as well. Mr. Conway stated DPW has incrementally been building up the budget, especially crane rental. Mr.

Tarr commented how incredible the response time is by the DPW and they have been very efficient.

**Item 6 | Next Meeting:** Mr. Tarr motioned to have the next meeting May 10 at 5:30. All approved...motioned carried 3-0

**Item 7 | Adjournment:** Mr. Tarr motioned for adjournment at 5:55. All approved...motion carried 3-0.