

Advisory Board of DPW
Monday, May 20th at 5:00 pm

Members in attendance: Chairman Christopher Tarr, Vice Chairwoman Maria Palomino, Board Member Elena Proakis

Also in attendance: Director of Public Works Richard Stinson, Assistant Director of Public Works Joseph Conway, and Principal Office Assistant Adam Pinkney

Meeting called to order at 5:05 pm.

- 1) Approval of minutes from previous meeting
 - Wednesday, April 22nd, 2019
 - Chairman Tarr entertained a motion to accept the April 22nd, 2019 minutes, Vice Chairwoman Palomino motioned to approve the minutes of April 22nd, 2019, Ms. Proakis seconded, no discussion given, all approved, motion carries for April 22nd, 2019 minutes to be approved
- 2) Participation
 - 93 Elm Street – Mr. Alfred Colangelo approached the Board regarding an issue with his recent Water and Sewer bill.
 - Mr. Conway explained in order to be heard by the Board over a dispute Mr. Colangelo would need to file a dispute form at the Public Works Office.
 - Mr. Colangelo agreed to file dispute form.
- 3) Water Hearings
 - **A. 4 Indian Lane**
 - Residents Rita and Tony Morelli approached the Board regarding a recent Water and Sewer bill issue. Their bill had generally been around \$250 but the October through December bill was \$1,619.41, looking to have some sort of consideration for this bill as it has never been this high.
 - Mr. Stinson explained that the Water and Sewer Division could have their meter tested for any issues.
 - Mrs. Morelli asked what other options they would have if they disagree with the outcome, Mr. Stinson explained if they disagree they could file with the Appellate Tax Court.
 - **B. 9 Blue Jay Circle #2**
 - Resident Nistala Chalapathi approached the Board with a recent Water and Sewer bill issue, explained the bill was higher than in recent month and found no leaks in their household. They also do not have an irrigation system or a pool.
 - Mr. Stinson explained we could have the meter tested through the Water and Sewer Division, Mr. Chalapathi noted the meter seems to be making a loud clicking sound.
 - Mr. Stinson said once the unit was tested the Board would follow up with the resident.
- 4) Solid Waste Long Term Planning
 - Mr. Stinson provided several articles regarding waste. JRM will be providing hauling services in September. Bulk items changing to a daily process opposed to weekly. Next year solide waste disposal contract ends June 30th, usually team with Melrose, Reading, and Stoneham to see if they want to work together on contract.
 - Mr. Conway added Covanta has limited space to take on trucks.



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- Mr. Stinson further explained transfer station run by Covanta in Danvers and contract with Danvers is about to run out.
- Mr. Stinson added recycling contract comes up in about 18 months. Moving to weekly recycling would increase cost.
- Chairwoman Palomino asked if the Town could provide a larger recycling barrel, Mr. Stinson explained this would add to the cost.
- Ms. Proakis added that by moving to weekly recycling it adds to our carbon footprint.
- Mr. Stinson added there is a company that provides textile collection, downside of this would be that additional carbon footprint from more trucks and it would affect the School Department whom holds fundraisers for this type of collection.
- Mr. Stinson added JRM could come in and speak to the Board.
- Ms. Proakis mentioned composting could be an area we look into

5) Next meeting discussed as Monday, June 10th at 5:30 pm

- Mr. Stinson discussed that the agenda will also talk about the next years water rates. The meeting will discuss the rate scenarios and will get a vote on the rate from board.
- Rate discussion continued with questions from board about how rates are calculated for water and sewer rate.

Chair Tarr entertained a motion to adjourn, Vice Chairwoman Palomino made a motion to adjourn, Ms. Proakis seconded motion, no discussion, all approved, motion carries to adjourn at 6:45 pm

