

Advisory Board of Public Works

Monday, April 21, 2020 – 5:00 pm

Attendance: Chairman Christopher Tarr, Vice Chair Maria Palomino

Absent: Member Elena Proakis

Also Attendance: Director of Public Works Joseph Conway, Business Manager Ann Waitt, and Principal Office Assistant Adam Pinkney

- 1) Call to order at 5:05 pm
- 2) Public Participation
 - None
- 3) Approval of March 9, 2020 Minutes
 - Vice Chair Ms. Palomino motioned to accept the minutes Monday, March 9, 2020, Chair Mr. Tarr seconded, no discussion, all approve, motion to accept the minutes Monday, March 9, 2020 carries
- 4) Refuse & Recycling
 - Mr. Conway explained updates on contract with Covanta going from around \$69.00 a ton to \$90.00 a ton
 - Per Request from Town Council, Nahant Street Yard Waste location now open Sunday through Saturday, 7:00 am to 3:00 pm
 - Chair Mr. Tarr added having the Nahant Street Yard Waste location open at these new hours is a great idea
- 5) COVID-19, Town Meeting Date, FY21 Budget, Capital
 - Mr. Conway gave updates for COVID-19 related to the Department of Public Works, services continuing to function efficiently such as refuse/recycling collection, water/sewer delivery, all with workers on alternating split shifts
 - Town Meeting moved to June 8, 2020
 - FY21 Budget/Capital could be seeing a reduction due to COVID-19
 - Chair Mr. Tarr wanted to thank the entire Department of Public Works staff for their ongoing efforts
- 6) Water Rate Study
 - Mr. Conway presented information for the Abraham Group whom was awarded the bid contract; they have received data from Public Works and will follow up with the Advisory Board of Public Works at a future meeting
 - Ms. Waitt mentioned phase 2 will be starting around May 9, 2020
 - Vice Chair Ms. Palomino asked what the Abraham Group would do to assist in mitigating abatements, Ms. Waitt explained they'll be looking at all factors for billing process
- 7) Other Business
 - Vice Chair Ms. Palomino read that there is a shortage of CO2 effecting water supply, Ms. Waitt said that the MWRA had not reported such issues in our area at this time
 - Chair Mr. Tarr mentioned Town Councilor Butt spoke about upcoming textile program and how residents can obtain additional bags, Ms. Waitt explained Simple Recycling can work with the resident directly



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- Mr. Pinkney mentioned record keeping wise, a vote is needed for Chair and Vice Chair for this new year, however one member of the Advisory Board is absent, Chair Mr. Tarr said we would table voting on Chair and Vice Chair to the next meeting
- 8) Next Meeting
 - To be determined
- 9) Adjournment
 - Ms. Palomino motioned to adjourn, Chair Mr. Tarr seconded, no discussion, all approve, motion to adjourn at 5:40 pm carries

