

APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN SPECIAL MEETING
June 27, 2019

Board of Selectmen

PRESENT: Gary Daniels, Chairman
Paul Dargie, Vice Chairman
Mike Putnam, Member
Laura Dudziak, Member
Chris Labonte, Member
Mark Bender, Town Administrator

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Daniels called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss a collaborative effort between Water Utilities and Public Works. Chairman Daniels handed the meeting over to the Town Administrator, Mark Bender.

Administrator Bender read an e-mail: A collaborative effort between Water Utilities and Public Works has created a prime paving opportunity for the town. Essentially, we can do curb to curb base paving along Nashua and Union Streets rather than a planned trench patch with savings to the town of \$150,000.

The Water Utilities (WU) contract for water and sewer work on Elm, Union and Nashua streets called for trench patching at a cost of \$150,400. There are so many patches on these streets already that we were planning to mill & pave or reclaim & pave them in 2020.

Public Works can reclaim and pave that section of Union Street curb to curb, mill and pave the section of Elm Street and mill and pave South Nashua Street curb to curb from Linden to High Streets for \$182,329. So, the net cost to the town would be \$31,927 (\$182,329 - \$150,402) and we have that amount available in the 2019 paving budget.

The process and accounting would be as follows:

- WU issues a change order to the contractor removing trench patching for \$150,402, but retaining the amount as paving cost.
- DPW contracts for the mill reclaim and paving work. Cost is split \$150,402 to WU to complete the Warrant Article bond amount and the balance of \$31,927 is charged to DPW paving account.

This is a win-win for all especially everyone driving on some of our busiest streets - Nashua, Elm and Union. We met with the WU Commissioners, the project engineer and the contractors today and all are agreeable. We avoid the additional trench patching and get better pavement this year rather than redoing these streets next year.

Kevin, Rick and Chris have been working on this plan for a few weeks. It is a great idea. Thanks for the good work!!!

Selectman – Please note your approval to use \$31,927 from the 2019 Budget.

Chairman Daniels said before them was the approval of the project and the spending of \$31,927. Selectman Dargie asked what the difference was between re-claim and mill. Administrator Bender said milling is shallower, about 2 inches deep, re-claiming is anywhere from 6 to 10 inches deep.

Selectman Labonte asked if the contractor was liable for bonding the road for maintenance for next year as far as settlement, etc. Selectman Putnam said they disconnected them from that part of the contract. Selectman Labonte asked if it was originally in their contract. Selectman Putnam said no, it was just a trench patch; there isn't an issue of maintaining. Selectman Labonte asked if they had to get a street

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opening permit from Public Works for that work. Selectman Putnam said he believes so. Selectman Labonte is concerned with the liability on how it will get fixed. He asked what is physically going to be done to Nashua Street. Selectman Putnam said gravel flush until they are ready to re-claim or mill.

There will be time for everything to settle and compact before it's re-paved. Selectman Labonte asked if was just going to be a basecoat. Administrator Bender said it would actually be a top coat. Nashua Street will be milled, Union Street will be reclaimed. He also referenced page 118, procedures for repairs of trench cuts on city roads from the Department of Public Works Infrastructure Design, Construction & Administration Standards. Selectman Labonte said on a patch you are supposed to put back 4 inches of asphalt, in 2 inches layers. If we are just mill and pave a basecoat, we are putting 2 inches down we won't have half of what should be there. In order to approve this, he wants to know what Public Works is going to do. He would like to see Rick and ask him what is going to be done. If we are going to pave it with a 2 inch base and then another 2 inches on top, who pays for the traffic detail that will be needed for this. He wants to know how we are going to do this and still end up with a road that has a structural integrity.

Selectman Putnam said, Dale White, Bob Courage, myself, the engineer, Rick and Chris sat down along with the contractor. We asked about settlement and other questions. The questions were answered to our satisfaction. We are happy with it and it's a good thing for the town.

Selectman Labonte said he would love to see Nashua Street paved but if you drive around town there are patches from utility companies that are terrible. He is concerned with settling. What do we do if we go through milling and paving and then we have settlement? He repeated that he would like to talk to Rick.

Selectman Putnam made a motion to approve the \$31,927. Seconded by Selectman Dargie. Administrator Bender said he's going to trust Rick and Public Works to do this project the right way. This is what we pay him to do. Selectman Labonte asked if West has already been released of their duty. Selectman Putnam said yes. Selectman Labonte replied, "then we don't have a choice apparently". Who gave the authority to release them? Selectman Putnam said the Water Commissioners. Selectman Labonte said he doesn't understand how the Water Commissioners can release the authority without the Select Board. Selectman Putnam said the Water Commissioners are paying for the project; it has nothing to do with the town. Selectman Labonte said it does, it has \$31,927 to do with the town. Selectman Putnam said we changed what is going to happen with paving. Selectman Labonte repeated, without the approval of the Board. Selectman Putnam said that is why we are here tonight. Selectman Labonte said we've already relieved West, he doesn't understand.

Administrator Bender agreed with Selectman Labonte, it shouldn't have been done until this meeting. Selectman Putnam said it might not have been done, he's assuming it was. Selectman Labonte repeated that he expected Rick to be here tonight, he had prior commitments but we should have rescheduled to a time he could have attended.

Selectman Putnam said Selectman Labonte could visit Rick during the day, he doesn't need to get educated at these meetings. Selectman Labonte feels it wouldn't be a bad thing for the whole Board to be educated by a Department head. Selectman Putnam said that his opinion. Most of us know what's going on, we don't need to be educated. If you need to be educated, talk to Rick. Don't drag our meetings out because you don't know what's going on.

Chairman Daniels said he thought Rick sent out a letter explaining what was going to be happening. Selectman Putnam said yes, it was based on your questions.

Bob Labonte, Milford resident said Selectman Labonte is a big boy and he can take care himself. Mike is fighting back saying, educate yourself. He's seen, not so much this Board but plenty of other Boards

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when looking a truck, you have a rough idea of a truck, nothing against any of the others but you are voting on things that you don't know about at times, and this is one. Selectman Labonte asked you something very simple and you snapped at him. Selectman Putnam said we are not here for education purposes at these meetings, we are here to conduct business. Bob said this should have never happened to start with, it should have never been signed off. Selectman Putnam said it might not have been. Bob said before coming to this meeting, word out on the street was that West was already relieved. Selectman Putnam asked him if he believed everything he hears on face book. Bob replied that he doesn't do face book. Two people talked to him, someone from West. He can't get closer than that. Don't shoot him down. He heard it from someone from West.

Chairman Daniels said he didn't want to get into a debate. He doesn't know the situation with West but he does believe that if the Department Heads have gotten together and if something was planned out to be done he would expect that they would be following the documentation that's already in place. He doesn't feel that he has to micromanage. That's an expectation of the Department Heads. He didn't go delving into it and asking questions.

Administrator Bender said if Selectman Labonte would give him a copy of what he was referencing, he would talk to Rick tomorrow. Selectman Labonte said if we have the standards in a document, we should be following them. If you look at the past paving plans over the last two years, we don't follow this.

Chairman Daniels said there was a motion on the table by Selectman Putnam to approve the \$31,927. Seconded by Selectman Dargie, were there any other questions. The motion passed 4/1 with Selectman Labonte opposed.

Selectman Labonte requests that the e-mail be attached to the minutes. Chairman Daniels said that is why he read the e-mail so it would be part of the minutes.

3. ADJOURNMENT: Selectman Putnam moved to adjourn at 5:45. Selectman Dudziak seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed 5/0.

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