

Department of Public Works
Advisory Board Meeting
January 19, 2005

The meeting was held in Room 211 at the town hall on Wednesday January 5, 2005 at 7:30 AM. Present were Advisory Board Members Eric Sonnett and Jim Pyne, Dan McIntyre, DPW Director J.T. Gaucher, Water/Sewer Manager Eric Carty, and Highway Manager Mike Mansir. Town resident Mary Pratt was also on hand.

Snow and Ice Budget

The benefits of using chemicals with the sand salt application were discussed. This process allows for the use of less salt, is more effective in colder temperatures, and provides better road coverage. This will be used on a trial basis this winter and evaluated for future use. Mr. Mansir explained that he appeared before the BOS last night to explain that due to the numerous ice and snow events this season, additional monies are needed for the snow and ice budget, as has been the norm in the past. The Selectman approved the request for the additional funds.

Water Chemical Consortium

Mr. Carty notified the board that the cost of the water treatment chemicals is rising dramatically. He will be attending a meeting to see if the town can become a member of the local consortium of cities and towns that can purchase chemicals at lower cost. Mr. Carty will report his findings back to the board.

Withdrawal Permit

Mr. Carty notified the board that the town recently received a letter from the DEP that is requiring that a ground-watering monitoring plan be submitted and approved before the new source approval for the H-2 well will be issued. The plan must incorporate monitoring of the salt plume, the past underground fuel release, the proposed wastewater discharge and activities associated with a new DPW facility. Mr. Carty will be contacting Earth Tech to discuss the next steps.

Teresa Drive Drainage

Mr. Mansir met with Don Macadam of the Con Com to discuss plans for the correction of a drainage and flooding problem on Teresa road. After two weeks, Mr. Mansir received word that the proposed work would most likely not fall under the current town wide drainage plan that was approved by the Con Com and would require an RDA which will add to the time delay and cost of the project. He was advised to wait for the return of Ellen Chagnon, who has been familiar with the past work on these types of projects and see what her opinion was, as far as falling under the current permit.

MINUTES

The minutes of the January 5th, 2005 meeting were approved on a motion made by Mr. Pyne and seconded by Mr. Sonnett. The vote was unanimous.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for February 8th 2005 at 7:30 AM in room 211 at the town hall.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Carty