



TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE

A JOINT MEETING OF THE D.P.W. SUBCOMMITTEE and TOWN COUNCIL

Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 7:00 PM Veterans Room

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call: Councilor Mike Marketti (Chair), Citizen Member Kevin Splaine, Councilor Joseph Daou, Councilor Gus Steeves. Also in attendance: George Chenier, DPW Director Heather Blakely, Town Engineer Matthew Desjardin, Town Manager Michael McCall, Council Chair John Daniel, Council Vice Chair Dave Adams.
3. Consider and approve Joint DPW/Town Council Meeting Minutes of May 3, 2022. Vote 3-0-1
4. Citizens Forum: None
5. Discuss the DPW transfer request for \$125,000.00 from Facility Improvements account #610450-583000-22585 to Water Facility Paving Improvement account to repave areas at the Water Facilities. Entertain a motion to recommend that Council approves such transfer. Heather explained the funds are in the current capital budget account and will close out at the end of the fiscal year. This is to move those funds from the Water Facility Improvements account into the Project Number Funds account. Motion made Splaine/ second Steeves. Vote 4-0
6. Discuss the Snow & Ice transfer request from Overtime Snow & Ice account #0495-513100 in the amount of \$16,563.76 and Special Services account #0495-529000 in the amount of \$83,436.24 for total amount of \$100,000.00 to Road Paving Construction and Reconstruction Fund Project #64843 to increase available funds for Road Improvements. Entertain a motion to recommend that Council approves such transfer. Heather and Matt confirmed there is approximately \$200,000.00 in Snow and Ice account and Special Services account and requested transfer as if not done so monies would not be available until December with paving weather also unavailable. Splaine asked if any of these funds would be available for sidewalks repairs. Marketti sought a list of roads to be worked on as well as when the Ellis Road project was going to be worked on. Both Heather and Matt stressed the benefits of crack and fog sealing. Motion made by Splaine/ second Steeves Vote 4-0
7. Discuss the Water transfer request for \$23,965.61 from Equipment Capital account #610450-583000-22581 to System Capital account #610450-583000-22580 to cover additional costs associated with Water System expenses. Entertain a motion to recommend that Council approves such transfer. Heather explained transfer from Equipment Capital account (large purchases account) is being transferred to cover Water System expenses. Daou/ second Splaine. Vote 4-0

8. Discuss the Town's open road permit and regulations. Subcommittee member Splaine requested this agenda item. He has been seeking to have this issue since November 2021. He indicated the Town has not been enforcing the regulations and the regulations have not been updated since 1990. Heather stated the regulations should be sent to Matt. Splaine confirmed there were 280 open road violations on record. This included National Grid modifying a permit to get a gas line to the sewer Department. There is no accountability. Worcester Street has no money to pay. Councilor Daou: National Grid has a gas line next to a water line on Snow Street and had to stop work. Town needs more oversight for inspections and fee structure. Resident George Chenier recommending enforcement of what we have. National Grid has NewCo working in town and town should request replacement as NewCo is not following National Grid trenching. Main Street paving did not have oversight as DPW was overwhelmed. Bylaws need to be enforced until new bylaws can be written. Splaine stated a sink hole at Cisco and Rogers Streets.

9. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted by Subcommittee Chair Councilor Marketti