

**Board of Public Works
Meeting of January 20, 2022
Meeting Minutes**

A meeting of the Board of Public Works was held on Thursday, January 20, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., in the Auditorium at City Hall, 229 Main Street, Nashua, NH 03060.

Mayor Donchess declared the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Commissioner Moriarty

Here.

Commissioner Schoneman

Here.

Commissioner Lemen

Here.

Commissioner Shea

Here.

Mayor Donchess

Here.

Also Present:

Lisa Fauteux, Director, Division of Public Works (Via Zoom)
Jeffrey Lafleur, Superintendent, Solid Waste
Kevin Naro, Solid Waste Foreman
Andrew Patrician, Assistant Director, Division of Public Works
Dan Hudson, P.E., City Engineer
Diane Thibodeau, Executive Assistant, Division of Public Works (Clerk)

II. MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA

Mayor Donchess

So everyone is present. The first item is a motion, now, what I normally do is just run through, alternate from person to person on these motions. The first item is to approve the agenda, but

there is one item that we need to delete because the information is not complete, and that is Item C under Engineering, the drain layer's license for the company that's mentioned there.

Lisa Fauteux, Director, Division of Public Works

Correct.

Mayor Donchess

Was there a motion to, I believe that's correct, right?

Director Fauteux

Yes, it is, Mayor.

Mayor Donchess

So can we have a motion to approve the agenda with the deletion of Item C under Engineering?

Motion by Commissioner Moriarty: To approve the agenda with changes.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously.

III. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING OF DECEMBER 16, 2021

Motion by Commissioner Schoneman: To approve the Minutes of the Board of Public Works Meeting of December 16, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Donchess

Is there any member of the public who wishes to address the Board? Apparently not.

V. SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

A. Motion: To Approve Change Order No. 1 to the contract with Chemserve Environmental Analysts of Milford, NH for water quality testing services at Nashua landfill sites for the Solid Waste Department in the amount of \$40,795.00. Funding will be through: Department: 168 Solid Waste; Fund: Solid Waste; Account Classification: 53 Professional and Technical Services.

Motion by Commissioner Lemen: To approve Change Order No. 1 to the contract with Chemserve Environmental Analysts of Milford, NH for water quality testing services at Nashua landfill sites for the Solid Waste Department in the amount of \$40,795.00. Funding will be through: Department: 168 Solid Waste; Fund: Solid Waste; Account Classification: 53 Professional and Technical Services.

Discussion:

Mayor Donchess

Mr. Lafleur.

Jeff Lafleur, Superintendent, Solid Waste

We have a contract with Chemserve Analysts for 3 years, this change order is due to some requirements that DES is making us do some additional testing at the landfills. We didn't anticipate these changes, it's just something that DES added on to us. We did a calculation and tried to figure out as close as possible to get us through the rest of this year, so that's where this number comes up with. Again, we went out to bid for the 3 year contract. They were our lowest bidder. They didn't change any of the pricing that they're doing. It's normal testing, which is additional testing.

Mayor Donchess

Any questions, comments from anyone? Commissioner Schoneman.

Commissioner Schoneman

It says that it's possible after February, the monthly testing might be revised to quarterly. Do you know when you're going to know if that'll be changed?

Mr. Lafleur

That will be depending if DES gives us the approval to do the changes to eliminate some of the testing. We don't have a definite answer, we're going to petition the State to say listen we don't need to do this additional testing, we have enough background.

Commissioner Schoneman

So it could be at any time or --

Mr. Lafleur

It could be February or it could be carried out through June. We're just depending on if DES will give us the approval to lessen the amount of testing that needs to be done.

Commissioner Schoneman

Okay, and if it does happen, that you're revised down to quarterly sampling instead of monthly, what is the plan for the excess funding? Surely, they'll be excess funding, if you're not sampling every month.

Mr. Lafleur

The PO would just be stopped and would go back into the account that the money came from.

Commissioner Schoneman

Okay.

Mayor Donchess

Any other discussion?

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously.

B. Motion: To Make a Recommendation to the Board of Aldermen to Increase the Charge of Construction and Demolition from \$90.00 per ton to \$300.00 per ton.

Motion by Commissioner Shea: To make a recommendation to the Board of Aldermen to increase the charge of Construction and Demolition from \$90.00 per ton to \$300.00 per ton.

Discussion:

Mayor Donchess

Now we have several people who are prepared to address this, and we'll go to Mr. Lafleur in a second, but the overview is we're getting tons and tons of stuff from out of town. Many examples of people bringing in stuff from out of town have been discovered. There's an economic incentive to try and bring it here because the prices here are much lower than elsewhere, and the type of investigation that's done is when someone brings in the demolition, they ask well where did you get this? So, this would have to come from a Nashua location. Oh, I got it at you know, 40 Franklin Street. They go to 40 Franklin Street, did you have a project done here? No. That happens over and over, and over again. You're going to hear, there's a report if it's in here and I assume someone is going to speak to it that is going to show that the amount of demolition tonnage that is coming in has gone up dramatically and we think it is because of this price, so we have to create a disincentive for people. Demolition stuff is not good for the landfill, to begin with, and it is filling up the landfill. I'll let Mr. Lafleur speak in more detail.

Jeff Lafleur, Superintendent, Solid Waste

Jeff Lafleur, Superintendent, Solid Waste. As the mayor said the C&D, it takes up actually 20% more airspace than MSW, which is the (inaudible) when we compact it. So it is definitely an incentive to keep it out of the landfill as much possible to save airspace for the citizens of Nashua. There is two or three, there is at least two areas or companies within 50 miles of the City of Nashua that do recycle C&D and they're at \$185.00 a ton right now. We're thinking if we bring it up to the \$300.00 a ton that will definitely discourage people to bring it here and bring it elsewhere, where it is a little bit cheaper for them to do it. And, as the Mayor said we've been checking out residents, we have a lot of commercial contractors that come in and just give a bogus address. I have one of my foremen here today that personally went out and checked with residents. The other foremen couldn't make it. They personally go to these houses that they say hey, this is where the job was done, they knock on the door and they're like we have no clue what you're talking about. Kind of makes us look foolish, but we're doing our due diligence trying to keep this stuff out of our landfill. I have the authority to pull a permit if I know that something is coming from outside of Nashua, and up-to-date, we pulled 39 permits. Over half of those were for construction and demolition, they're small Joe contractors coming in and bringing in demo. Most of these contractors when we do pull the permit from them they tell me well it was great while it lasted. That just tells me that they've been bringing them in for years and we're finally getting around to doing our diligence trying to keep this stuff out of the landfill. That's why we're requesting this. I think there has to be an ordinance change, we have to bring it to you guys to recommend it to the Board of Aldermen, and then I have to go through the process of getting that approved through the Aldermen. I would expect eventually, we'll be going for some other items, to help out with the City stopping stuff coming into the landfill, but right now we're going to start with construction and demolition. Again, I brought my foremen, and if you guys have any questions about some of the residences that they've been to and looked at.

Mayor Donchess

Our foreman has done a lot of these investigations. Well, no we don't have any project like that, again, we don't know what you're talking about. Do you have anything you want to add Ms. Fauteux?

Lisa Fauteux, Director, Division of Public Works

No, I just, Kevin probably could add, Kevin Narrow our Solid Waste foreman is present so he may want to add something because it's been incredibly frustrating for the foreman to find this over and over again. There are a number of things that I think also factor into this; one is there just are no landfills left in New England, very few, and Massachusetts has put a band on construction and demolition debris in landfills, we're hoping that New Hampshire follows suit, but they have not yet. I think partially because there aren't a lot of landfills left. There are two facilities as Jeff said, one of the Seacoast, one in Salem. So there certainly are other opportunities and more suitable facilities to bring this material to where it can be processed and not taking space in the landfill, and we're very concerned that if this trend continues that we may,

we're going to fill the landfill much more quickly than anticipated and not have the space for residents and the trash, which is really what this is designed for.

Mayor Donchess

Now, Mr. Narrow do you want to add anything? Mr. Narrow is a Nashua resident--

Mr. Narrow

Hello, everybody. Kevin Narrow, Solid Waste Foreman over at the landfill. As Jeff was saying, we had throughout the years believe it or not when loads come in, commercial loads come in we dig through the loads, look at addresses just to make sure that the material is coming from the City of Nashua. All these commercial haulers know that anything they bring in, when they're sold the permit they know whatever comes in has to be generated from the City of Nashua. A few months back, Jeff Parker and I, Jeff is the other foreman at the landfill, decided when a load of demo comes in, somebody brings in a load of roofing you can't really get an address on it. The scale office is always, when the load comes in they've always gotten an address, so the commercial company has to say where it is coming from. We took it upon ourselves to say, okay, well let's start checking on some of these demo loads. The roofers are easy, they give you an address and you go and the roof has moss on it, it is a no-brainer you know that it is not coming from the City of Nashua. That kind of tripped up, and one thing came to another and it just started snowballing where Jeff Parker and I started knocking on doors, and as the Mayor referred to I went to this one house over off of Pine Hill Ave. and it was a company that had done kitchens. I knocked on the door and the gentleman came to the door and I asked him and he looked at me like I had two heads and he's like I don't know what you're talking about. So they've obviously been lying to us and like Jeff said I think it was 39 permits that we've suspended. I think we've just hit the tip of the iceberg and I think it is a really good thing to do to keep on it because it's a landfill, people put their trash out and it disappears, but they don't realize that that landfill is very important to the City and when it is gone we're really going to pay. So hopefully this goes through and we can curb that and we're going to keep doing our due diligence to keep as much as we can out of it, we can't catch everything, but we do the best that we can. Thank you.

Mayor Donchess

Yes, Mr. Patrician.

Andrew Patrician, Assistant Director, Division of Public Works

Andy Patrician, the Assistant Director of Public Works. I'm going to age myself a little bit here I was actually working in the landfill as an equipment operator back in 1995. I worked in the old landfill that is unlined and I was actually the operator that started putting trash in the new landfill, which was Phase 1 in June 2003. Phase 1 and Phase 2 lasted until about 2018ish, so 18, 19, 20 years out of those. We opened Phase 3, and just in a couple of years, it has filled up like I've never seen it before. I've been in that landfill a long time, the stuff that used to come into the landfill, we never took in that amount of material because there was other outlets around us that were a lot cheaper, and now that all these outlets have closed down and the prices are up,

we're just getting – I just can't believe how fast Phase 3 has been filling compared to Phase 1 and 2, which I personally worked in. I just wanted to let you know it is just mind-boggling; the amount of trash, the amount of C&D that is coming into the landfill right now is just mind-boggling. I just wanted to give you a little history.

Mayor Donchess

All right, so I think you've heard from a group of people. All are available for questions or whatever, so Commissioners do you have questions, comments on this? Commissioner Shea.

Commissioner Shea

What is the cost of the base permit?

Mr. Lafleur

For commercial permits it's \$50.00.

Commissioner Shea

\$50.00 and is there any sort of fine scheduled for people that are found to be skirting this and bringing stuff it?

Mr. Lafleur

That's one of the things that the director and I have been looking at, diligently looking at that. The fine schedule is only from like 40 years ago, 50 years ago in the ordinances so we're trying to figure out what we need to do, and how to curb it. The one good thing is that it does say that the director or the superintendent has a right to pull any permit if there's any issues and I've taken that upon myself to start doing that with the director's blessing to do that and the Mayor's. I can tell you one thing though is when I do pull a permit I get some choice words, I get a lot of yelling, screaming, you can't do that and unfortunately, we can. This is the City of Nashua and we're looking for the residents of Nashua and our airspace.

Commissioner Shea

So it seems the risk/reward proposition there, you could dump 2 tons and if you lose a \$50.00 permit you're saving money still coming to Nashua, and I'm generally in favor of this I will like the idea that it is more expensive to dispose of it in the landfill as opposed to recycle facilities, but I would love to see additional attention to the fine schedule issue because the risk/reward proposition, I get why people are doing it.

Mr. Lafleur

Absolutely. I can say that I would rather stop it from coming in 100% --

Commissioner Shea

Absolutely--

Mr. Lafleur

Fining someone because it's only cash they'll pass that on to their customers. For me getting it out of the landfill 100% is the best thing for us instead of a fine schedule, but we would definitely look into something like that.

Commissioner Shea

Thank you.

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Schoneman.

Commissioner Schoneman

First of all, I think this is a great idea. I think for those who are not doing things by the book I think it's really going to be a disincentive. It's unfortunate that the people who are legitimate and really need a place to dispose of their, the C&D, it's unfortunate for them, but I think it will have the affect that you're looking for. I'm a little curious, is it possible to recycle, you said the other facilities recycle some of the C&D. Is it possible for us to do that, or is it too cost-prohibitive to go through all that?

Mr. Lafleur

We can do that and that's another thing that I've spoke to the director about. We're going to start, I'm going to go out to RFP and see how much we can ship our demo for. We did it for a while with a little bit, like back in the FY 18 or 17, we did some of it. It was very expensive and the budgeting in our department, it wasn't cost-effective to send it out because we could landfill it cheaper, but now that we're in a time constraint and we're looking at airspace being a major problem, we are going to go out to RFP. We're going to see if these contactors that do recycle it will take it and the residence or whoever does decide to bring it to our landfill hopefully we can send it out. That will be a big budget increase in my department. If I were to ship out 15,000 tons right here, you could be looking at \$1.8, \$1.9 million increase in my budget just to ship demo out. Hopefully, the monies that were going to charge, hopefully, if we get this approved will help offset that. It will all hopefully come out in the end.

Lisa Fauteux, Director, Division of Public Works

If I could add something to that. The other thing too, Commissioners that is a problem is the Gypsum board that is often in construction and demolition debris; when that gets into the landfill it decomposes and creates significant odors. So that's another reason to pick it out – to keep it out of the landfill. We do try to pick it out, but it's nearly impossible to get all of it. That's a huge source of odor source as well.

Commissioner Schoneman

I just wanted to ask what kind of things from C&D, especially from demolition can be recycled. What can you reuse?

Mr. Lafleur

The wood that's recycled, which is most of the C&D they chip it up and they'll make particle board, they'll make pressboard. The companies that take it they have all these vendors that will take all the different commodities and do certain stuff with it. I'm not very fluent on what they do with it, but so long as it's out of our landfill.

Ms. Fauteux

Jeff, I think Commissioner Schoneman is, and correct me if I'm wrong, Commissioner Schoneman is asking is there the possibility that we could recycle any of it?

Mr. Lafleur

Personally here at our landfill, we don't have the means to do it. I can ship it out to a company. I don't think – we could look at something I'm not 100% sure. The time process to do something like that would be very difficult. I'd have to pick out every piece of wood with an excavator or a hand do it. These facilities have conveyor belts that they do it, that's their job.

Ms. Fauteux

And it can be complicated too because you're dealing with lead-based paint and other things that could be toxic and harmful. It's not really something that we would want--it's not a business we would want to get into.

Commissioner Schoneman

Interesting. Okay, thank you.

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Lemen.

Commissioner Lemen

Do you think \$300.00 a ton is enough?

Mr. Lafleur

Based on what we saw for the \$185.00 a ton at these facilities—it's almost double what we were going for. We shot high that way. I'm up for whatever number that you guys want to throw out there. Again, I'd be in favor to get it all out of the landfill. Send it somewhere else, but we though \$300.00 was fair.

Commissioner Lemen

I was just wondering if you thought that was a big enough fee to really make people say, okay I got to come up with some other solution to deal with my construction and demolition waste.

Mr. Lafleur

I agree. The unfortunate thing is no matter what number we throw at it I think the contractor is going to throw the number back on the residents. The person that's going to be doing the job. We could set it at \$1,000.00 a ton, it's just going to be pushed back at them, they're not going to care.

Commissioner Lemen

All right. Thank you.

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Moriarty.

Commissioner Moriarty

The motion isn't clear whether this is, will only affect commercially permitted contractors or is the across the board, affects everybody -- everybody is treated equally.

Mr. Lafleur

All demo that comes in. The price is the same for commercial and residential at the landfill right now. The difference with commercial is they paid a \$50.00 permit and they do pay a half-ton minimum, so they're paying a minimum of \$45.00 whether they bring in two boards or a ton. They are paying 4 ½ cents a ton right now, or a pound I'm sorry. Just like our residents. Our residents will pay the 4 ½ cents a pound, but they don't get charged the minimums. So they could come in with six or eight boards and get charged \$3.00, whereas a commercial contractor would get charged \$45.00 or the same three or four boards.

Mayor Donchess

Go ahead.

Commissioner Moriarty

Another question I had was, I've never been through this process on the scale with a truck so I don't know how the process works. Does the driver have to sign off? Verifying that the demolition comes from a certain location or no, they just --

Mr. Lafleur

They come on our scale. Our scale operator takes down their permit number and makes sure that the permit lines up with the truck or the vehicle and then when they ask the resident where the load came from they type it in on the ticket so we have a physical ticket that tells us that driver told us this is where it came from. And again, that's when the scale operator will call out to the foreman, and say hey this is the resident I went out to, the foreman will try to get out there and check it and see if the work was done there; and then when they're scaling out they're getting a copy of that ticket with the address on it and they're signing their name to it saying that this is all correct. So, if they're lying their signature is on the slip saying that yes, it did come from there. Well, no it didn't sir.

Commissioner Moriarty

I just wanted to make sure that somewhere along the line we get a signature they're verifying it.

Mr. Lafleur

Yup, yup, they verify it because it's in the comments. Every one of our commercial contractors that come in or a resident, they have to sign off on it when they pay any amount to the landfill.

Commissioner Moriarty

Okay, thank you.

Mayor Donchess

Anyone else? All right well, the motion is to make a recommendation to the Board of Aldermen to increase the \$300.00 a ton.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously.

Mayor Donchess

Thank you very much, and thank you Kevin. So we are going on to the Engineering Department.

VI. ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

A. Motion: To approve the Sewer Service Permits and Fees as submitted.

Mayor Donchess

I'm sure you all know Dan Hudson, City Engineer. Motion A or Item A Commissioner Moriarty.

Motion by Commissioner Moriarty: To approve the Sewer Service Permits and Fees as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously.

B. Motion: To approve the award of a contract for Interpretive Historic Signs to Preservation Company of Kensington, NH in an amount not to exceed \$35,731.00. Funding will be through Department 160 Admin/Engineering; Fund: Bond: Activity: Broad Street Parkway.

Mayor Donchess

Item B. Commissioner Schoneman.

Motion by Commissioner Schoneman: To approve the Award of a Contract for Interpretive Historic Signs to Preservation Company of Kensington, NH in an amount not to exceed \$35,731.00. Funding will be through Department 160 Admin/Engineering; Fund: Bond: Activity: Broad Street Parkway.

Discussion:

Mayor Donchess

Mr. Hudson.

Dan Hudson, City Engineer

Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Dan Hudson, City Engineer. This is one of the closeout efforts that we need to complete on the Broad Street Parkway Project, now named Veteran's Memorial Parkway. The staff memo here explains it fairly well, but the project was funded with federal funds and one of the requirements is to mitigate impacts to historic resources. The project impacted a couple properties and we're required to mitigate for that. What this contract does is work with a consultant who is an expert in that type of work to develop the signs and install the signs; and with that we will have fulfilled our environmental historic resource requirement. The total cost is about \$35,000.00 or \$35,700.00. Twenty thousand of that is for actual construction of the signs and then the remainder is the consultant's efforts to help coordinate that effort and do the research required to develop the signs. Happy to entertain any questions.

Mayor Donchess

Anyone? Commissioner Schoneman.

Commissioner Schoneman

Can you explain exactly what historic resources were needing to be preserved and what the signs are going to be? What they're going to look like. What they're going to entail.

Mr. Hudson

Sure, I'd be happy to. The specific impacts, one was demolition of the Charles Gordon House as 40 Pine Street. That was a historic resource. They'll be an interpretive sign speaking to or outlining the French Village History District. The signs, you may have seen them around. They're a fairly large sign. They'll have photos and descriptive text kind of describing the history of that history district and things to that nature. The second impact that we're mitigating for was for demolition of a millyard waste house. They'll be an interpretive sign addressing the canal and the surrounding buildings in that area. One of which was this waste house and it was also a store house. These signs tell the history of an area. We had to demo historic buildings and structures and for that we've agreed to do up these signs for mainly public education effort, helping people understand what the history of the area is.

Mayor Donchess

Anything else? Anybody?

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously.

D. Motion: Street Opening Permits Issued for Streets in Moratorium.

Mayor Donchess

Item C. We have deleted Item C. Item D is informational. Street Opening Permits. So let's go on to Wastewater.

Commissioner Schoneman

I'm sorry, excuse me Mr. Mayor. I have a question about the street opening permit.

Mayor Donchess

Please proceed then.

Commissioner Schoneman

Can Mr. Hudson explain what happened at 7 to 7.5 Harvard Street? Because it's on the sewer permit list as a commercial replacement. What it in fact an emergency or was it just a repair?

Dan Hudson, City Engineer

Sure, so there was an issue with that sewer service and I can't speak to all the specifics of it. What typically happens is we'll get a call, there's a sewer backup, and the reasoning usually is there's a pipe that collapsed, if it's just a maintenance clean the pipe and they do that and that's solved, or sometimes there's roots in the sewer service, those are maintenance issues. We're not requiring digging of the street for those, but the sewer service from that property, which they own, all property owners own their service all the way from their house to the main. That portion of that service in the roadway needs to be dug up and fixed. This being a commercial replacement, that's just indicating that this is a commercial property. Commercial entities if it's a four unit, then that's a commercial type of entity. It's rental housing. Those types of facilities are responsible for doing all the work. This was work that had to be done. We had to restore sewer service that's why it's an emergency. We had to allow them to restore service, but they did all that work and restored the service to make it function, and unfortunately, it in a road that was paved recently, it was paved in 2020, and that's why we report it here. Just making the Board aware of these situations where we've had to dig into new pavement so everybody understands why.

Commissioner Schoneman

So it was enough of an emergency that they didn't need to bring a hardship request to us?

Mr. Hudson

Right. We consider emergencies because we can't afford to delay restoring their sewer service. We don't want to make somebody wait for restored sewer service for a month to make a board meeting when we can--

Commissioner Schoneman

Obviously, that would be a problem--

Mr. Hudson

Those situation are considered emergencies and get them resolved as quickly as possible.

Commissioner Schoneman

And they had all the work done themselves?

Mr. Hudson

I hope I'm not misspeaking, but I believe that is the case here because it's a commercial entity so we wouldn't bear any of the burden of that replacement.

Commissioner Schoneman

Yup. It says that they hired a private contractor to do the repair.

Mr. Hudson

Yes, Crisp Contracting does a lot of work in town on these types of situations.

Commissioner Schoneman

All right. Thank you.

Mr. Hudson

You're welcome.

Mayor Donchess

Now onto Wastewater.

VII. WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

A. Motion: To approve the User Warrants as presented.

Mayor Donchess

Is Mr. Boucher here? Well, we really don't have much there, but the first is Item A. Commissioner Lemen.

Motion by Commissioner Lemen: To approve the User Warrants as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

A. Motion: To Approve the Proposed 2022 Regular Meeting Dates for the Board of Public Works.

Mayor Donchess

Now we're on to administration and I believe Ms. Fauteux is here on this. Item A. Commissioner Shea.

Motion by Commissioner Shea: To Approve the Proposed 2022 Regular Meeting Dates for the Board of Public Works.

Discussion:

Commissioner Shea

There's no time listed. I see that there's dates. Is there any feeling on the time among other commissioners?

Mayor Donchess

Do you have a --

Commissioner Shea

So for me earlier in the day would work better, but I know that the meetings have for some time now been held at about 4:00 or 5:00 o'clock and I can certainly work around that, but if it doesn't impact folks then a 1:00 p.m. start or prior would be ideal.

Mayor Donchess

Well, maybe we should discuss it. There has been the issue raised in the past that late afternoon is better for at least people who work 9 to 5, it's a little easier for them and so members of the public who may have regular daytime jobs can attend, but do other commissioners have thoughts about this? Commissioner Schoneman.

Commissioner Schoneman

For me personally, 4:00 is fabulous, but it's not about me, it's about as you said people being able to watch the meetings or participate in the meeting in person or virtually and doing that at a time later in the evening, probably works a lot better, that's why it was moved to that time. There was a lot of discussion on this previously, previous boards that the earlier we make it, if we make it before 5:00, it really cuts out the ability of many people to make it, to participate, people not on the board. I think that for the sake of that we're probably better off keeping it at 5:30 as it has been. Yeah it messes up our dinner time, it messed up kids bedtimes, but you know what, it's better I think for the business that we're doing to keep it a little bit later.

Mayor Donchess

So I don't think we realistically can move it earlier.

Commissioner Shea

Would later be an option?

Mayor Donchess

What?

Commissioner Shea

Later, say 7:30?

Mayor Donchess

It's up to the Board. We could. I mean that means--

Commissioner Shea

--well, and I know that that would not be good for city employees, so actually I'd just scratch that question altogether.

Mayor Donchess

All right, well what's before us now is of course the dates. Any other discussion on the dates?

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously.

B. Motion: Vote for Vice-Chair to the Board.

Mayor Donchess

We now have Item B the vice-chair. Commissioner Moriarty who is the most senior member would be willing and able to serve as vice-chair. I would like to nominate him.

Commissioner Moriarty

Thank you, Mayor, yes, I would accept that.

Mayor Donchess

And, unless anyone else has any other nominations, I guess I'll open it to that. Does anyone want to nominate anyone else? If not, all those in favor of approving Commissioner Moriarty as the Vice Chair of the Board please say aye.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously.

C. Motion: Chair's Appointment to the Board of Public Works Pension Board.

Mayor Donchess

Next item is the appointment of BPW Pension Board (inaudible) has indicated an interest in being in this, being in this position. What this position does is attends periodic meetings of the Pension Board to discuss the pension business. It meets quarterly, I'm not even sure--monthly

Commissioner Moriarty

Yes.

Mayor Donchess

Monthly. If no one has any objection, I guess it's my appointment, so I'm proposing to appoint Commissioner Shea, and I will do that. So I appoint Commissioner Shea. We do not have a volunteer yet for the appointment to the Strategic Planning Committee.

D. Motion: Chair's Appointment to the Strategic Planning Committee.

Mayor Donchess

Now, the Strategic Planning Committee is a committee that is created by an ordinance. It includes representatives of the Board of Aldermen, of various departments. It meets very infrequently and the idea is to kind of talk about the overall direction of the City. There would be, I forget exactly who is on it, but the chair of the Aldermanic Planning Committee, I think the chair of the Infrastructure Committee, I think probably the Community Development Director. People like that serve on this committee, and I think the chair of it is the chair of the Aldermanic Planning Committee who is now Melbourne Moran, Would either of the other two commissioners want to serve on the --

Commissioner Lemen

--I think it'd be interesting.

Mayor Donchess

Although, Commissioner Schoneman has--

Commissioner Lemen

She has seniority.

Mayor Donchess

You want to be on it or?

Commissioner Schoneman

I respectfully decline that honor. Thank you.

Mayor Donchess

All right, we'll appoint Commissioner Lemen to that committee. You'll be notified if and when the committee meets by those who run that. All right Informational. The Director's Report. Ms. Fauteux.

E. Informational: Director's Report

Lisa Fauteux, Director, Division of Public Works

Thank you, Mayor. The first slide is our contractor, Green Mountain is continuing to inspect sewers using closed-circuit television technology. The videos are reviewed and if necessary, deteriorating sewers are recommended for rehabilitation such as lining, which creates a new pipe within the old pipe. Shown in the photo on the left is a 1922 12 inch clay pipe on Ingall Street with cracking and offset joints. On the right, is the same pipe post-lining. So you can see this is a very effective technology and it's very cost-effective as well.

As part of the 2021, sewer rehabilitation program SUR West installed a new manhole on Luke Street on December 7.

This again is some sewer rehabilitation. We had identified a collapsing 12-inch clay pipe on Pike Street and an 18-inch clay pipe in a parking lot near Daniel Webster Highway. Both will be replaced as part of the 2022 Sewer Rehabilitation Project to be bid early this year.

Our 2022 Paving Program. We've already, it's already underway. We have developed and advertised for bids, which includes about 14 miles of paving on 65 streets throughout the City. Bids will be received and evaluated in early February and it's anticipated that a paving contract will hopefully be brought to you for approval in February.

This next slide, so some of you may recall that we had a 10 year paving plan. We asked the Board of Aldermen to fund 5 years of that. We do need to go back with the next 5 years, and again, we anticipate having a presentation for you at our February meeting to go over sort of where we've been with our paving program in the last 5 years and what's left to do. So, we anticipate that we'll need another \$7.5 million for another 5 years. This is year six right now, we had money left over and so we're sort of finishing that up with this year's paving project. The second half of the program would start next year, but again more to come on that hopefully at our next meeting.

Construction right now is underway on private High Street Flats development located between High and School Streets. This photo is a water main connection being installed by Acura Construction, which was done on December 22, and our engineering inspectors provided (inaudible) of the work because it was completed in the right of way.

We had an emergency, Commissioner Schoneman was asking about this. To replace a sewer service at 7 ½ Harvard Street which was completed by Crisp Contracting on December 29.

Our ice rinks are finally open. The weather has finally cooperated for us to do that. Pictured on the left is Roby Park on the right, no excuse me, on the left that's I'm looking at the pictures here, that's Sergeant's Ave on the left, Roby Park is on the right and the park near Fairgrounds Middle School is in the center picture. All three ice rinks are now open and hopefully the weather will hold and we'll be able to keep them open.

These are the crews plowing during a January 7 storm. This is just the crews getting ready preparing for treatment of the roads using brine, sand and salt.

We are starting to clear the area for our disc golf park, which we're very excited about. There's a lot of enthusiasm throughout the community. We would like to set up a time to have the commissioners walk the area, so we can show you. More to come on that, we're hoping to do something within the next couple of weeks. More information will be forthcoming on that.

This is a picture of an emergency sewer repair on Fairview Avenue.

We are very sorry to see our environmental engineer, Carey Converse has retired. He's been planning this for quite some time and he will be moving to sunny Florida. He's very excited about that, but we'll really miss him. He did a great job.

We want to remind all residents to please make sure that their trash barrels and recycling bins are clear of snow. Please don't allow your recycling bins or your trash bins to be buried in snow or stuck in snow. Our automated trucks just can't get to them that way. They need to be dug out.

We received our new front loader at the landfill.

The Four Hills landfill will be closed on Monday, February 21 for Presidents Day. Curbside pick up for all routes will be delayed one day during that week.

And that's it. Any questions?

Mayor Donchess

All right. Before we go to the questions I wanted to point out that our liaison from the Board of Aldermen, Alderman Mike O'Brien arrived during the Director's Report. I can tell from his garb that he probably just came from a legislative session in Concord. You just came from Concord.

Mike O'Brien, Alderman, Board of Aldermen

Just came from Concord. I just got sprung.

Mayor Donchess

Thank you for joining us. So, any questions, comments on the Director's Report? All right, I don't see anyone. Our next item is Commissioner's Comments.

IX. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Mayor Donchess

Do any commissioners have comments? I guess my comment is to welcome our two new commissioners. We're glad to have you. Hope you look forward to 4 years of serving the City of Nashua.

Commissioner Shea

Thank you.

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Moriarty.

Commissioner Moriarty

Mayor. I came across this article which I shared with Director Fauteux. It's called Trees of Peace. I don't know if you've heard of this, but you can certify your city to receive seeds from the Hiroshima Atomic Bomb Survivor trees and for a small fee, which I don't know what it is and a certification process you receive the trees to the city as a sign of peace. So I went on a site and there are no New Hampshire towns who have been certified yet, but there are several Massachusetts towns, so I just thought it may be something, if it's a reasonable fee something that we could look into.

Mayor Donchess

Yes, definitely. Ms. Fauteux you're on still aren't you?

Lisa Fauteux, Director, Division of Public Works

I am, I'm here.

Mayor Donchess

Did you hear that?

Ms. Fauteux

Yes. We are looking into that. I'm hoping to wait and hopefully get a new Park and Rec Superintendent before we participate, but yes, that's definitely something that we'll look into doing. It sounds like a great idea.

Mayor Donchess

All right, well thank you for bringing that to us. Any other comments, questions? All right, Personnel.

X. PERSONNEL

A. Motion: To Accept the Resignation of Alicia ogle, Groundsman 1, effective January 7, 2021.

Mayor Donchess

Item A. Commissioner Moriarty.

Commissioner Moriarty

Motion by Commissioner Moriarty: To approve the resignation of Alicia Fogel, Groundsman 1, effective January 7, 2022.

Mayor Donchess

Should be 2022, yes.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously.

B. Non-Public Session – Pursuant to R.S.A. 91-A:3, II (b), the Hiring Of Any Person as a Public Employee.

Mayor Donchess

I believe someone has a motion pertaining to the non-public session.

XI. NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Commissioner Moriarty

Yes, I do Mayor. I move by roll call that the Board go into non-public session pursuant to R.S.A. 91-A:3, II (b), the Hiring of Any Person as a Public Employee.

Mayor Donchess

Could you, Diane, please call the roll.

Diane Thibodeau, Clerk

Commissioner Moriarty

Yes.

Commissioner Schoneman

Yes.

Commissioner Lemen

Yes.

Commissioner Shea

Yes.

Mayor Donchess

Yes.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously.

Mayor Donchess

The motion passes and we will enter non-public session.

Board of Public Works

Non Public Personnel Meeting Minutes (unsealed at the 2/24/22 BPW Meeting)

January 20, 2022

Members Present:

Mayor James Donchess, Chair
Commissioner Kevin S. Moriarty, Vice Chair
Commissioner Shannon Schoneman
Commissioner June Lemen
Commissioner Tracy Pappas

Also Present:

Lisa Fauteux, Director of Public Works

A. Motion: Commissioner Schoneman to approve the selection, contingent upon the acceptable results of criminal and driving records checks and a pre-employment drug test, of James Young for the position of Truck Driver Street Repair, Street Department. Starting salary for this position will be \$24.26 per hour. Funding will be through: Department: 161-Street Department; Fund: General; Account Classification: 51-Salaries & Wages.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Young previously worked for us and left for Merrimack but wants to come back. He was a great employee and we're happy to have him back.

B. Motion: Commissioner Lemen approve the selection, contingent upon the acceptable results of criminal and driving records checks, of Mr. Bryan Conant of Tyngsboro, MA for the position of Parks & Recreation Superintendent. Starting salary for this position will be \$105,870.06. Funding is through Department: 177 Parks and Recreation; Fund: General; Account Classification; 51 Salary & Wages.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Conant actually applied a while back and we brought him back. We were all impressed with his back ground. He grew up in agronomics. His dad has been a golf course superintendent all his life. He worked as a golf course superintendent as well. He works as the Director of Grounds at the Academy of Notre Dame which has amazing grounds. He is very talented individual. He has a Bachelor Degree in Plant and Soil in insect sciences and an Associate Degree in Turf Grass management. He also has a great back ground in turf fields which would really complement our current athletic fields.

C. Motion: Commissioner Shea to approve the selection of Michael Rush of Milford, NH for the position of Fleet Maintenance Foreman, Street Department. Starting yearly salary for this position will be \$72,363.20. Funding will be through Department: 161 Street Department; Fund: General; Account Classification: 51-Salaries & Wages.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

DISCUSSION:

Mike Rush is currently a Mechanic 1 – he comes from a background as a mechanic at Waste Management. He is one of our best employees and will do a great job.

The Board comes out of nonpublic session.

Motion by Commissioner Moriarty: Motion: By Roll Call to Seal the Minutes of the Board of Public Works Personnel Non-Public Meeting of January 20, 2022, until such time as the majority of the Board votes that the purpose of the confidentiality would no longer be served.

Mayor Donchess

Discussion? Diane could you please call the roll.

Ms. Thibodeau

Commissioner Moriarty

Yes.

Commissioner Schoneman

Yes.

Commissioner Lemen

Yes.

Commissioner Shea

Yes.

Mayor Donchess

Yes.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously.

Mayor Donchess

XII. ADJOURNMENT

All right. Now, a motion to adjourn is in order. Commissioner Shea.

Motion by Commissioner Shea: To adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously.

The meeting of the Board of Public Work is adjourned at 5:01 p.m.