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Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Public Works Committee was held on Tuesday, October 29, 2019, at DPW Headquarters, 301 Broad Street, at 5:00 PM.

Committee Members Present: Councilors Joel Kaddy (chair), Paul Beauchemin, Marisa Fleming, and Sam Squailia.
Commissioner Nicholas Bosonetto
Superintendent Gary Withington

Committee Members Absent: Councilor Dave Clark

Other Participants: Councilor Beth Walsh

Minutes from 9/24/2019 meeting were approved

Action taken as follows:

Petition 244-19. Councillor [sic] Amy Green, on behalf of Dorothy McNamara, to request a berm repair at 27 Greendale Avenue.

Recommendation: The Committee voted 4-0 to recommend the petition be GRANTED.

Petition 252-19. Councillor [sic] Paul Beauchemin, that Boulder Drive from Putnam Street be closed to traffic, for pedestrian use only.

Discussion & Recommendation: The Committee voted 4-0 to HOLD the petition because further discussion is needed to plan out improvements to Main Street and Boulder Drive 2-way traffic conversion.

Petition 253-19. Councillor [sic] Amy Green, on behalf of Ray Gauguen, to fix the broken fence at the corner of Seneca and Milk Streets.

Recommendation: The Committee voted 4-0 to recommend the petition be GRANTED.

Petition 254-19. Councillors [sic] Marcus DiNatale and Amy Green, to install a new berm at 89 St. Anthony St.

Recommendation: The Committee voted 4-0 to recommend the petition be GRANTED.

Petition 255-19. Councillors [sic] Sam Squailia and Amy Green, on behalf of Karen Tinger, to request asphalt pavement installed in the dirt shoulder between the sidewalk and edge of road pavement at 9-11 Warren Street to alleviate erosion. To match work done at 15 Warren Street, reference petition #258-18.

Discussion & Recommendation: A berm has been installed at this location. The petition would pave the grass area between the roadway and the sidewalk. The Committee voted 4-0 to be given LEAVE TO WITHDRAW the petition.

Petition 256-19. Councillor [sic] Elizabeth R. Walsh, on behalf of Robert & Myrtle Pelullo, 39 Matthew Street, to 1. Erect either a berm or other resolution to mitigate the problem of water draining into his driveway and garage during rain storms, and 2. To trim or cut down trees on the south side (Gale Street side) of his home, which are leaning toward the Pelullo home and entangling overhead wires.

Discussion & Recommendation: The second part of the petition has already been completed, so the motion was amended to remove that part of the request. The Committee voted 4-0 to recommend the petition be GRANTED AS AMENDED.

Petition 209-18. Multiple citizens, to repair McTaggart's Dam to refill pond and restore wildlife population. (HELD during June & September 2019 meetings, pending completion of the ongoing alternatives analysis).

Discussion & Recommendation: The draft report from the consultant firm examining the dam is being reviewed and the final report will be available soon. The consultant's scope of work includes public outreach and presentations to be given to explain the result of the study. It is recommended that the petition be held until the report can be released and public presentations can be given to explain the recommendations. The Committee voted 4-0 to HOLD the petition.

126-19. Councilor Joel Kaddy, to correct water problem at 15 Thurston Place. (HELD during June & September 2019 meetings, and requested that DPW observe the problem during a rain event so that an appropriate remedy can be determined)

Discussion & Recommendation: On-site inspections did not reveal a drainage problem. However, DPW staff will revisit the issue during heavy rain-storms to try and determine the severity and cause of the problem. The Committee voted 4-0 to HOLD the petition.

Petition 243-17. Councilor Paul Beauchemin, on behalf of Norman Beauvais, to request a sidewalk in front of the Dunkin Donuts located on Electric Ave. (GRANTED during City Council on 4/3/2018)

Discussion: The history of the issue seems to extend from the Planning Board review and approval of the development. It is unclear whether the landscaping installed within the public ROW was dictated by the conditions of the Planning Board. DPW will research the history to try to determine why the landscaping was installed in the sidewalk area, thereby blocking the pedestrian route. The Committee voted 4-0 to HOLD the petition.