

(The following is not a verbatim transcript of comments or discussion that occurred during the meeting, but rather a summarization intended for general informational purposes. All motions and votes are the official records).

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Public Works Committee was held on Thursday, April 15, 2021 via Zoom webinar.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by the Chair.

Present: Councilwoman Jessica M. Marino
Councilman Matthew R. Reilly
Council Vice-President Edward J. Brady, Vice-Chair
Councilman Robert J. Ferri, Chair
Council President Christopher G. Paplauskas

Absent: Councilwoman Nicole Renzulli
Councilwoman Lammis J. Vargas

Also Present: Councilwoman Aniece Germain
Councilman John P. Donegan
Anthony Moretti, Director of Administration
Kenneth Mason, Director of Public Works
John Verdecchia, Assistant City Solicitor
Leanne Zarrella, City Clerk
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees
Heather Finger, Stenographer

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

On motion by Council President Paplauskas, seconded by Council Vice-President Brady, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and they stand approved as recorded. Motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER:

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

NEW MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE:

On motion by Council Vice-President Brady, seconded by Council President Paplauskas, it was voted to take the agenda out of order and take Natick Ave. pole location first. Motion passed unanimously.

Request from National Grid for pole location at Natick Avenue and Valley View Drive. (Vote will be taken)

Chair asked that the Natick Ave. pole location request be continued to the June meeting and he also has a recusal from Councilwoman Marino.

Councilwoman Marino stated that she will be recusing because she is a plaintiff of an ongoing litigation with respect to a matter to development that is related to this request for the National Grid request for Natick Ave. and Valley View Dr.

Chair indicated that this is being continue since we continued other requests for Natick Ave. to the June meeting.

On motion by Council Vice-President Brady, seconded by Council President Paplauskas, it was voted to continue this request to the June meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Brady *(No Votes will be taken)*

- ***Peveril and Derbyshire to discuss the new traffic mitigation plan launching later this spring to inform the council and the residents.***

Director Mason stated that last year during the budget hearing, we passed a series of bump outs on Peveril Rd. to attempt to calm down traffic to a certain extent, but due to the new traffic calming policy that was adopted by the new Administration, what we would rather do on Peveril Rd. is put a speed bump which is probably much more effective in slowing the traffic down than the bump outs. That is the current plan and he has been working with Council Vice-President Brady to make sure that all residents are onboard with that.

- ***Traffic on Wilbur and near Hope Highlands : discuss possibility for solar grant speeding sign***

Director Mason stated that the Police Department did receive a grant and we have six of the driver feed-back signs. The grant given to the Police Department specified them to be put in three different locations in the City. One of them being at Hope Rd. at Hope Highlands School and the second would be installed somewhere on Scituate Ave., not sure where and not sure why we are placing it on a State road but that was what the grant was for.

Councilwoman Vargas (*No Votes will be taken*)

- ***Rodent control and rodent control inspector***

Chair stated that he would like this item continued to next month's meeting, but asked Director Mason if he would like to address this issue. Director Mason stated that the City has retained a new Rodent Controller and he started on Monday. We have started taking appointments for new rodent control locations and we will be out next week installing new boxes at those new locations. He also indicated that this program is only for residential homes up to four family and no commercial facilities or restaurants or large apartment complexes are available for this program.

Council President Paplauskas asked what number the residents can call for rodent control issues. Director Mason stated that anyone can call 780-3175 with any questions or issues.

- ***Vacancy in Inspections Department***

Chair stated that he would like this item continued to next month's meeting, but asked if the Administration is ready to speak regarding this matter even though this will be continued. Director Moretti stated that this was pretty much discussed during the budget hearings. He stated that the Mayor sees this as an area that additional position would be helpful, but as a priority, the Mayor believes that this is not the time to fill the position.

Councilman Ferri (*No Vote will be taken*)

- ***Special Public Works Committee meeting on May 20, 2021***

Councilman Ferri stated that he is calling a special Public Works Committee meeting on May 20th to address interconnect on Natick Ave. in reference to the solar farm. He also stated that he is hoping National Grid will be present and prepared and can satisfy the Committee and the Committee can satisfy the neighbors how are concerned about the interconnect.

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Discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

- **ADJOURNMENT** (*Vote will be taken*)

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Rosalba Zanni

Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees