

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE SUFFIELD PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION  
March 20, 2012**

**Commission Members Present:** Chairman Guy Boccasile, George Rodgers, Steven Stoll, Ron Rookey, and Tony Roncaioli. Absent: Al Pastula. Also present was Highway Foreman Mark Cervione, Public Works Director, John Cloonan, and from the Landfill was Kevin Pepka and Bob Heintz. Chairman Boccasile called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Ambulance Building, 205 Bridge Street conference room on Tuesday, March 20, 2012.

**Approval of Minutes:** George Rodgers made a motion, seconded by Steve Stoll, to approve the Minutes from the meetings of January 17, 2012 and February 21, 2012. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**Public Comment: None.**

**Public Works Director's Report:** John Cloonan gave the following report on his projects:

Large Animal Facility: Construction continues and the contractors have the building 90% complete. The site work still needs to be done which they will do in the Spring.

Fire Pump-The pump should be delivered by the end of May. It needs to be functioning in order to receive the Certificate of Occupancy. The pump will service the Large Animal Facility as well as the High School resulting in enough PSI for fire suppression.

Library-the roofers need another week for the liquid membrane roof. By the end of March the building will be given back to the Library Board.

Town Hall Renovations-the RFP was sent out to four contractors, and the PBC rejected all of the Bids. The PBC changed the scope of the work to make it more clear on what needed to be done. The Bids came in at so many different quotes, the PBC decided to redo the RFP and send this out for Bid again. The Bids are due back next week.

The DPW budget for next fiscal year was reviewed. It came in at a 0% increase as requested by the First Selectman. The Budget will go before the Board of Finance next.

Household Hazardous Waste Day is April 14<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Highway Garage. Mr. Boccasile will call Clean Harbors to confirm the date and time.

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**Highway Foreman's Report:** Mark Cervione was present. Mark reported that they have expended the \$50,000 over time budget again as they always do. He is working with a staff of 8 men and 2 outside contractors. There are two men out for knee replacement surgery.

The Department is still working on chipping the brush from the October storm, and they are continuing to fill pot holes. The brush is still on Firestone Drive and up at the Landfill which will need to be chipped. Mr. Cervione is still having problems with Ashbritt as well as the Monitoring Company who submitted their bills which are not accurate. Their bills have gone to the Town Attorney. The monitoring company did not keep accurate records either and since so many Towns were over budget, FEMA and the State are currently looking into these companies for fraudulent practices.

GSRP: The Greater Springfield Reliability Project has caused significant damage to several roads in Town due to all the truck traffic. They will do repairs to Ratley, North and South Stone Streets, Colson and a few others. They will also repair Phelps, Hickory, Longview, Thrall, and Devine for total repair.

A new Loader for the Landfill is in ACCE for next fiscal year. It will be on a five year payment plan. Replacement of the Paving Machine and another 550 truck is also in the ACCE Budget.

Ron Rookey inquired about the tree branch hangers in Bruce Park. Mr. Cervione said that Sikes Tree Service will be taking those down. The Commission also asked about the status of secretarial help for the DPW. John said that no one is doing the work and he is working with the First Selectman to get some help. Jack Muska continues to work 16 hours a week to help John out.

State Aid Road funds. Mark said that this was not used, so he will be able to put those funds towards other projects.

### **Landfill Report:**

Kevin Pepka and Bob Hines were both present. Kevin reported that work on the new Electrical Towers continue and trucks are coming in daily to access the Landfill. Trucks come in steadily filled with stone and causes problems with residents disposing of their trash because of the amount of truck traffic.

The Landfill Expansion may go through in the next few months as there was a letter received from the DEEP.

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**Household Hazardous Waste Day:**

Mr. Boccasile capped the Contract not to pay more than \$14,000.00. The Household Hazardous Waste Day will be Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Highway Garage. The Garden Club will once again handle the advertising for the event. Mr. Heintz thought the signs are up at the Landfill and will put out throughout the Town to help notify the residents of the date. Mr. Boccasile asked Commission members to volunteer that morning.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to conduct, Mr. Rodgers made a motion to adjourn. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Koren, Recording Secretary

**Next Meeting: April 17, 2012 at 7 p.m., Ambulance Building.**

**TOWN OF SUFFIELD  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION  
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