

WELLESLEY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS RECORDS NOVEMBER 9, 2021

The Wellesley Board of Public Works held a duly posted open online remote meeting beginning at 4:00 PM.

Remote participants included Chair Jeffrey P. Wechsler and Commissioners Scott Bender and Ellen Korpi; Director David A. Cohen; Assistant Director Jeff Azano-Brown; Town Engineer David J. Hickey, Jr., Water & Sewer Superintendent William J. Shaughnessy; and Executive Assistant Debra Surner. Advisory Committee Liaison Pete Pedersen was unable to attend this meeting. Also in attendance were Sustainability Director Marybeth Martello and Program Director Emily Scerbo of Tighe & Bond.

Chair Wechsler called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Following a review of the minutes proposed for approval, it was decided that approval of the October 19, 2021, minutes would be deferred until the next meeting. Upon motion duly made by Ms. Korpi and seconded by Mr. Bender, it was

VOTED: To approve the Open Session Minutes of the meeting of October 25, 2021 and October 26, 2021, as presented, 3-0.

Ms. Korpi – Aye
Mr. Bender – Aye
Mr. Wechsler – Aye

CITIZEN SPEAK

The Chair provided anyone participating remotely with the opportunity to speak regarding matters pertaining to the Department of Public Works. No citizens participated and no one chose to speak.

Advisory Committee Liaison Update. Dave conveyed Advisory Liaison Pete Pedersen notified him that he would not be available to attend this meeting. Dave reminded all that, at the October 19 meeting, Mr. Pedersen confirmed the presentation to the Advisory Committee is planned for Wednesday, December 8, exact time to be confirmed.

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ENGINEERING DIVISION

Stormwater Utility Discussion. Town Engineer Hickey introduced Ms. Scerbo as a Program Director from Tighe & Bond who has worked extensively on preparing, managing and covering the cost of the MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) Permit. Mr. Hickey explained that in Wellesley the stormwater and sewer systems are separate but permitted. He then provided a review of the anatomy of the drain systems in Wellesley and concerns for phosphorous.

Ms. Scerbo has been working actively with staff from the Department of Public Works, the Wetlands Protection Committee and Planning.

Following Mr. Hickey's presentation, a discussion ensued related to the staff seeking feedback to prepare for Annual Town Meeting regarding establishing a Stormwater Enterprise Fund, to become effective in FY 2023. Policies for credits and abatements are in the early development stage and include potential financial incentives if ratepayers reduce imperviousness.

It was emphasized that communication would be key when introducing this fund and the benefits of this method of addressing the need for its establishment.

In addition to providing the Board with an overview of the proposed program, the anticipated timeline for implementation was also reviewed and discussed.

Director Cohen reiterated that the primary purpose for reviewing this concept at this time was to introduce the topic to the Board, with the expectation that staff would continue to make progress on and devise more specific plans moving forward.

The Director and the Town Engineer responded to specific inquiries from the Board.

Climate Action Plan Update. Ms. Martello began by conveying her appreciation to both Messrs. Cohen and Azano-Brown, as well as Ms. Korpi, for their contributions and support for this Plan. She requested this opportunity to provide to the Board and Staff an update regarding what has transpired in the process since Ms. Martello's initial presentation last March.

Ms. Martello referred to the document, containing the Draft Action Lists for the Climate Action Plan (CAP), a copy of which she had forwarded for the Board's review in advance of this meeting. She then summarized the key elements of the Draft Action Lists that will provide the basis of the Town's Climate Action Plan (CAP).

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Ms. Martello explained the CAP would provide a five-to-ten year sequence for achieving the Town's greenhouse gas emissions goals in the following areas: Energy, Buildings, Mobility, Waste, Natural Resources and Governance. At the 2021 Annual Town Meeting the goals were approved with a target of net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, with interim reduction goals to be met by 2030 and 2040.

Ms. Korpi conveyed Ms. Martello has been doing a wonderful job. Ms. Korpi notified all that the Climate Action Committee (CAC) has made the recommendation to have Ms. Martello report directly to Executive Director Meghan Jop, to maximize effectiveness and coordination of messaging.

Both Messrs. Wechsler and Bender expressed their appreciation and sentiments, similar to those of Ms. Korpi and acknowledged the DPW's active participation in this effort. Mr. Cohen thanked Ms. Martello for attending this portion of the meeting and for her informative update, which provided an extensive overview of the Plan to the Board and Staff.

PFAS Update. Director Cohen notified the Board of the process underway, which entails the preparation of a procurement package to seek quotes from three vendors. The Director conveyed he continues to await formal word about availability of ARPA funds to cover the costs associated with addressing PFAS related expenses.

Mr. Cohen suggested that in terms of providing an opportunity for public discussion, he recommends two public forums be conducted, via ZOOM, -- one in December, the second in January. A discussion followed to determine the proposed dates, as well as identifying the expert panelists to be invited to participate.

A proposed agenda was reviewed, which included the following questions: Should the current water supply be abandoned and explore an alternative to treating it? What is the best technology to provide a permanent solution?

Chair Wechsler conveyed many individuals are interested in learning the differences between these two proposed solutions. One would entail treating the water, the second option would be to enlist the MWRA as the Town's single source of water supply. The various criteria for each path would need to be defined by an expert in each area, and to report on how successful other remediation efforts have been, to date.

Following the discussion, Mr. Bender conveyed there needs to be a solid presentation, which would include a compilation of responses to questions already asked by people who have engaged with the Board and Management Team, directly. Ms. Korpi concurred and conveyed the pros and cons are complicated and are to be addressed transparently.

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The Director confirmed a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page would be created on the website and staff would move forward to compile source material. Ms. Korpi inquired as to what is happening downstream as the MWRA holds back water and requested the Director contact the DEP to inquire about the environmental impacts.

Chair Wechsler thanked Director Cohen for his diligence and planning the schedule.

Park & Highway Division

Statement of Fact: Contract #22S-420-1681 - Organic Winter De-Icing Liquids With and Without Chlorides, Furnished & Delivered. Director Cohen noted the dramatic price increase was due to transportation costs but still recommended award of this contract. Ms. Korpi complimented the decision for this bid being a cooperative effort and Wellesley joining with other municipalities to enter into a cooperative approach. The Director confirmed that past experience has been successful.

Upon motion made by Ms. Korpi and seconded by Mr. Wechsler, it was

VOTED: 3-0 That Organic Winter De-Icing Liquids with and without Chlorides Furnished and Delivered, Contract No. 22S-420-1681 be awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, in accordance with our specifications and their bid prices as follows:

Items 1, 2, 3, 5, 6	Evolution Liquids, Canton, MA *
Item 4	Innovative Surface Solutions, Glenmont, NY *

* Note 3: Please see attached summary sheet that details the unit bid prices for each item based on the amount of product ordered for delivery.

Ms. Korpi – Aye
Mr. Wechsler – Aye
Mr. Bender – Aye

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Statement of Fact: Contract #22S-420-1682 – Sodium Chloride (Road Salt) Furnished & Delivered. Following a brief discussion and review of the bid recommendation and upon motion made by Ms. Korpi and second by Mr. Bender, it was unanimously,

VOTED: 3-0 That Contract #22S-420-1682 for Sodium Chloride (Road Salt) Furnished & Delivered be awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, Eastern Minerals, Inc., 134 Middle Street, Lowell, MA 01852 in accordance with our specifications and their bid prices as follows:

Item 1: Rock Salt	\$67.00/Ton
Item 2: Solar Salt	\$67.00/Ton

Ms. Korpi – Aye
Mr. Wechsler – Aye
Mr. Bender – Aye

FY 2023 Tax Impact Capital Budget – Version 3. The Director conveyed that this version of the budget summarizes the anticipated capital needs of the Department of Public Works for FY23 through FY27. The total FY23 Tax Impact Capital Budget anticipated request from all sources is \$6,856,000. The FY23 cash capital request of \$3,616,000 is \$1,447,000 less than the FY23 projection in last year's five-year budget. The amount proposed to be funded through borrowing and our anticipated use of Chapter 90 funds is \$3,240,000, the same amount as last year.

The Director referred to the major changes from Version 2, which are reflected on the Five-Year Plan and include: Street Improvement, Guardrail Replacement, Sidewalk Restoration, Complete Streets Sidewalk Projects, Drainage Improvements, Park/Highway Building & Grounds Improvements, Sprague Field Improvements, High School/Hunnewell Field, Playground Reconstruction, ADA Requirements and Vehicle and Equipment Replacement.

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Following a discussion and upon motion duly made by Ms. Korpi and seconded by Mr. Bender, it was

VOTED: 3-0 To approve the FY 2023 DPW Tax Impact Capital Budget, Version 3, with a cash capital total of \$3,616,000 and a Bonding and Chapter 90 total of \$3,240,000 for a total capital funding request of \$6,856,000.

Ms. Korpi – Aye
Mr. Bender – Aye
Mr. Wechsler – Aye

Director Cohen noted there will likely be further discussion as this budget may exceed the guideline recommended by Financial Services.

WATER & SEWER DIVISION

Water & Sewer Enterprise Operating and Capital Fund Budget – Version 1. The Director referred to the initial version of these budget summaries. He reported the combined Water & Sewer operating and non-operating budgets for FY23 total in the amount of \$17,764,581, a 9.6% increase over FY22. It was noted the primary drivers of the budget change include MWRA water and sewer charges. The increase in the MWRA water charges is a result of cost increases and having to use more MWRA water while the Moses Pond Well is offline due to PFAS. A brief discussion ensued related to the cost of taking MWRA water over the past few months, combined with the cost of PFAS-related expenses may be contributing factors to potential rate increases.

Mandatory Water Restrictions. Director Cohen notified the Board that he would rescind the current restrictions implemented in May, as they are no longer necessary at this time. He will be considering the messaging to be conveyed in the spring related to encouraging the practice of continuing to observe conservation measures on a regular basis.

DPW Monthly Report. Director Cohen referenced topics and key highlights, including from various DPW Divisions including Administration; Engineering; Highway; Park & Tree; Recycling & Disposal Facility and the current trash contract, which will expire; Water & Sewer; Health & Safety has benefited from successful programming, combined with lost time injuries and vehicle incidents being very low; and Winter Maintenance. Mr. Cohen noted that the Walnut Street Design would be discussed at the next meeting, as well as the plan to invite public engagement prior to that construction.

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ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Korpi and seconded by Mr. Bender, it was

VOTED: To adjourn (3-0).

Ms. Korpi – Aye
Mr. Bender – Aye
Mr. Wechsler – Aye

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ellen Korpi
Secretary

Item No.	Description	Product	Evolution Liquids						Innovative Municipal Products					
			A Tote (275 gal)	B 276 – 1,499 gal	C 1,500 – 2,999 gal	D 3,000 – 4,999 gal	E 5,000+ gal	Average	A Tote (275 gal)	B 276 – 1,499 gal	C 1,500 – 2,999 gal	D 3,000 – 4,999 gal	E 5,000+ gal	Average
1	Organic-based de-icer with no Chlorides (DLA or for blending)x	Blomelt AG64	\$ 4.90	\$ 4.70	\$ 4.25	\$ 3.87	\$ 3.75	\$ 4.29	no bid	no bid	no bid	no bid	no bid	no bid
2	Organic-based de-icer with no Chlorides (for blending)	GeoMelt 55	\$ 4.13	\$ 3.98	\$ 3.33	\$ 3.10	\$ 2.98	\$ 3.50	no bid	no bid	no bid	no bid	no bid	no bid
3	Organic-based de-icer with Calcium Chloride (blended)	SafeMelt (previously Ice Ban Magic and Ice B'Gone)							no bid	no bid	no bid	no bid	no bid	no bid
		GeoMelt 40/60*	\$ 3.90	\$ 3.60	\$ 2.74	\$ 2.69	\$ 2.49	\$ 3.08	\$ 1.34	\$ 1.34	\$ 1.34	\$ 1.34	\$ 1.34	\$ 1.34
4	Organic base de-icer with Magnesium Chloride (blended)	Magt minus 0	no bid	no bid	no bid	no bid	no bid	no bid	no bid	no bid	no bid	no bid	no bid	no bid
5	Salt Brine blended with Organic-based deicer with no Chlorides [80/20]	GeoMelt S8	\$ 3.23	\$ 3.23	\$ 2.45	\$ 2.29	\$ 1.89	\$ 2.62	no bid	no bid	no bid	no bid	no bid	no bid
6	Salt Brine and Organic based deicer with no Chlorides [70/30]	BioMelt AG7	\$ 3.38	\$ 3.38	\$ 2.69	\$ 2.18	\$ 2.02	\$ 2.73	no bid	no bid	no bid	no bid	no bid	no bid

* Acceptable equal product for Item 3

DISCUSSION ITEMS
WELLESLEY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS REMOTE ONLINE MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2021
4:00 PM

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Board to review the Open Session minutes of the meetings of October 19, 2021, October 25, 2021 and October 26, 2021. **BOARD APPROVAL AND SECRETARY SIGNATURE REQUIRED. (COPY OF OCTOBER 19 MIINUTES TO BE FORWARDED NEXT WEEK.)**

B. CITIZEN SPEAK.

ADMINISTRATION

C. ADVISORY COMMITTEE LIAISON UPDATE. Director to inquire if Mr. Pedersen has information to bring to the attention of the Board and Staff. **NO BOARD ACTION REQUIRED.**

D. DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

E. CLIMATE ACTION PLAN. Mary Beth Martello to provide an update on the plan. **NO BOARD ACTION REQUIRED.**

F. STORMWATER UTILITY DISCUSSION. Director to review status of this plan. **BOARD FEEDBACK REQUESTED.**

G. PFAS UPDATE. Director to review recent occurrences and current status related to this matter. **NO BOARD ACTION REQUIRED.**

H. DPW MONTHLY REPORT. Director to refer to division highlights listed in report. **NO BOARD ACTION REQUIRED.**

I. STATEMENT OF FACT ACTIVITY REPORT. Director to reference the report reflecting contract awards between \$10,000 AND \$50,000, to date. **NO BOARD ACTION REQUIRED.**

J. FY 2023 TAX IMPACT CAPITAL BUDGET – VERSION 3. Director to refer to revised version of budget. **BOARD APPROVAL REQUESTED.**

K. WATER & SEWER ENTERPRISE OPERATING FUND BUDGET – VERSION 1. Director to refer to initial version of budget. **NO BOARD ACTION REQUIRED.**

L. WATER & SEWER ENTERPRISE CAPITAL FUND BUDGET – VERSION 1. Director to refer to initial version of budget. **NO BOARD ACTION REQUIRED.**

HIGHWAY DIVISION

M. AWARD OF CONTRACT #22S-420-1681 – ORGANIC WINTER DE-ICING WITH AND WITHOUT CHLORIDES, FURNISHED & DELIVERED. Director to refer to Bid Recommendation and Statement of Fact prepared by Assistant Highway Superintendent Gildae. **BOARD VOTE & SECRETARY SIGNATURE REQUIRED.**

N. AWARD OF CONTRACT #22S-420-1682 –SODIUM CHLORIDE (ROAD SALT) – FURNISHED & DELIVERED. Director to refer to Bid Recommendation and Statement of Fact prepared by Assistant Highway Superintendent Gildae. **BOARD VOTE & SECRETARY SIGNATURE REQUIRED.**

WATER & SEWER DIVISION

O. WATER & SEWER DIVISION MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT. Director to refer to report for the month of September 2021 prepared by Water & Sewer Superintendent. **COPY OF REPORT TO BE FORWARDED ON MONDAY.**