

**TOWN OF ITHACA
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

March 20, 2018 9:00 a.m.
Public Works Facility

Board and Staff Present: Rod Howe, Rich DePaolo, TeeAnn Hunter, Mike Smith, Jim Weber, Judy Drake, Bill Goodman, Mike Solvig, Joe Slater, Dan Thaete, Steve Riddle

1. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from February 20, 2018 were approved. Motion to approve by Mr. DePaolo, seconded by Ms. Hunter.

2. Member Comments / Concerns: None

a. Consider Modifications to Agenda – Item #4 was addressed first due to a scheduling conflict for Joe Slater.

3. NYSERDA Grant Fund Options (LED Lighting):

Bill Goodman gave a brief update and the item will be addressed again at our next meeting. Nick Goldsmith is getting clarification on the information provided, as it is confusing, and is asking for an extension to apply for the \$50,000 grant. More details regarding maintenance are needed from the City.

4. Discussion on Easement Management:

Mr. Weber explained that there are several town wide easements to be managed. Some easements are 60 years old and have issues with terminology in that trees or buildings were not present when they were originally obtained, but are currently present and causing infrastructure and maintenance issues with sewer mains and manholes. Susan Brock has stated that the Town Board has the responsibility of decisions regarding removal of trees. Mr. Goodman added that the issue will be addressed at the 3/26 Study Session. Mr. Slater indicated that the easement situation is a case-by-case basis, if they even exist. Some residents are very cooperative, while others are resistant. In order for the Town Board to begin discussion on 3/26, Mr. Slater will provide representative cases with pictures. Discussion was held regarding the depth of water/sewer mains, tree interference and possible damage to infrastructure during tree removal, restoration to lawns, rerouting of mains and abandonment of old infrastructure. Mr. Goodman reported that Susan Brock is checking LISTSERV for how other municipalities have handled dealing with constituents in similar situations.

5. “Bridge NY” Application - Town Line Road:

Mr. Weber reported on this funding opportunity from Albany, in conjunction with the County, to advance the priority of smaller bridge maintenance. The grant includes bridges that have local municipal interest where they may be of low priority through general County operating budgets. Town Line Road is due to be reconstructed in 2020. The grant would allow the bridge to be addressed prior to road construction. The County has completed the application, as they own the bridge structure and we own the decking, but it requires Town Board approval to proceed for this grant. Mr. Weber will review the documents to get a better understanding of the Town’s responsibilities and report at the 3/26 Study Session. The application is due to the State by 4/27, but needs to be reviewed by DOT by 3/29 prior to submittal.

6. Planning Board Requirement for Speed Hump on Mitchell Street:

Mr. Goodman explained that it is part of the Maplewood Project to install traffic calming measures. It is proposed that a speed hump be installed where the trail crosses over Mitchell

Street for which the Town would be responsible, just as we are for other traffic calming measure within the Town. He provided the Forest Home Agreement as a template. Discussion was held regarding engineering design, plantings, Use-by-right, cemetery protection. Mr. Goodman will talk with T. G. Miller to set a meeting with the County for final designs. Susan Brock will review the agreement and get with the County to work out the details. The Town Board should have involvement in the approval.

7. Modification to the City/Town Water Agreement for Oakwood Meter:

Mr. Weber reported that a master meter has been installed at the Oakwood Pump Station, in reference a 2014 Water Exchange Agreement, which involved changing the configuration and a new PRV vault. 102 City customers are being served from the Trumansburg Tank. The master meter prevents stagnation, improves water service to customers and record-keeping for Bolton Point, along with payment by the City for lost water due to leaks and breaks between the Pump Station and the 102 City residences. The meter installation positively influences the proposed Cliff Street water main replacement project. Mr. Slater sent a copy of an Agreement addressing payment, effective 11/8/17, to the City for comments, but has not heard back yet.

8. Project Updates:

Reconstruction/Replacement of Pavement at Cayuga Meadows: Mr. Weber reported that Aster Lane does not meet Town Standards for road construction and that the Town will not be taking over maintenance of the road until it is corrected. Discussion was held regarding future extension of the road, Certificate of Occupancy, TCO renewals, PWD Inspection, Planning Board approval for the road. Mr. Weber will provide more information as it becomes available.

Ellis Hollow Water Main and Tank Update: The contract is out for signatures. Health Department approval is needed. Susan Brock is working on easement language. The Scope of Service will need to be changed by Larsen Engineering and a resolution is set to do so at the 3/26 Town Board Meeting. The project is due to start in early April and be completed by the end of July 2018. Discussion was held regarding Maplewood requesting TCOs.

Perry Lane Reconstruction: The project went out to bid on 3/14. The bid opening is on 4/4. The project will go to the Town Board for award.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m., motioned by Ms. Hunter seconded by Mr. DePaolo.

Our next meeting will be on 4/17 at 9:00 a.m.

April Item for the Agenda: Roadway Speed Complaints/Discussion – Mr. Goodman

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