

**TOWN OF ITHACA  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

April 17, 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, Dan Thaete, Sue Ritter, Bruce Bates

**1. Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes from March 20, 2018 were approved with a minor change to add “LED Lighting” to Item #3 for clarification. Motion to approve by Ms. Hunter, seconded by Mr. DePaolo.

**2. Member Comments / Concerns:** None

a. Consider Modifications to Agenda – Mr. Weber added discussion regarding surplus equipment and Mr. Goodman added discussion regarding the Capital Improvement Plan.

**3. Discuss Maplewood Request for Vehicle Use of East Ithaca Recreation Way:**

Mr. Goodman explained that he received a letter from Maplewood requesting use of the trail for showing units for lease, via a motorized vehicle. Discussion was held regarding the current non-motorized policy, timeframe, TCOs, moving the sales trailer from the north end, which requires permitting, impact to residents using the trail for its intended purposes, and other options. The Committee was in favor of asking Maplewood to look at other options.

**4. Discuss Speed Limit Reduction for Mitchell Street:**

Ms. Ritter explained that the current speed limit on Mitchell Street is 35 mph. In light of the traffic calming that was planned for Mitchell Street and the County not being opposed to it, she is proposing requesting 30 mph from Pine Tree Road to the City line on Mitchell Street from NYSDOT. A resolution would be needed for the next Town Board meeting. The Committee approved presenting a resolution to the Town Board and sending the request to NYSDOT.

**5. Review Raised Trail Section for Mitchell Street:**

Mr. Weber reported that plans were received two weeks ago from Planning and are being reviewed. He explained that there are some issues that need to be addressed in regard to street drainage, accessibility, grading and transition, plantings and long-term maintenance of them, plantings in the right-of-way. Several questions were raised in regard to type of plant beds, fruit trees, landscape/turf maintenance, cross-slopes identified on DOT plans for the top of the crosswalk. Mr. Weber will produce a list of questions/issues and get back to the Maplewood developer. Ms. Ritter suggested that T.G. Miller be included in the correspondence. A conversation will need to be held with the County. The Committee agreed and the item will be discussed further at a later date.

**6. Discuss Potential “Plan B” to Provide Maplewood Water Prior to the Completion of the Tank and Main Project:**

Mr. Goodman reported that a meeting was held last week with the developer where they requested TCOs for 214 beds and asked what will happen if the water tank is not operational by their 7/1 deadline. Mr. Goodman explained that they were directed to come back with ideas for fire flows. The developer is meeting with the Fire Chief today. Public Works has included “Plan B”, which is in the Project Documents, for the new control building. The control building will provide water to units and provide fire protection. Currently there is no schedule from the contractor for the new control building completion. Once the control building is online, Mr. Weber will approve the TCO. Discussion was held regarding short-term phasing of the project, the fragile water distribution system and main breaks, deadline changes, safe

pedestrian access, meeting the intent of the Code, water study assumptions, fire flow, control valve overuse, etc. The item will be addressed again at our May meeting.

**7. Surplus Equipment:**

Mr. Weber reported that two towns are interested in purchasing our Scissor Lift and Roller, which would normally go to auction. The Committee approved the purchases.

**8. Project Updates:**

**Ellis Hollow Water Main and Tank Update:**

The Contractor is on site conducting identification of trees to be removed, stripping topsoil, and rock excavation.

**Perry Lane Reconstruction:** Notice of Award and Plans/Specifications have been sent to the Contractor. The Contract should be signed by the end of the week.

**Reconstruction/Replacement of Pavement at Cayuga Meadows:**

The Developer will be doing a full reconstruction of the roadway. Easements are done for the water main, but not formally accepted. As-builts are needed.

9. Mr. Goodman wants to review the CIP in regard to the South/West Hill Water Study at our next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m., motioned by Mr. DePaolo, seconded by Ms. Hunter.

Our next meeting will be on **5/22** at 9:00 a.m.

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