

Department of Public Works Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

April 30, 2018

Commissioners Present: George Balco, Christina Colarusso, Earl Littlefield, Tomar Waldman

DPW Director: Ray Tattersall

Absent: Ian Atchison

Public Works Advisory Board Called to Order by George Balco at 4:04 pm

Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2018 by Earl Littlefield, 2nd by George Balco & ***later in meeting by Christina Colarusso ******

Abstains: Tomar Waldman

Approved by all.

Herring Creek Road Maintenance:

Ray Tattersall: Troy Maciel is going Mid May for the season – we'll play it by ear through Labor Day, after that it will be on the property owners to hire someone.

George Balco: The Upper part by Daggett is really really bump, about as bad as it's ever been.

Ray Tattersall: We don't want to waste the time and money to do it too early, so we'll do it just before Memorial Day. We thought we might be able to do some work on this but after consulting with Jay and Larry Gomez – We're not getting any money from Chapter 90 so we are not doing a single thing to it – no money to maintain that road. We'll do what we have to do for the summer and that's it.

George Balco: We should approach the Landbank for ten grand or . . .

RayTattersall: . . . or use their services, even if they clean up trees on the road.

Earl Littlefield: We're not gonna dump two thousand to grade it and do something?

Ray Tattersall: That's what we are doing but we shouldn't even be doing that.

Earl Littlefield: They are going to pay for the dirt?

Ray Tattersall: We are going to continue doing what we are doing . . summer maintenance for high season, high traffic which is about \$2200 and then after that we'll maintain it as we need to until Labor Day and after that it belongs to the property owners because there's a lot less usage out there – it's a private road, town doesn't get any funding for the road and Jay is 100% right, we shouldn't be spending a lot of money on this property.

George Balco: Tell the Fish Committee they raise some money. We have the right of way on that road because it used to be a herring run down there and as long as we have a fish committee they are allowed access to the herring runs.

Ray Tattersall: The reason we do from summer to Labor Day is because it's a Town Beach that's heavily used and after that it's very minimally used and as a taxpayer, I don't see why I should be paying to maintain that road.

George Balco: I think we run some risk by . . it's one of our town's best beaches and it's the only access.

Ray Tattersall: That's why we take care of it in the high season when the beach is being used. Technically it's a private road with an easement to get down in there so as long as you keep emergency access open.

George Balco: Lots of people will be happy to see the signs and they are still standing and looking nice.

Christina Colarusso: I went the other for a beach cleanup . . it seemed like someone illegally dumped landscaping – nothing that naturally could have gotten on the beach . . hay and so many branches . . for the crazy bonfires.

Other Business:

Christina Colarusso: What does it have in the ads for the Life Guards requirement for WSI . . Water Safety Instructor? It means swimming lessons.

Ray Tattersall: Because it's in the job description . . it hasn't been changed.

Christina Colarusso: It could be deterring people because that's a different certification – you only need the head guard to have it.

George Balco: Can you report this to the selectmen?

Ray Tattersall: The selectmen have the opportunity to revisit job descriptions and the union does also. We are in the process of redoing the job descriptions so the timing is good.

George Balco: Has the Y participated in helping us find people?

Ray Tattersall: WE tried to get the Y to take it over but they didn't want to. We tried to put it on the HarborMaster because he's down there, he sees them, he works with them everyday.

George Balco: Anyother items?

Earl Littlefield: Yes, I like this to stay on the agenda so we can discuss the conditions of our roads to keep them at 80% with the work that we're doing. I know they are cutting up trees at West Chop, finishing the work at Five Corners, Lagoon Pond – just an update of things that the director.

Christina Colarusso: I went to See Click Fix and you can see a record of what's been reported and what you guys have closed out too.

Earl Littlefield: We had that person come in with our 80% of roads and would like to see that we are keeping . .

Ray Tattersall: . . .Actually 72% . . . we want to get to 80%

Earl Littlefield: Bring us the good news with all these repairs so we can hit our 80% and this way I don't have to call it in for every meeting.

Ray Tattersall: You are an Advisory Board . . . it's not like a Commission, if I want to give you my update I will I just can't have it on there like that . . there may not be anything to update. Typically an advisory board says we need you to look into something, here's an idea we had,

MINUTES APPROVAL TAKE 2: Earl Littlefield makes motion. . **2nd by Christina Colarusso *****

DPW Advisory Board Appointments to be forwarded to Pam Bennett – George Balco, Earl Littlefield, Tomar Waldman, and Christine Colarusso all interested in reappointment.

Ray Tattersall: I'm actually gonna see if Larry Gomez is interested. . . .but don't send in his name yet.

VTa: Came in this morning . . .

Ray: VTA wants to put in a stop at Hillside Village but they want to go into the bike path but move the bike path around. They will use the bike path as the stop and move the bike path further into the property. Jay and I already approved the one on the other side across from the campground. They have paved the paths to make it easier and have already in Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, making their way down and those are our only two bus stops.

Schedule Next Meeting:

George Balco: Monday, June 4th @4pm. Earl Littlefield – 2nd. Approved by all

Ray Tattersall: We did some Line Painting last night and the Thermal crew is coming in next week. We should be getting all the crosswalks down next week or the beginning of the week after. We should have everything painted before Memorial Day this year.

Tomar Waldman: What is the difference in price between our paint with our paint and them and how long does thermal last?

Ray Tattersall: Thermal lasts 3-5 years depending and regular paint is very cheap per foot – you paint it every year but the price is really cheap but we can't even do it. You spending overtime because you have to have guys at night doing it or in early in the morning. We're not nearly as efficient as they are.

Tomar Waldman: What color?

Ray Tattersall: Everything is white – only things that aren't are handicapped and loading zone are yellow and blue.

Tomar Waldman: Are we collecting any tree debris?

Ray Tattersall: We always do

Tomar Waldman: Where are we putting it . .

Ray Tattersall: It's all out back

Tomar Waldman: Thinking about a commercial composter again. They're selling that stuff for a lot of money.

Ray Tattersall: There should be a regional composter – we don't have the room. It's not worth it we did the math on that.

George Balco: We would run into serious problems reselling it competing with local merchants.

Ray Tattersall: We have 3 employees right now . . .

Tomar Waldman: Now, that's the problem . . . Why is that?

Ray Tattersall: Nobody wants the job - we don't pay enough.

Motion to adjourn DPW Advisory Board Meeting by Tomar Waldman. Earl Littlefield– 2nd. Approved by all.

Meeting adjourned April 30, 2018 at 4:30PM