

MINUTES of meeting, August 19, 2015

Board Room, Department of Public Works (DPW), 20 Municipal Way

Present: Diane Campbell, chair; David Wright, vice chair; members Paul Criswell and Heidi Gross; Town staff Dave Hickey, Meghan Jop, Mike Pakstis and Brandon Schmitt.

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m.

Minutes: Draft minutes of the meeting of July 15, 2015 had been distributed previously. **MOVED** Paul, **SECONDED** Heidi to approve the minutes as submitted. **PASSED** unanimously.

Construction report: In the absence of project manager Peter Jackson, public works director Mike Pakstis gave the progress report. Dredging of State Street/Skating Pond is being accomplished with a small excavator bringing the material to shore, where a large excavator piles it for air-drying prior to removal in trucks. The volume of material removed has been higher than expected, adding somewhat to the cost. If work continues into football season, gate access to games will be provided. Other walking paths and athletic fields in the area have not been affected.

Construction Section 1 is now in the punch-list phase, and the work will not be approved until all remaining issues have been resolved. An entrance path from Maugus Avenue, suggested by Paul, will be installed. Section 2 work includes drains to the stream in the wet section between State and Morton Streets, a connection to the street drain at Wilson and Twitchell Streets, and a challenging path construction in the narrow area between private property and the stream east of Wellesley Avenue. West of that street, the path remains open on its present route while the new path, boardwalks, and wet meadow are under construction.

Dave Hickey reported that, during drilling of helical piles for boardwalks in that area, a 36-inch main sewer line was struck, without apparent damage. Also, only four of the 12 piles found the 2,000 pounds of ground resistance required to support them. These factors may necessitate more piles in the design, rerouting the new path, or both.

Paul noted an incident last week of orange-colored water in the brook near Hunnewell School. Mike and Heidi explained the discoloration as orange algae dislodged by a storm and flowing from a railroad culvert through the Town Hall duck pond. Mike said the water was tested and judged to be harmless.

Security on Paine Street boardwalk: Diane said that, with school about to begin, she will remind school administrators and police about potential problems with young people congregating in this area.

Section 319 grant: A check from the U.S. Treasury for \$60,000, received by the Town and bearing no indication of what it is for, is believed to be a reimbursement of Fuller Brook Park project expenses by the federal EPA under the Section 319 grant.

Next meeting: The next meeting of the FBPC was set for Wednesday, September 18, 2015 at 8:00 a.m., in the DPW Board Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David Wright, Vice Chair