

**Public Works and Buildings Committee**

**March 19, 2015**

**Council Chambers**

**7PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Councilor Ray Varney- Vice Chairman

Councilor Sandy Keans

Councilor David Walker

Councilor Donald Hamann

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Ralph Torr - Chairman

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Councilor James Gray

Councilor Jake Collins

Blaine Cox, Deputy City Manager

Michael Bezanson, PE, Interim DPW Director

Jennifer Hale, PE, Assistant City Engineer

Clifford Summers, 26 Collins Circle

**MINUTES**

Vice Chairman Varney called the Public Works and Buildings Committee to order at 7:00 PM.

**1. Approve minutes from February 19, 2015 meeting -**

Vice Chairman Varney requested a recommendation on last month's minutes.

*Councilor Walker made a motion to accept minutes as presented for the February 19, 2015 Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Haman. The Motion passed unanimously.*

**2. Public Input**

Clifford Summers of 26 Collins Circle addressed the Committee. Mr. Summers stated that Until Gas Company had recently been denied an excavation permit that was to extend the gas main from Anderson Lane to Collins and Givens Circle. Mr. Summers stated that he was here to request that the City Council lift the 3 year moratorium that prohibits digging in newly paved roads. He stated that the gas line was originally proposed throughout the subdivision and that when the City took the developers surety and paved the road that prohibited it from happening. Mr. Summers stated that he has bottled gas and the cost for that was \$3600 this season so far. There were approximately six to eight other residents of the neighborhood in attendance with Mr. Summers, all wishing to have the gas line available to tie into. Mr. Summers stated that Unitil Gas

Company had met with the neighborhood and there were alternative ways of putting in the main and the individual home services that would reduce the amount of roadway cuts necessary. He stated that the sidewalks are in poor condition and that Unitil may be able to run the main under them. Councilor Varney asked Mr. Bezanson if that was a possibility. Mr. Bezanson stated that they could put the line under the sidewalk, but the installation of main would still require roadway cuts and then additional cuts for services. Mr. Summers stated that Unitil did say that they could bore lines under the roadway in some cases. Councilor Walker asked if Unitil or the City would be paying to repair the roadways and sidewalks. Mr. Bezanson stated that Unitil repairs all areas disturbed at their own cost. Councilor Varney suggested Mr. Bezanson meet with Unitil to determine a plan that would have the least impacts to the roadway and he suggested Mr. Bezanson have this added to the the City Council's April meeting agenda for approval.

**3. China Palace / Columbus Ave Parking Lot Extension Project Request**

Mrs. Hale stated that the DPW sent the letter and engineering proposal to the China Palace owner as requested. Mrs. Hale stated that the letter asked that Mrs. Goon submit a check for half of the costs of the consultant proposal and a planning project application to the City. Once received then the City Council can discuss approval and funding of the parking lot extension. Councilor Walker asked the cost of the consultant proposal. Mrs. Hale stated \$14,000. Councilor Keans asked why the need for engineering when this is just an extension. Mrs. Hale stated that there is drainage and boundary concerns, and bid documents will be necessary. She stated that this proposal will take them through the bidding phase of the project. Councilor Varney stated that the ball is now in Mrs. Goon's court.

**4. Granite Ridge Development Update**

Mrs. Hale stated that the project had gone out for bid and is being awarded to the lowest bidder, Severino Trucking Company. She stated that the lowest bid was \$3,337,188.25. Councilor Collins asked how many bidders and the cost range. Mrs. Hale stated there were 3 bids at approximately 3.3 million, 3.6 million and 3.9 million. Councilor Varney asked if the booster station was necessary for the current phase of development. Mrs. Hale stated that the booster station is needed for this phase. She further stated that it is being built with room for future expansion as additional phases of development occur. Councilor Varney asked what is the park plan he is hearing about. Mrs. Hale stated that Waterstone Developers' had recently started a discussion about a green space or park area that might be used as a farmers market or as another outside venue for similar types of functions. Councilor Walker inquired as to who would be paying for this area. Mrs. Hale stated that it was still in the discussion phase as Waterstone explores funding sources. There was a discussion regarding TIF District maintenance and offsetting of the DPW General O&M funds and discussion on funding of TIF District CIP plans.

5. **Strafford Square**

Mr. Bezanson stated that Fay, Spofford and Thorndyke Engineering (FST) is working with NHDOT to see that all processes are followed and they are working with NHDOT on final designs. Mr. Bezanson distributed the **attached** summary spreadsheet and stated that the department is working with the City's finance office to close out old account lines and to appropriate the necessary funds to bring the project to completion. It was stated that there will be approximately 1.3 million in de-authorizations at the April City Council Meeting. Mr. Bezanson stated that in order to do the supplemental appropriation necessary the City Council will need to decide whether the utilities will be put in above or below ground. Mr. Bezanson stated that the estimated cost for the project with above ground utilities is 3 million dollars, and the estimated cost for below ground utilities in just the Strafford Square area is approximately 5.25 to 5.75 million dollars. He also explained that Eversource has stated that there is a chance that if the Council decides to go below ground, then the City may have to do the "Gap" project area as well and this would drive the cost up to approximately 6.25 to 7 million. Mr. Bezanson distributed a mock up plan that showed the Strafford Square area with and without the above ground utility poles. Councilor Varney stated that it will be difficult to make this appropriation and decision prior to the FY2016 budget approval in June.

6. **Paving FY2016**

Mr. Bezanson stated that he had given the Committee the **attached** list for streets recommended for paving and that he was waiting direction. Councilor Walker suggested that they might limit the streets to be paved this year and concentrate on making decision regarding buildings. Councilor Varney stated that it will be late in the budget season before they are able to decide which streets. He stated that the paving is completed with cash and they will not know that number in time for paving this construction season. The Council is aware that the FY2016 paving will need to be done early in calendar year 2016 construction season.

7. **Other**

**NHDOT – Letter regarding State road construction projects** – Mr. Bezanson stated that he had received the annual list of roads that NHDOT will be re-surfacing. He stated that the only Rochester Street listed is Milton Road from Wildflower to Brown Rd in Milton. Councilor Walker asked if it was a complete grind and pave. Mr. Bezanson stated that the letter is not that specific and he will have it **attached** to these minutes.

**10 Year Transportation Project Plan** – Mrs. Hale stated that the plan has been reviewed by City Staff and that there are some changes that will need to be made as some items mentioned have been completed and she stated that guidance on project priority is needed. Mrs. Hales stated that there are two intersections on the southern section of Route 125 mentioned. She stated that the Lowell Street intersection and the Charles Street intersection are both mentioned. Councilor Keans stated that the Lowell Street intersection should be a low priority as it is working perfectly fine. She stated that it took

good signage and a few years but it seems to operate fine as is. Mrs. Hale stated that the other intersection mentioned was the Charles Street / Route 125 intersection. All were in agreement that it could be realigned and sidewalks in the area are necessary. The “Gap” area project on North Main from Cove Court to Strafford Square was discussed as one of the top priorities, as was the Pedestrian bridge crossing from Dewey Street to Hanson Pines. There was brief discussion about other roadway bridges qualifying for other funding sources and that they should be removed or left low on the priorities list. The Committee discussed that the following priorities list. #1 Pedestrian Bridge at Dewey Street, #2 The Gap project area of North Main, #3 Route 125 at Charles Street, #4 Milton Road intersections & sidewalks, #5 Route 125 and Lowell. Councilor Varney suggested the staff get the recommendations prepared and added to this meetings minutes to be discussed at the April City Council Meeting.

**Emergency Management Plan (Dams)** – Mr. Bezanson stated that the Milton Dam is controlled remotely by the State of NH. He stated that when discussed with the State they have stated that they will be paying close attention to the levels. Councilor Varney stated that there is a link to the site that he will provide to the Committee email. Council. Varney stated that Bacon Felt has submitted application to put that dam back into services and Mr. Bezanson stated that the City of Rochester does have some discretionary control of the Upper City Dam.

**Gonic Dam** – Mr. Bezanson stated that he is continuing to work with NHDES on the Gonic and Gonic Sawmill dam. He stated that we have been a pass through for grants that have allowed the State to do assessments and studies for the removal of these dams. He stated that the state would like us to continue to work with them. Councilors Walker and Keans stated as long as it is not a City expense we can continue. Councilor Varney stated the same but added that the City also does not want to be part of a plan that would assume any liability for issues that could arise.

**Robbins Auto Parts Building on Hanson Street** – Councilor Keans stated that the Rochester Fire Department has stated that the building will require a sprinkler system. She further stated that someone said the fire flows in that area will not support a sprinkler system. Councilor Varney asked Mr. Bezanson if he could check on that and get the results back to the Committee.

**Bicycle Path Symbols / Share the road signage** – Councilor Gray stated that he had previously discussed the Community Development Commissions desire for signage and road marking for share the road type symbols. Councilor Walker suggest that this is an item for Councilor Gray to bring to the Public Safety Committee.

**Flat Rock Ridge Road Intersection** – Councilor Varney asked if the intersection improvements and property transfer is in the process. Mrs. Hale stated that the new City Attorney is working on this now. Councilor Varney asked if the Cumberland Farms project was going to start soon and if the transfer would be completed in time for work to begin. Mrs. Hale stated that it will be starting soon and she believed there will be enough

time to complete the improvements.

**DPW Facility** – Councilor Varney asked if there was going to be a presentation on the new facility plan. Mr. Bezanson stated he would check to see if this was ready for presentation and if it is included in the current scope of work with the consultant. Councilor Keans suggested a plan that includes several different options and the costs for each.

*Councilor Walker made a motion for adjournment at 8:33 PM. Councilor Hamann seconded the motion. The motioned passed unanimously.*

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa J. Clark, Office Manager Rochester DPW.

City Funding - Strafford Square to Date

Actual Expenses	City Funded	Expensed	Remaining Balance	Funding Sources	Used to date for?
15013010-771000-05518	\$1,045,000.00	\$ 349,969.48	\$ 695,030.52	State/bond/other	CLD - McLane & Urban Tree
15013010-771000-11538	\$300,000.00	\$ 299,903.50	\$ 96.50	State/bond	Purchased 2-4Walnut
15013010-771000-12514	\$525,000.00	\$ 113,848.93	\$ 411,057.16	State /bond	CLD, RTE, CMA & SUR - not reimbursable
15013010-771000-14523	\$150,000.00	\$ -	\$ 150,000.00	bond	-
15013010-771000-15528	\$500,000.00	\$ 452,211.57	\$ 47,788.43	bond	Encumbered for FST Contract-no invoices as of yet.
Remaining Available Funds	\$2,520,000.00	\$ 1,215,933.48	\$ 1,303,972.61		

Currently Actual Expended	Revenue Rec'd				2/15/2015 Received
	\$	Bonded	State of NH		
		State of NH	Other cash?		
				\$ 185,784.40	
				\$ 462,344.58	
				\$ 1,744.00	
				\$ 649,872.98	

	NHDOT Approved For	Available 80%Share	Spent	NHDOT 80% Rec'd to date	Remaining eligible for 80/20	Available State 80%
Prelim	\$191,000.00	\$152,800.00	\$113,930.72	\$91,144.58	\$77,069.28	\$61,655.42
ROW	\$525,000.00	\$420,000.00	\$464,000.00	\$371,200.00	\$61,000.00	\$48,800.00
Construction	\$700,000.00	\$560,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700,000.00	\$560,000.00
Eligible costs	\$1,416,000.00	\$1,132,800.00		\$462,344.58	\$838,069.28	

Construction Cost Estimates (as of 3/19/2015)

Construction of Roundabout (including 2-4 Walnut demo and potential additional drainage to river outfall) **\$3,000,000.00**

Underground Utility Costs within Roundabout Project Limits:

Construction of Underground Utility Infrastructure (City's construction portion)

Utility Fees (Utility companies' design and construction costs)

Subtotal: \$1,250,000.00

**\$5,250,000.00-\$5,750,000.00**

Additional Underground Utility Costs in the Gap (Roundabout to N. Main St. Bridge):

Construction of Underground Utility Infrastructure (City's construction portion)

Utility Fees (Utility companies' design and construction costs)

Total: \$500,000.00

**\$6,250,000.00-\$7,000,000.00**

FY16 Proposed Paving List					Revision Date: 11/20/2014	
Street Name	Cost Estimate		Last Paved	Comments		
Whitehouse Road	\$415,000	\$415,000	1990 (est.)	previously proposed (FY15 estimate)		
Ledgeview Drive	\$315,000	\$730,000	1985	previously proposed (FY14 estimate)		
Gear Road	\$515,000	\$1,245,000	2003	previously proposed (FY14 estimate)		
Tebbetts Road (portions Lowell St. to Rte. 108)	\$125,000	\$1,370,000	2004	previously proposed (FY15 estimate)		
Lowell Street (Hillside - Tebbetts)	\$300,000	\$1,670,000	2005	previously proposed (FY15 estimate)		
Columbus Ave./Old Dover Rd. Intersection	\$85,000	\$1,755,000	'02/'05/'06			
Hansonville Rd. (Including portion of Flagg Rd.)	\$400,000	\$2,155,000	2001/2002			
Sheepboro Road	\$210,000	\$2,365,000	2006	previously proposed (FY13 estimate)		
Weeping Willow Drive	\$70,000	\$2,435,000	2004			
Eastern Avenue (Allen St. to Fieldstone Ln.)	\$275,000	\$2,710,000	2003			
French Hussey Road	\$75,000	\$2,785,000	1990 (est.)			
Sullivan Farm Drive	\$125,000	\$2,910,000	2005			
Four Rod Road	\$500,000	\$3,410,000	2012 shim	previously proposed (FY13 estimate)		
Jackson Street	\$65,000	\$3,475,000	1990 (est.)	previously proposed (FY15 estimate)		
Rockledge Road	\$78,000	\$3,553,000	2003	previously proposed (FY14 estimate)		
Boulder Avenue	\$64,000	\$3,617,000	2003	previously proposed (FY14 estimate)		
Conifer Circle	\$48,000	\$3,665,000	2004	previously proposed (FY14 estimate)		
Myrtle Street	\$50,000	\$3,715,000	1990 (est.)	Mill & Overlay only. Future project area.		
Woodman Street	\$45,000	\$3,760,000	1990 (est.)	Mill & Overlay only. Future project area.		
Total:		\$3,760,000				



**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**



**JEFF BRILLHART, P.E.**  
**ACTING COMMISSIONER**

February 24, 2015

Public Works - City of Rochester  
45 Old Dover Road  
Rochester, NH 03867

RE: Highway Maintenance District 6  
Proposed Resurfacing Program CY 2015

For your planning information, the New Hampshire Department of Transportation has tentatively programmed the state road(s) on the attached list and map in your town for paving during the coming season. I hope this information will assist you in coordinating your community's maintenance activities such as crosswalk striping, underground utility projects, trenching, and curb or sidewalk work prior to the road resurfacing. This is particularly important for manholes and other structures within the paving limits as significant depressions can develop if they are not set to the proper grade. If appropriate, please advise local utilities to prepare for the proposed resurfacing since it is their responsibility to make adjustments as required to accommodate the paving.

Please be aware that the State Legislature has delegated the Commissioner of the Department with the full authority to control traffic in highway/bridge construction work zones on Class I, II and III highways. The Department, as of April 1, 2013, will only compensate for the use of police officers that have successfully completed an NHDOT approved course on the Safe and Effective Use of Law Enforcement in Work Zones. Prior to commencement of the work, the Department will send notice of a preconstruction meeting. You are invited to attend this meeting as project schedule and anticipated traffic control measures are among the topics discussed.

For clarification, the resurfacing program does not include any municipal parking spaces. The Department will not resurface any parking spaces along side the roadway as part of the resurfacing project, however, the municipalities can make arrangements with the contractor, at their own expense, to have the parking spaces resurfaced while the contractor is in the area.

Should the program be changed due to funding considerations or pavement conditions, I will contact you. Once a contract and schedule of work has been approved, the Contractor is required to provide written notice to your town between 7 and 14 work days in advance of the final paving.

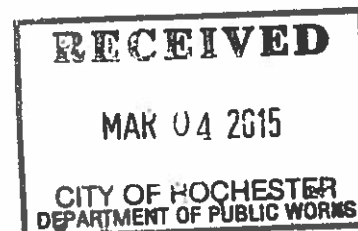
In addition to this work, District maintenance forces will grader-shim various sections of the secondary highway system as part of our routine maintenance program.

Should you have any questions related to the proposed resurfacing, please feel free to call me at (603) 868-1133.

Sincerely,

  
Douglas M. DePorter, P.E.  
District Engineer

Attachment: Resurfacing Section, Location Map





## **District 6 Description of Resurfacing Sections**

(Base Program)

- 6-01 Rochester - Milton, NH 125, 3.0 miles, 1" PMST**  
From the intersection of Wildflower Way in Rochester northerly to approximately 300 feet south of the intersection of Brown Road (RR Bridge) in Milton.
- 6-02 Kingston - Exeter, NH 111, 5.2 miles, ¾" PMST**  
From the pavement joint east of the intersection of NH 125 easterly to approximately 150 feet west of the intersection of Westside Drive (Urban Compact).
- 6-03 Pittsfield, NH 107, 5.3 miles, ¾" PMST/2" H.B.P.**  
From the Pittsfield/Northwood Town line northerly to the intersection of Carroll Street. Place a 2" H.B.P. from ½ mile north of the Pittsfield/Northwood Town line to 0.1 miles north of Berry Pond Road (section previously reconstructed under RSR Project 29239). Place a ¾" PMST for the remainder of the project limits.
- 6-04 Plaistow - Hampstead, East Rd, 4.0 miles, ¾" PMST**  
From the intersection of NH 125 in Plaistow northerly to the intersection of NH 111 in Hampstead. Place high strength pavement and loop detectors at the NH 125 and NH 111 intersection.
- 6-05 Hampton Falls - Kensington, NH 84, 4.4 miles, ¾" PMST**  
From the intersection of US 1 in Hampton Falls westerly to the intersection of NH 150 in Kensington. Including all ramp at NH 150 and US 1.
- 6-06 Northwood, Lake Shore Drive, 0.9 miles, ¾" PMST**  
From the intersection of US 4 easterly to the intersection of US 4.
- 6-07 Rollinsford, Roberts Rd, 1.1 miles, ¾" PMST**  
From the intersection of NH 4 (Portland Ave) easterly to the intersection of Silver Street.

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