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**Board of Public Works**  
**Monday, September 14th, 2020 at 7:00 PM**  
**Zoom Meeting**  
**Meeting ID: 885 6447 0614**  
**Meeting address: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88564470614>**

**Members Present:** Annmarie Drugonis, Pat Lombardi, Tom LaPaglia, Bill Stowe, Rich Demko

**Members Absent:**

**Others Present:** Tony DePrimo, Frank Gabianelli, Jordan Addis, Geraldine Celentano, Mark O'Brien

**Item #1: Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM.

**Item #2: Pledge of Allegiance**

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Item #3: Public Comment**

No public comment.

**Item #4: Approve Minutes**

Bill Stowe made a motion to approve the July minutes.

Second: Rich Demko

4-0 approved.

Pat Lombardi made a motion to bring Item #10, Discussion with Oak Ridge Representatives to the top of the agenda.

Second: Tom LaPaglia

4-0 approved

Item #10 was discussed at this point.

#### **Item #5: Discussion on Parks and Schools**

Day to day maintenance is being done at the schools. The DPW is getting close to doing the final cuts for the season. The department will be looking into doing leaf pickups towards the end of the month. Leaf pickups usually begin towards the end of November or the beginning of December, depending on when the leaves stop falling.

#### **Item #6: Transfers**

No transfers.

#### **Item #7: Financial Update**

Everything is good with the budget. It is still early in the fiscal year. The storm didn't hit the tree budget too hard. Annmarie Drugonis said she has a list of streets with limbs down. People were inquiring as to if the DPW could pick them up. Some of these limbs appear to have been placed on town property and did not fall there. One resident put out some old rotted logs and wanted to have the DPW pick them up. To pick up brush at the curb would be too much work, and would consume all of the DPW's time and resources. The department does not have adequate resources to do curbside brush pickup. Many residents wanted curbside pickup after the storm. Beacon Falls had promised the residents brush pickup, but their DPW could not handle it and it went out to bid. Beacon Falls had to spend \$250,000 on brush pickup for their residents. Brush can be brought to the transfer station for free. Also, the DPW can't enter private property to clean up trees. The department doesn't have the resources or equipment to do that kind of pickup and still keep up with day to day work.

**Item #8: Vehicle Update**

The bodies for the two rusted snow plows have been ordered. The department is hopeful that at least one of the trucks will be repaired by December 1st.

**Item #9: Transfer Station Update**

Mr. DePrimo had a meeting with Oak Ridge. The compactor has been running better. The area on top of the canopy where the chute is will be repaired soon. Mattress recycling is in the works.

Mr. DePrimo spoke with operations and got with the vendor to discuss the mattress recycling.

The vendor will pull mattresses from the wastestream at no cost to the town. The DPW asked for help from the Seymour Housing Authority with the recycling, as 90% of the mattresses come from them. When the SHA comes in, they are going to stack the mattresses in the container.

Annamarie Drugonis asked if there is liability with them coming into the container and stacking the mattresses. Mr. DePrimo said it is covered by insurance.

**Item #10 (Discussed after Item #4): Discussion with Oak Ridge Representatives**

The Oak Ridge representatives present included Mark O'Brien, who is a sales and marketing manager, and Geraldine Celentano, who is the major accounts representative. Mr. O'Brien primarily spoke to the board, as Ms. Celentano had a poor connection.

Mr. DePrimo said his main concerns were the incomplete routes, the 3:30 AM start time observed by a resident, and the high number of broken lids on the cans. By contract, Oak Ridge must comply with the town orders of a start time no earlier than 6:00 AM. Pat Lombardi, who lives on Derby Avenue said his trash has been picked up at 3:30 AM. He has evidence of this on the ring and on video. He stated that this is a violation of town ordinance, and Oak Ridge needs

to cease and desist. Mr. O'Brien said they had a conference call with Erik Hufnagel tonight to talk about this. Mr. Hufnagel has talked to the driver and is under the understanding that the driver will not be doing this anymore. There were also concerns about the drivers not finishing routes. Mr. O'Brien said that due to the pandemic, the company reached out to towns they service asking for leniency about the noise ordinance and start times. Mr. DePrimo said that the town of Seymour did not get any notice about starting at earlier times. Mr. O'Brien said that he doesn't think they reached out to Seymour because the start time at 6:00 AM is early enough for the drivers to complete their routes, where other towns with later start times were reached out to. Mr. DePrimo said there has never been an issue with Oak Ridge drivers entering into the transfer station late at night, the drivers have keys so there is access after hours. Mr. O'Brien said that this does really help, and shouldn't affect the route being completed. Mr. DePrimo then stated that they are under the understanding that there should be no issues with completing the routes. Mrs. Drugonis asked if the drivers have always had keys. Mr. DePrimo said yes. Mrs. Drugonis said that they shouldn't have had problems with completing routes then. Mr. DePrimo said he understands breakdowns of equipment, but routes need to be picked up because trash left at the curb is a safety issue. He said the problem with incomplete routes has improved over the last couple of weeks. Mr. O'Brien said he and Mr. Hufnagel have worked to improve communication despite COVID-19, vacations, and childcare issues. Moving forward, Oak Ridge wants to keep improving communication. Mr. DePrimo said the last issue he wanted to discuss is with the lids breaking off of the cans. Mr. DePrimo said 6-7 months ago Oak Ridge Representatives said they were going to invest in new carts, but this hasn't happened. Mr. O'Brien said the recycling and trash cans have different manufacturers, and there are multiple lid types. He also said the

manufacturer has been really behind with deliveries. Oak Ridge has recently been restocked with carts. The full carts get replaced when the lids are broken. Mr O'Brien stated that the majority of carts in Seymour were delivered around 2012, and they are all breaking around the same time. He said that when Oak Ridge is notified of a broken cart, it should take 1-2 days for it to be delivered. Mr. DePrimo asked if they only replace carts when people call and complain. Mr. O'Brien said they're replacing 70-80 carts per month like this, but are hoping to be more proactive in the future. Mr. DePrimo suggested letting residents know they can call to have it replaced before it breaks. Mr. O'Brien said they may start replacing carts by street, but this would need coordination and approval at a higher level. Oak Ridge is hoping to reduce calls and complaints and satisfy the residents. Mr. Gabianelli said Oak Ridge requested a curb behind the hopper to prevent the truck from going into the hopper. Mr. O'Brien said he communicated with a vendor, and it may be a couple of weeks until they start work on this. The only other concern Mr. DePrimo said he had is that they haven't seen any preventative maintenance on the compactor. Mr. O'Brien said he will check in on clean up and maintenance on Oak Ridge's end. He said Seymour should see routes completed on time and no more early start times. There are lots of replacement carts in stock and Oak Ridge may look into being more proactive with replacements.

**Item #11: Work Update/Director's Report**

\*See attached August Report

Mr. DePrimo provided a chart for the entire fiscal year 20. He said this should give a better understanding of the resources and how they are being employed throughout the year. The report does not include snowplowing, as Mr. DePrimo usually does another report for

snowplowing and it is mostly overtime hours, not day to day. Annmarie Drugonis said she would bring the report to the Board of Selectman for them to look at as well.

**Item #12: Other Business**

Mr. Lombardi asked how the department is with their supply of winter road materials. Mr. DePrimo said the shed is full, and the department should be good for the year.

**Item #13: Public Comment**

No public comment.

**Item #14: Adjournment**

Pat Lombardi made a motion to adjourn at 7:46 PM

Second: Bill Stowe

Approved 4-0

SITE/DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES	H.F.	hrs	Driver	hrs	Labor	hrs	Seasonal/hrs	Combi	Lane	Asphalt	Household	Trash	Brush	#stop	#cross	#stop	# signs	August 2020 Activity	
																		hrs	hrs
																		(line-painting)	
Bulk Pick-Up	16	72	8	8	96						54	16.16							
Line painting/street-signs		93	5	5	98														
WPCA-Grounds/Maint.				40	40														
Pothole Repairs	32	32	32	32	64					7.5	619								
Sidearm/Intersection Mowing	32	96	120	120	248							1							
Road construction-repairs		26			26					2									
Trash tons/litter		64	8	8	72							3							
Tree Trimming	72	48	16	16	136								6						
BOE Grounds Maint.		4	156	104	264														
Parks Grounds Maint.		260	120	131	511														
<b>Totals</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>1555</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>20.16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>7</b>

**Bulk-Pkup**  
A total of 54 Households were serviced removing 16.16 tons bulk/metal

**Line-Painting & Street-signs**  
Pearl Street area, Skokorat street area, Colony St, Mountain Rd, and Botsford Rd a combined total of 105 stop-bars, 8 crosswalks, 23 stop ahead have restriped using 35 gallons of paint. A new stop-sign was installed on Smith St, along with missing signs replaced South Benham, Jacko Dr, Chuse Dr, Sagamore, Third

**WPCA Grounds Maint.**  
A total of 40 man-hours to cut and clean 10 pumping stations & sewage plant.

**Pothole repairs**  
A total of 619 potholes were repaired throughout town using 7.5 tons of asphalt.

**Sidearm/Intersection Mowing**  
A combined total of 248 man-hrs were worked to keep town intersections and overgrowth clean and manicured throughout town.

**Road Construction Repairs**  
A sink hole was saw-cut and repaired on Brookfield Rd, and a catchbasin was repaired on 20 Manners Ave using 2 tons of asphalt.

**Trash Run**  
A total of 3 tons of trash & litter was picked up from designated trash cans and main roads.

**Tree Trimming**  
trees were trimmed on Rocky Glen, Community Ctr, PD, Scott Ave, Davis Rd, Swan Ave, and Briarwood chipping 6 tons of brush

**BOE Grounds Maint.**  
A total of 264 man-hrs were worked to upkeep manicured and clean grounds for all 4 school campuses.

**Parks Grounds Maint.**  
A total of 511 man-hours worked to keep parks manicured and clean including all athletic fields lined and dragged ready for play.

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