

**RTM PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**MINUTES - OCTOBER 15, 2019**

**MATHER 113**

**Call to order:** 7:50 pm EDT

Taped by TV79

**Present:** Arpita Muchhal, Monica McNally (Chair), Jim Cameron, Rolf Obin, Frank Adelman, Lindsay Kelly, Richard Poli

Minutes of Special Meeting 4/24 approved with correction of one typo

**TOWN GENERATOR:**

The RTM Public Works Committee attended the BD of Finance meeting where plans for a new, larger Town generator were discussed by DPW Director Ed Gentile.

In 2017 \$250,000 was authorized for bonding for a generator Mr Gentile was seeking an additional \$75,000 for a larger, different system. By choosing a diesel model rather than natural gas the Town could save \$75,000 on the unit and \$20,000 for piping.

The new generator would have a 2650 gallon tank, sunken to ground level, which could operate three days at 100% or 4-6 days at lower electricity usage. The project would also involve Eversource removing several old transformers and installing a new one, at their cost. If approved by the RTM construction could start immediately and installation finished by January.

The RTM Public Works Committee members present voted unanimously to APPROVE the additional bonding.

**SIDEWALKS:**

The Committee heard an update on DPW's plans for 450 feet of new five foot wide asphalt sidewalk on Locust Hill Rd. The plan has been approved by the Police Commission.

**There was discussion of the DPW's choice of asphalt paving (for lower cost) vs concrete (longer life). There was also discussion on whether there were written standards and priorities of where new sidewalks should be built. One member reminded residents receiving new sidewalks that they now had an obligation to keep them free of ice and snow in winter.**

**KUDOS TO CHAIR:**

**As this was the Committee's last meeting before November elections, members thanked Chairman Monica McNally for her leadership in the past year, especially in the lengthy hearings and review of the plastic bag ordinance.**

**ADJOURNMENT: 8:15 pm EDT**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**JIM CAMERON**

**Acting Secretary**

**RTM District 4**