

MINUTES
ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
April 26, 2018

Present: Ed Cooney; Dianne Izzo; Jim McGwin; John Pyne; Agu Suvari; Theodore Walls; Mark Zaccaria; Phil Bergeron,
Public Works Director

Absent: Dave Caldwell; James Halley

I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: Meeting minutes for January 25, 2018 and March 22, 2018 were included for approval. Motion to approve minutes as presented led to discussion, which included:

- o Ms. Izzo questioned "Update and Review..." paragraph language of the January 25, 2018 minutes;
- o Ms. Izzo sought to have "approved by consensus and" (line 8, paragraph III) removed from March 22, 2018 minutes.

There was no motion to amend; original Motion: To approve the minutes of January 25 and March 22, 2018 as presented was approved by a vote of 5-1; Ms. Izzo voted in negative based on her objection that the minutes were not correct.

III. Significant Updates: Mr. Bergeron updated Commission on Town projects.

IV. Asset Management Commission duty under Charter Section 820: Mr. McGwin provided handout with explanation and a copy of recent Letter to the Editor by Bill Mudge from the Standard Times. *In the handout, Mr. McGwin gave his written opinion as to the validity of the complaints identified by Mr. Mudge in his letter. Mr. McGwin asked that the record reflect that he has been contacted by the RI Department of Education (RIDE) and was asked to join a meeting of that body to discuss the Mudge assertions.

V. Bonding: Commission discussed the presentation made last week by the Town Manager to the Town Council on proposed November Bond Referendum. Mr. McGwin distributed copy of an email from Councilman Maloney with questions on bond projects and AMC involvement/position on those projects. Commission members felt the Town Council did not seek the recommendation of the AMC for the bond proposal. Mr. Bergeron noted that DPW's CIP submissions on Roads, Landfills, Facilities and Parks were used by the Manager in developing the bond proposal presented to the Town Council.

General discussion on need/benefit of instituting a Budget Committee in Town and the possibility of giving the AMC that role. Commission engaged in discussion of the Town/School budget process, need for additional capital funding for school facilities, and the School's participation with the AMC program. It was suggested that the AMC meet with the Finance Director and Town Manager ~~and Town Council President~~ to help determine what information would be most helpful for the Town Council to receive from the AMC for its budget/capital needs deliberation. Mr. McGwin will approach the Manager and Finance Director regarding referenced meeting.

VI. Historic Buildings: Mr. Bergeron gave an update on projects to the Commission.

VII. Confirm Future Meeting Schedule:

- a) FY2019 Appropriated Capital Improvement Project Funding
 - b) 2020 CIP Tentative Schedule
- Next meeting will be May 24, 2018; future meeting dates TBD.

VIII. Public Comment: No public comment.

IX. Correspondence: 1) Mr. Walls handed out excerpt from resident on social media on process of sale of Town property. Commission talked about existing process regarding property sales. Mr. Walls offered to do further research on the topic and present at next meeting as an agenda item. 2) Mr. McGwin distributed email from Bill Mudge.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was unanimously approved at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Bergeron