

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
MAY 28, 2026
MEETING MINUTES - APPROVED**

A meeting of the Board of Public Works was held on May 28, 2026 at 4:00 p.m., at the Division of Public Works Administration Building in the Mine Falls Conference Room, 848 West Hollis Street, Nashua, New Hampshire 03062.

Chairman James Donchess, Mayor, declared the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and called the roll.

I. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor
Vice-Chairman, Paul Shea, Commissioner
Commissioner, June Lemen
Commissioner, Matthew Gregg
Commissioner, Manny Espitia

Also Present:

Michael B. O'Brien, Sr., Aldermanic Liaison
Richard A. Dowd, Board of Aldermen
Lisa Fauteux, Director, Division of Public Works
Patrick Como, Nashua Resident
David Tiller, City of Nashua Resident
Bryan Conant, Superintendent, Parks and Recreation
David Boucher, Superintendent, Wastewater
Jeff Lafleur, Superintendent, Solid Waste
Dan Hudson, P.E., City Engineer
Elizabeth Hannum, Director, Economic Development
Amber Morgan, Board of Aldermen
Claire Edwards, Executive Assistant, Division of Public Works

II. MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED

Motion by Commissioner Gregg

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

III. MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING OF MAY 21, 2026.

Motion by Commissioner Lemen: To Approve The Minutes Of The Board Of Public Works Meeting Of May 21, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Public Comment. Does any member of the public wish to address the Board regarding any of the items we have tonight?

Patrick Como, City of Nashua Resident

Do I talk on the microphone, or am I loud enough?

Mayor Donchess

Yeah, yeah, just sit right there. There's a mic--

Lisa Fauteux, Director, Division of Public Works

--it helps record.

Mr. Como

No, absolutely, I get it. Good afternoon, everybody. My name is Patrick Como. I'm a Nashua resident of 20 years. I live at 18 Middle Dunstable Road currently. I've been there for 11 to 12 years, give or take. I actually bought the Williams' sister's house. If anybody knows that that's the eight daughters the house is custom-built for. I'm here today just to kind of give support to my neighborhood, to all the residents that live on 18 Middle Dunstable Road. We actually really love the speed bumps that are there. It's been discussed that you may consider removing them. I think on my side of the street alone, there are five families with two or more kids. On the other side of the street, there are four families with two or more kids. We are in a school zone. It's a walkway to Bicentennial, and I don't think as though that would be the greatest. Yesterday, in the meeting we went to in the aldermanic chamber, one of the residents stood up and said I used to deliver newspapers on the street, she goes now I live on the street. She goes I was here before the speed bumps. So goes it was crazy. So, that was kind of cool to hear from the local newspaper lady who now has children who go to the school. We talked about maybe saving a \$7,000.00 line item for a budget. I've been there for 10 years, saved seven grand, and these speed bumps haven't been replaced. Say they cost the town \$700.00 a year to have the speed bump. I think it's a small price to pay for the life of a child that possibly gets hit by a speeding car on that road. In my thirties, I drove plow trucks for Drum Hill Construction; they're not little ones, big ones, and I didn't drive over speed bumps, but I know how to control my truck to make sure that we go over the speed bump correctly. So, the whole damage on the truck to the DPW truck, I don't buy it. I feel like if you're a responsible snowplow driver, you know how to do it. So, if there is damage to the snow plow truck during said speed hump issue again, I would take that cost, and I would divide it and say is this worth the life of a child as we speed through the neighborhood and possibly pick off a couple of kids. I don't think it is. It's really all I have to say about it. I think it's easy to make the DPW job easier, no offense, guys. I would love to plow everything that has no islands in a parking lot. Okay, but sometimes we have to make exceptions, and I think the speed bumps on 18 Middle Dunstable Road would be the exception in this case. They've been there. Let's not remove them, and everybody wants to do less work and get paid more. So, maybe we could do a little more work and hopefully get paid the same, but you know, we don't need to remove speed bumps. Alright. Thank you for listening to me. I appreciate it. I wish you guys a great evening.

Mayor Donchess

Does any--any other member of the public wish to address the Board?

David Tiller, City of Nashua Resident

Hi, my name is David Tiller, and I live at 15 Middle Dunstable Road. The only thing I have to add to what Patrick said was that we do want our speed bumps there or humps there for all the reasons that Patrick said. The only other thing would be that there is a curve on there. People still speed even though there are four speed bumps there. There are two at one end and two at the other end. They speed in between, and the curve where they speed at, between those humps, is dangerous; you can't see it's a blind curve. So, maybe evenly spaced or one moved strategically up near that curve right there would be beneficial, also in slowing down the traffic that's going through there. Thank you very much.

Mayor Donchess

Alright, anyone else?

V. BOARD OF ALDERMAN REFERRAL

A. Ordinance O-26-008 Removing Certain Traffic-Calming Measures On A Portion Of Middle Dunstable Road.

Ms. Fauteux

Yeah, I think we might want to--Engineer Hudson and I spoke about this earlier, and I don't know if you want to –

Dan Hudson, P.E., City Engineer

Inaudible.

Mayor Donchess

(Inaudible), after public comment.

Ms. Fauteux

--yeah, it is. Wait. Okay. We can talk about it.

Mayor Donchess

Inaudible.

Ms. Fauteux

It's right here.

Mayor Donchess

It's right here (inaudible), go to the Aldermanic Referral, which is Item 5. (Inaudible).

Dan Hudson, P.E., City Engineer

Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Dan Hudson, City Engineer. We have this referral from the Board of Aldermen. I'll just say to start that this wasn't something that Public Works introduced. It's the Aldermen's sponsoring legislation received a complaint from a resident requesting that the speed humps be removed from Middle Dunstable. To my knowledge, Middle Dunstable may be the only road that has such speed humps. The legislation that was introduced goes back probably more than 20 years, as far as we can tell. There are some other locations where there are some raised crosswalks and that sort of thing, but this is not a traffic calming treatment that we see widely throughout Nashua. Certainly, from a public works perspective, it's something that we don't want to be implementing throughout Nashua. It does complicate maintenance, but again, this wasn't--it wasn't something that we brought forward, although we didn't object to it being brought forward for public discussion. We didn't know if the conditions had changed since the original implementation, such that it would warrant removal and that sort of thing, and we are going to be paving that street this year. It seemed timely to bring this up to discuss again, so that we would know whether we should put these back or not put these back when we pave. Just in general again, I kind of said Public Works really isn't in favor of speed humps, but having said that do respect all the input from the neighborhood. We also don't take objections to this not moving forward, the removal of them, I guess I would say. There is a systemic citywide issue right now with speeding. I think everybody has heard about it's kind of societal issue more than just Middle Dunstable Road, and that's something that we need to get arms around and try to figure out what to do. We've lowered speed limits, we've done a bunch of things, and a lot of things seem to have little or no effect on that condition. I don't view that condition as being any different on Middle Dunstable than it is anywhere else. Having said that, that's something that we need to go--probably do more study of how we can better control speed in the areas where we have problems, as many expressed exist on Middle Dunstable. So again, we're looking to move this removal forward or not. I think--I was there last night at the discussion at the infrastructure meeting and heard all the public testimony, and I could probably argue this thing either way maybe, but we do understand this one has been there a long time and for that reason we're not taking a strong position on removal in this case, but we certainly don't want this proliferate we'd like to try other things to try to address some of those issues that have been raised. With that, I'd turn it back over and be happy to address any questions or anything.

Discussion:

Mayor Donchess

Aldermen O'Brien.

Michael B. O'Brien, Sr., Alderman, Board of Aldermen

Thank you, Mr. Mayor. As Chairman of the Infrastructure Committee, there seems to be from neighbors on the street, overwhelming support for the speed bumps. I can understand that, if I had speed bumps on my street, I think I probably would grow to love them too, but we don't really do that. We solve the problem perhaps like Engineer has said over like 30 years ago, maybe that was the trend at that particular time. Not necessarily would be now. There's other things we could turn the street into a one-way, you can turn it into a dead end, we could have done a lot of different things, but they went with, at that particular time with the speed bumps.

The people have grown to love them, and I can see they're upset in order to see them potentially terminated. But I'll bring you this. In looking at it, they've been there for so long that they have adapted, the speed bumps have become part of that particular street, and we're only talking one street in the whole city, but they have been endeared by the residents of that one street. So, therefore, I know what anthill to die on, and looking at this particular problem, I don't see it really worth the City's while to change it. Yes, it will cause some issues. It's not the way that a modern city would try to solve that particular problem, but it's been done. And so, I think I represent the Committee and Aldermen Dowd you can say so too, but I think we have the feeling to leave the status quo, it's only the one street, and I think we could live with that, and I think that would be the best course, and would be Infrastructure's recommendation to this Board.

Mayor Donchess

Well, it's a decision--whose decision is this? It's the Aldermen, right? You're looking for a recommendation from us.

Mr. O'Brien

That's correct.

Mayor Donchess

Yeah, okay. Alderman Dowd.

Richard A. Dowd, Board of Aldermen

Yeah, and I agree with the fact that enough of the residents on the street--because there are a lot of children on the street, want the speed bumps to slow things down. Is it the preferred way we do things today? Probably not, but my recommendation is Gessler Farms, where I live, we have two types of speed bumps. We have the ones coming up the hill that are real bumps, which also get hit by the plows all the time, and people tend to go over them slowly and then speed up to the next one, which is kind of crazy. But, we have other speed bumps in the condo association that are flatter and they hang up well, they don't get--plows don't damage them and people to slow down to go over them, and for some reason they seem to speed up after they go over it. I don't know if it's the drivers or that type of speed bump. I would consider doing that type of speed bump rather than the violent ones because that also slows the fire trucks down in response time. That would be my consideration, but if the people want them, I'm all for it.

Mayor Donchess

Alright, Commissioner Gregg.

Vice-Chairman Matthew Gregg, Commissioner

I think I'm for slowing down traffic in a lot of different areas in Nashua because we do have that epidemic right now in terms of speed. What I would love to also do in conjunction with this is to have a solution that would be a little bit more modern. It doesn't necessarily say--because this is one area in all of Nashua that speed bumps show up and I know that this is probably not the norm, but if you've got people speeding down a road and all of a sudden randomly in one place in Nashua that they're not expected it, you could get somebody to hit a speed bump at 50 miles

an hour and still potentially cause some problems. Now, if they're seeing it, I don't think that's a problem, but to you point it's very weird. It's not a normal approach in terms of how we do it, so I would love a study to be done in this area to figure out how we can actually slow down the traffic as a supplement, but to the point of everybody here, I don't think that we should take the speed bumps away until we actually have a full solution for what should happen. That's my recommendation.

Mr. Hudson

Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Donchess

Yes.

Mr. Hudson

Just further on that. That's kind of our sense too. There was some discussion at last night's meeting about the spacing of the speed humps, and perhaps some of them should get shifted. I think the ordinance just says that speed humps will be used as a traffic calming measure on that street, so I do think before we pave, we'll look into seeing if some should be adjusted. There's one that was right in the middle of somebody's driveway and that's typically not what you would do. I would expect, upon rejection of this rescinding of this ordinance, we would proceed with that, making some minor adjustments. Again, building them to the current standard, which is a flatter standard, but there is a need, and we would welcome an opportunity to do a study. Dig into whatever options there are because it is something that's going to be a growing area in need, I think, unfortunately.

Mayor Donchess

Alderman O'Brien.

Mr. O'Brien

I agree with Engineer Hudson. I would just ask this Committee that we move, I don't know where on the schedule the paving has to be done this season. I just, so you don't get handcuffed, I think obviously you got to do it anyway, but move it towards the end of the program until the study comes out.

Mr. Hudson

Sure.

Mr. O'Brien

And then, when it's ready, and the study is done, I think the stakeholders would like to be part of and to hear what the committee recommendation would be before anything, and see if we can get it done before the snow comes, as far as plowing, I mean, not plowing, but street repair within season.

Mayor Donches

Alright, well, is there a motion on this? Commissioner Gregg kind of made a motion, but not quite.

Commissioner Gregg

What would the motion be? That we do a study?

Mayor Donchess

I guess that we recommend that nothing be done now, but we look at the street to see if there's any alternative to this.

Commissioner Gregg

Okay, yup. I motion that we recommend because this is your--okay, I motion that we recommend that we do nothing now, but that we do a study, a full study on the street to see if there are any alternatives.

Motion by Commissioner Gregg: Motion To Stay The Removal With The Recommendation That A Full Study Be Completed With Alternatives.

Mayor Donchess

Alright, any discussion on that?

Commissioner, June Lemen

No. I just want to weigh in. I agree we shouldn't remove the speed bumps now, I mean, I'm a parent, I know what it's like to live on a--I lived on Manchester Street. Very busy street, there are no speed bumps there except up by one school, and I think that we should make a real effort. I know we always make an effort, but to make sure that all the stakeholders feel that they get included in the meeting, so that they could hear, so that we don't give them a solution that they feel is really crap. We want you to have a voice.

Mayor Donchess

Alright, so--

Commissioner Gregg

Would that be part of the motion, too?

Commissioner Lemen

Ah, yeah, please leave out the "crap."

Mr. O'Brien

May as well.

Mayor Donchess

Crap. We'll delete crap from the record.

Commissioner Lemen

Thank you.

Mayor Donchess

Anyway, you've heard the motion. Do you understand the recommendation, I think?

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

VI. PARKS DEPARTMENT

A. Motion: To Award The Contract To Reconstruct The Greeley Park Wading Pool To Weston And Sampson In The Amount Of \$298,200.00. Funding Will Be Through Department: 177 Parks; Fund: Bond; Activity: Greeley Park Improvements.

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Next, we're onto the Parks, Item A. Commissioner Lemen

Motion by Commissioner Lemen: To Award The Contract To Reconstruct The Greeley Park Wading Pool To Weston And Sampson In The Amount Of \$298,200.00. Funding Will Be Through Department: 177 Parks; Fund: Bond; Activity: Greeley Park Improvements.

Bryan Conant, Superintendent, Parks and Recreation

Good afternoon, everyone. Bryan Conant, I'm the superintendent of the Parks Department. This is to replace the heavily used wading pool up at Greeley Park. Last year, we actually had to shut it down because it's not holding water anymore. Currently, right now it is offline and unusable. We went out to bid on this, constructing something very similar in size, depth, and dimensions. We did go out to bid with this. We received two close bids. I'm recommending that we would go with Weston and Sampson. They've done multi-million dollar pool projects. They're a massive company. The other company is local from Nashua, but they've only done residential pool installs, and it's not done the same scope of projects. I'd be happy to answer any questions on this I there are any.

Mayor Donchess

Anyone?

Discussion:

Commissioner, June Lemen

Bryan, how much do you think--how many children to you think use this? I remember, I know it's a heavily used feature, so the longer it is out of commission, the worse it is, right?

Mr. Conant

Yes.

Commissioner Lemen

Okay.

Mr. Conant

I would have to say it's probably 40 to 100 different people who go there when it's open and being used daily. Not all at the same time, but throughout the portion of the day that the park is open. I would say that's about right.

Commissioner Lemen

And, if we approve this, how long before we can get the wading pool back in action?

Mr. Conant

I would be. I don't necessarily know that the wading pool will be up and functioning for this season, but it would definitely be up and functioning for next year. Okay?

Commissioner Lemen

Okay, thank you

Mr. Conant

You're welcome.

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Gregg.

Vice-Chairman, Mathew Gregg

Have we done any improvements between 1950 and now to it, in terms of updating it or keeping it?

Mr. Conant

Just basic maintenance needs. No real heavy upgrades. We've tried to repatch it and redo the concrete in the wading pool, and we repaint it every year, but just regular maintenance.

Commissioner Gregg

Okay.

Mayor Donchess

Alderman O'Brien.

Michael B. O'Brien, Sr., Aldermanic Liaison, Board of Aldermen

This money, \$298,000.00 and some change there, is that just for the wading pool? Is this going to include a filtration system or anything?

Mr. Conant

So, this is going to include the wading pool, the construction, the concrete decking going around the pool, the plumbing that consists with the mechanics to make the pool work, and shed that will house all of that as well, Alderman O'Brien.

Mr. O'Brien

Okay, so there is a filtration system.

Mr. Conant

Yes, that was in the specs.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously.

VII. WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

A. Motion: To Approve The User Warrants As Presented.

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Wastewater. Item A, Commissioner Gregg.

Motion by Commissioner Gregg: To Approve The User Warrants As Presented.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously.

B. Motion: To Approve The Three-Year Contract In An Amount Not To Exceed \$3,894,445.00 With Waste Management Of New Hampshire, Inc., Of Rochester, New Hampshire For Management Of Biosolids At The Wastewater Treatment Facility. Funding Will Be Through: Department: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Wastewater; Account Classification: 54 Property Services.

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Item B, Commissioner Lemen.

Motion by Commissioner Lemen: To Approve The Three-Year Contract In An Amount Not To Exceed \$3,894,445.00 With Waste Management Of New Hampshire, Inc., Of Rochester, New Hampshire For Management Of Biosolids At The Wastewater Treatment Facility. Funding Will Be Through: Department: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Wastewater; Account Classification: 54 Property Services.

Mayor Donchess

Mr. Boucher.

David Boucher, Superintendent, Wastewater Department

Dave Boucher, Wastewater Superintendent. This is to enter into that three year contract with a company to manage our biosolids. Biosolids is the solids that we remove from wastewater, and we treat it, we dry it. This company would take care of it after we treat it, and manage it offsite. We went out to bid and Waste Management was the low bidder. This is a three year contract which would start in FY27. Be happy to answer any questions.

Lisa Fauteux Director, Division of Public Works

I also would like to add that we are looking at other opportunities for our biosolids, and hoping to incorporate it actually in own landfill, so we're hoping that this contract will not be for more than a year. But, we are looking at an alternative.

Mayor Donchess

And, we should note that Commissioner Shea has arrived and is now present. And for his information we're on Item B under Wastewater. Any further discussion on that?

Discussion:

Commissioner, June Lemen

I have a question.

Mayor Donchess

Yes, Commissioner Lemen.

Commissioner Lemen

This is just for my own knowledge. Is 8,500 wet ton is that average for a city the size of Nashua? Is that lower than average?

Mr. Boucher

Yeah. No, that's been our average for the last several years.

Commissioner Lemen

Okay.

Mr. Boucher

It's usually 8,000 to 8,500.

Commissioner Lemen

Thank you.

Mayor Donchess

Alright, the motion is to approve--oh, now, Commissioner Espitia is also here, so he should be recorded present. We're on Item B under Wastewater. Alright, if there is no further discussion, the motion is to approve the contract.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

C. Motion: To Approve The Contract With Trusted Maintenance Solutions, Of Fremont, New Hampshire, In An Amount Not To Exceed \$32,812.50, For The Installation Of Drop Ceilings In Five Areas Of The Wastewater Treatment Facility. Funding Will Be Through: Department: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Wastewater; Account Classification: 81 Major Capital Outlay/Improvements Supplies & Materials.

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Next Item is Item C, Commissioner Gregg.

Motion by Commissioner Gregg: To Approve The Contract With Trusted Maintenance Solutions, Of Fremont, New Hampshire, In An Amount Not To Exceed \$32,812.50, For The Installation Of Drop Ceilings In Five Areas Of The Wastewater Treatment Facility. Funding Will Be Through: Department: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Wastewater; Account Classification: 81 Major Capital Outlay/Improvements Supplies & Materials.

David Boucher, Superintendent, Wastewater Department

Dave Boucher, Wastewater Superintendent. These drop ceilings would all be in our administrative building. Parts of the building are extremely old. We have old--four areas that have old drop ceilings. They're metal, a lot of the parts are missing, panels are missing we can't get them anymore, and we also have an office area. It's a fairly new office area for our electricians that has no ceiling, no drop ceiling. It's all piping above, so this would include that. We put it out to bid, and this company was the low bidder on that. We compared it with a recent drop ceiling job we had, so we find this price to be reasonable. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

Mayor Donchess

Any questions/discussion?

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

D. Motion: To Approve The FY27 Purchase Of Polymer From Polydyne Of Riceboro, Georgia In The Amount Of \$650,000.00. Pending Approval FY27 Budget;

Funding Will Be Through Department: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Wastewater; Account Classification: 61 Supplies & Materials.

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Next, we have Item D, Commissioner Espitia.

Motion by Commissioner Espitia: To Approve The FY27 Purchase Of Polymer From Polydyne Of Riceboro, Georgia In The Amount Of \$650,000.00. Pending Approval FY27 Budget; Funding Will Be Through Department: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Wastewater; Account Classification: 61 Supplies & Materials.

David Boucher, Superintendent, Wastewater Department

Dave Boucher, Wastewater Superintendent. This is the product we use in our treatment process. We use it to dry our sludge in different areas of the facility, different processes. We have companies come in and do tests of their polymer product to see which one works best with our product, and this company has so far had the best product for us. This is the price they offered this year, which is roughly 2 percent higher, which, according to the market this is reasonable, so we'd like to continue to use this company to provide us with polymer. Best happy to answer any questions.

Mayor Donchess

Anyone?

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

VIII. SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT.

A. Motion: To Approve A Contract With Charter Contracting Company (Charter) Of Boston, Massachusetts, In The Amount Of \$278,250.00, For The Construction Of 735 Feet Of Landfill Perimeter Litter Fence On The East Side Of The Phase IV Landfill. Funding Will Be Through Department: 168 Solid Waste; Fund: Bond; Activity: Phase IV Landfill Expansion.

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Next, we have Solid Waste. Item A, Commissioner Shea.

Motion by Commissioner Shea: To Approve A Contract With Charter Contracting Company (Charter) Of Boston, Massachusetts, In The Amount Of \$278,250.00, For The Construction Of 735 Feet Of Landfill Perimeter Litter Fence On The East Side Of The Phase IV Landfill. Funding Will Be Through Department: 168 Solid Waste; Fund: Bond; Activity: Phase IV Landfill Expansion.

Mayor Donchess

Go ahead, Mr. Lafleur.

Jeff Lafleur, Superintendent, Solid Waste Department

Jeff Lafleur, Superintendent of Solid Waste. As you know, we're constructing our Phase IV landfill, and one of the conditions for us with New Hampshire DES is to put this added litter fence in to help control any windblown litter from our landfill heading towards the properties on that side of the landfill.

Mayor Donchess

Alright, anyone?

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously.

B. Motion: To Approve Change Order #5 With Charter Contracting Company, LLC Of Boston, Massachusetts In The Amount Of \$98,786.28, For Additional Costs Related To The Phase IV, Stage I Landfill Construction Project. Funding Will Be Through Department 168 Solid Waste; Fund: Bond; Activity: Phase IV Construction.

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Next, Item B, Commissioner Lemen.

Motion by Commissioner Lemen: To Approve Change Order #5 With Charter Contracting Company, LLC Of Boston, Massachusetts In The Amount Of \$98,786.28, For Additional Costs Related To The Phase IV, Stage I Landfill Construction Project. Funding Will Be Through Department 168 Solid Waste; Fund: Bond; Activity: Phase IV Construction.

Jeff Lafleur, Superintendent, Solid Waste Department

Jeff Lafleur, Superintendent of Solid Waste. I'm happy to say that this should be our last change order for Phase IV as we're almost ready to open it. These costs right here are directly related to some delays that we had with DES going over some of these permits and actually working with the litter fence, one of the contracts. I'm 99 percent sure this is the last change order, so I won't have to speak about it again. Coincidentally, the last motion is part of Phase IV, it's a different contract, though.

Mayor Donchess

Alright, any questions or comments?

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

C. Motion: To Approve Change Order #1 For \$58,586.32 With Electrical Installations Of Meredith, New Hampshire For Installing And Programming A New SCADA/Telemetry Panel On The Phase IV Landfill Leachate Pump House. The Contract With Electrical Installations Will Be Revised To Not To Exceed The Amount Of \$69,638.77. Funding Will Be Through Department 168 Solid Waste; Fund: Bond; Activity: Phase IV Landfill.

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Item C, Commissioner Gregg.

Motion by Commissioner Gregg: To Approve Change Order #1 For \$58,586.32 With Electrical Installations Of Meredith, New Hampshire For Installing And Programming A New SCADA/Telemetry Panel On The Phase IV Landfill Leachate Pump House. The Contract With Electrical Installations Will Be Revised To Not Exceed The Amount Of \$69,638.77. Funding Will Be Through Department 168 Solid Waste; Fund: Bond; Activity: Phase IV Landfill.

Jeff Lafleur, Superintendent, Solid Waste Department

Jeff Lafleur, Superintendent of Solid Waste. Electrical Installations is our company that comes out and does all our SCADA work. We can see everything that's going on with the landfill through the computer system. This \$58,000.00 is putting a new readout on the new pump house for the Phase IV landfill, so we'll be able to read everything from the computer. If there's any alarms, we'll get alarms in emails and texts saying there's issues going on at the landfill. We're requesting this money with Electrical Installations to take care of all of this for us.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

IX. ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

A. Motion: To Approve The Sewer Service Permits And Fees As Submitted.

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Now, we have the Engineering Department. Item A, Commissioner Espitia.

Motion by Commissioner Espitia: To Approve The Sewer Service Permits And Fees As Submitted.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously.

B. Motion: To Approve The Pole License Petitions As Listed In The Staff Report.

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Item B, Commissioner Shea.

Motion by Commissioner Shea: To Approve The Pole License Petitions As Listed In The Staff Report.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously.

C. Motion: To Approve Change Order No. 7 To The 2025 Sewer Replacement Project Contract 1 With Crisp Contracting Of Nashua, New Hampshire In The Amount Not To Exceed \$1,000,000.00. Funding Will Be Through: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Bond; Activity Sewer Rehab.

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Item C, Commissioner Lemen.

Motion by Commissioner Lemen: To Approve Change Order No. 7 To The 2025 Sewer Replacement Project Contract 1 With Crisp Contracting Of Nashua, New Hampshire In The Amount Not To Exceed \$1,000,000.00. Funding Will Be Through: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Bond; Activity Sewer Rehab.

Dan Hudson, P.E., City Engineer

Good afternoon, again. Dan Hudson, City Engineer. We contracted Crisp Contracting, a local contractor, back in 2025 for sewer replacement work. We've had a number of change orders to the contract. A number of them being no-cost change orders, but we did add a \$1 M previously, and we're seeking to do that again. Crisp is--basically, we have some defined work, but also it's stuff that we don't anticipate, but that ends up needing to be done. We find a sewer issue that we need to be able to quickly send somebody out there. Under contract with negotiated prices for materials and things, go out there and begin work immediately. And so, it's been a good relationship; we're looking to extend that. The previously \$1M we changed ordered, we have some planned work that will exhaust that early this summer. We're hoping this additional \$1M will carry us through the rest of the summer. Happy to address any questions.

Discussion:

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Gregg.

Vice-Chairman, Mathew Gregg

Can we just recap because the original contract was \$810,000.00 for obviously, an intended amount of work. Can we just recap why we're where we are now, the \$2.8M.

Mr. Hudson

Sure, it's just. Purchasing policy allows us when we bid out a contract and they establish rates and things for things that we can continue to amend and change those contracts for up to a period of about 3 years, as long as the material--the unit price and stuff don't exceed ranges that are in the purchasing policy. To the order of a 10 percent increase or something. When we go through the effort of bidding out a project, and then when you bring a contractor on board, if things are working well, and they're holding their pricing, we do look to extend those contracts as we can just to streamline the effort of contracting and continue that good working relationship sort of speak. That's the intent of it. These contractors, this one especially is kind of an on-call basis, so you don't know exactly what you're going to get into, which is some of the nature of the no cost change orders where you have something that wasn't in there, so we do a little—we figure out what the reason price is and when we take some money out of this line and put it in this line, so it's kind of shifting funds in there. This unlike a lot of projects, is not a well-defined project at times, but it is something that we need somebody on-call, so we can make those immediate responses and deal with things. This is not as clean as some straight-up bid design build projects, but not in that order, design, bid, build projects. So we ask for flexibility in that regard. Crisp has done a good job. Continues to do a good job for us, and we look to extend this contract.

Commissioner Gregg

Thank you.

Mr. Hudson

You're welcome.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

D. Motion: To Approve The Award Of The Construction Contract For The 2026 Pavement Preservation Program To Sealcoating, Inc. DBA Indus Of Braintree, Massachusetts In An Amount Of \$894,875.00. Funding Through: Departments 160 Admin/Eng; Funds: Bond; Activities: Paving.

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Item D, Commissioner Gregg or who did I call on last, I forget?

Vice-Chairman Matthew Gregg

I can do it.

Motion by Commissioner Gregg: To Approve The Award Of The Construction Contract For The 2026 Pavement Preservation Program To Sealcoating, Inc. DBA Indus Of Braintree, Massachusetts In An Amount Of \$894,875.00. Funding Through: Departments 160 Admin/Eng; Funds: Bond; Activities: Paving.

Dan Hudson, P.E., City Engineer

After we pave a road, we want to preserve the road such that we maintain the value of the money that's been expended, so roads don't prematurely degrade. For years, we've been doing a pretty robust crack sealing and paving preservation program. We're looking to continue that again this year. Earlier this year, we did bid out paving contracts, and we have Sunshine Paving under contract. They're out there actively paving, but it was time; we had extended Indus's contract a number of years, but it was time again to bid that out so we bid that out secondary to the paving, and so now we're looking to award that work. I'd be happy to address any questions.

Mayor Donchess

Anyone?

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously.

E. Motion: To Approve Change Order No. 1 To The 2026 Paving Program Contract 2 With Sunshine Paving Corporation Of Hudson, New Hampshire In An Amount Not To Exceed \$350,000.00. Funding Will Be Through: 161 Streets And 169 Wastewater; Fund: Bond; Activities: Sidewalk Construction And Stormwater.

Chairman James Donchess, Mayor

Next, Item E, Commissioner Espitia.

Motion by Commissioner Espitia: To Approve Change Order No. 1 To The 2026 Paving Program Contract 2 With Sunshine Paving Corporation Of Hudson, New Hampshire In An Amount Not To Exceed \$350,000.00. Funding Will Be Through: 161 Streets And 169 Wastewater; Fund: Bond; Activities: Sidewalk Construction And Stormwater.

Dan Hudson, P.E., City Engineer

I mentioned paving, so Sunshine Paving is under contract for paving this year. We're looking to change order their contract to add in some sidewalk work and some drainage work. In their base paving project, they do have those elements of work, so this is not something that's outside the scope of what they're doing, but in this specific case, we're looking to do some work on Ledge Street. We had applied for and received some grant funding to add some rectangular rapid flashing beacons at a couple of crosswalks right there next to Ledge Street School to help them through the safety, which was one of the things recommended in the previous Safe Route to School study, and that sort of thing. We're looking to implement those versus just going and putting those in by themselves. We really think it makes sense to reconstruct some of the sidewalk in that area; do some bump-out treatments, things like that. In addition, I mentioned some drainage work. A little bit of drainage work will be needed to that sidewalk work, but there's a drainage issue in and around the playground, adjacent to the school and Memorial Park. That needs to be addressed, so we'll be doing some infiltration pipe, basin, and some work like that to try to address that issue. The funding for this is not coming from paving; it's coming from some sidewalk funds that were available, as well as drainage funds. I don't want to insinuate that the paving money is being used to do drainage work. That's not the case because this is more significant, which warrants separate funding for that work. I would be happy to address any questions.

Discussion:

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Shea.

Commissioner, Paul Shea

Is this grant funding that's covering this or is it part from sidewalk funding and part grant funding?

Mr. Hudson

No, sorry, I kind of confused the issue. The grant funding was just for the erection of the rectangular rapid flashing beacon equipment. We were scheduled to receive that, and we were planning to self-install it, but we decided some other work really should be done, and we're so busy that everything make sense; it wasn't really feasible for us to do this ourselves, so we're bringing in this contract to do it especially, given that this is right out of school and we want to do this between the period of time when school is out and when school is back in. A tight

timeframe, quite a bit of work to do. Decided it made sense to change order this and complete that construction via a change order.

Commissioner Shea

Is this in tandem with some improvements to the playground facilities at that school?

Mr. Hudson

I know there are some plans, and it's still—I'm not fully ingrained in what those are. I know there's been some talk about some playground money, and there's been discussion about it, some playground work out back, potentially, or even some playground equipment replacement in this area. Everybody recognizes you really can't do that when you have a pond of water there, so we're trying to solve the water issue. That will then enable some of the other work, but that other work is not included in this contract.

Commissioner Shea

Doing the preparatory work.

Mr. Hudson

Yes.

Commissioner Shea

To make that a worthwhile investment, and it's the smart thing to do. That's good, thank you.

Mr. Hudson

Correct. Thank you.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

F. Motion: To Approve The Purchase Of 12 Yunex Traffic Signal Controllers From Ocean State Signal Of Smithfield, Rhode Island In An Amount Not To Exceed \$35,400.00. Funding Will Be Through Department:160 Admin/Engineering: Fund: Trust The Amherst Street Traffic Mitigation; Account; 71 Equipment.

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Item F, Commissioner Shea

Motion by Commissioner Shea: To Approve The Purchase Of 12 Yunex Traffic Signal Controllers From Ocean State Signal Of Smithfield, Rhode Island In An Amount Not To Exceed \$35,400.00. Funding Will Be Through Department:160 Admin/Engineering: Fund: Trust The Amherst Street Traffic Mitigation; Account; 71 Equipment.

Dan Hudson, P.E., City Engineer

This contract is kind of seizing upon an opportunity. We received a reach out from our vendor that there was an opportunity to buy some traffic signal controllers at about a 40 percent discount to the normal pricing, with the idea being that these would be upgrades. These would be the latest model traffic controllers. Just like your computer in your house, there's a computer in the street in the cabinet that runs the signal system, and you want to be up-to-date with those, just like you do for your home computer. The plan here is we buy 12 new signal controllers. The ones that are in the street we'll salvage and use as backline or backups if we have a lightning strike or something that takes them out, we'll have those available to us, as well as replace some of the other legacy equipment that may be out there. It's just an opportunity to improve the equipment. In this case, the timing is good because we're wrapping up a fiber optic installation where we extended the fiber all the way out to Amherst Street, and we're in the process of tying in the signals into that fiber system. Previously, the interconnection communications were done on old copper pair wire, so that was pretty unreliable. Now, we're modernizing that and updating that, and so having new traffic signal controllers along that corridor will be beneficial. We'll be able to really realize the full benefit of that communication system. These controllers are the newest model, and they enable all the various capabilities you'd want to do to connect the vehicle communications and various things, and we're not fully doing all of those right now, but these are future proofed in that sense where we'll be able to venture in a lot of those areas should the opportunity arise at a later date. Be happy to address any questions.

Discussion:

Mayor Donchess

Alderman O'Brien.

Michael B. O'Brien, Sr., Aldermanic Liaison

From my former position, I have to ask this. Will it be compatible with the fire department?

Mr. Hudson

It will be, and that's a great question. It's one of the reasons we're doing this as well, because right now we have some legacy controllers, but they're not the same brand, and so if we have an issue in the street. We grab a controller off the shelf, put it in, but it's not a version that works well with the applied information, Emergency Fire Preemption System, so for a period of time, we may have a location that is down. This will enable us to have equipment that we know works with that system and be able to rapidly deploy that and not lose that functionality while we're getting that controller replaced or repaired.

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Shea.

Commissioner Shea

Alderman O'Brien asked my question, and I should have anticipated that. Thank you.

Mayor Donchess

Alright, anyone else? Commissioner Gregg.

Vice-Chairman, Matthew Gregg, Commissioner

Getting these 12 Yunex traffic signal controllers is it, can you set up a system where it actually mixes with other types of signal--traffic signal controllers? Because I know that we're trying to rush, well, not rush, but get 40 percent off of these, and it makes sense, but if you're looking at the holistic approach to what we're going to do to modernize, does it mix well with other systems?

Mr. Hudson

That's a great question. This is a sole source purchase, I should mention that, but the reasoning is we've standardized on a brand, it used to be Seimans, but Yunex purchased them, whatever. We have the same type throughout the city, and that's not unique communities kind of standardize around a system for ease of maintenance and replacability, like we were just talking about, things like that. We are standard on this brand and model, although these modern traffic signal controllers, the communication systems get better, and they're more interoperable with different types of equipment and things, so as we move forward, it's maybe less important what signal controller you have, but this will match with the stuff we currently have.

Commissioner Gregg

Great. Thank you.

MOTION CARRIED; Unanimously.

G. Motion: To Approve Amendment No. 3 To The Engineering Services Agreement For The East Hollis And Bridge Street Intersection Project With McFarland Johnson, Inc. Of Concord, New Hampshire In An Amount Not To Exceed \$50,000.00. Funding Will Be Through: Departments 160 Admin/Eng; Funds: Grant; Activity: East Hollis And Bridge Street Intersection Improvements.

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Item G, Commissioner Lemen.

Motion by Commissioner Lemen: To Approve Amendment No. 3 To The Engineering Services Agreement For The East Hollis And Bridge Street Intersection Project With McFarland Johnson, Inc. Of Concord, New Hampshire In An Amount Not To Exceed \$50,000.00. Funding Will Be Through: Departments 160 Admin/Eng; Funds: Grant; Activity: East Hollis And Bridge Street Intersection Improvements.

Dan Hudson, P.E., City Engineer

We're working our way through finalizing the East Hollis and Bridge Street intersection project, also known kind of as the Gateway project previously. Or some may still know it as that, but we're finalizing the design of that project. We've gone through a number of iterations, some of the conditions required us to change the design, that sort of thing. Working with a consultant, we need to amend their contract, add a little more funding to address some of that in order to be

able to finish the project. We are tracking towards advertising this project early next year for construction. Actually, it's before that we're trying to advertise the end of this summer, I should say, pending being able to secure all the right-of-ways, easements, and things. I was just out in the field before I came here today, speaking with an abutter about the impact on their property, temporary impact. We're working our way through the process again. With full transparency, we're still negotiating with this company on what the easement value, I mean, this amended value will be, but we set an outside limit, it will be less than that as we finalize that discussion and negotiation before bringing it to finance, but I did just want to mention that. Given that this Board meets once a month, we want to keep moving, and while we're finishing those negotiations, I'd be happy to address any questions.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously.

H, Informational: Street Opening Permits Issued For Streets In Moratorium.

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Item H is an informational item. So, if there are no questions regarding that, we'll go on to Administration.

X. ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

A. Motion: To Approve The New Site For The Relocation Of The Sculpture "L'Être An Ambiguous Figure" From Lovewell Pond To Mine Falls.

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Item A under Administration has to do with the relocation of a sculpture from Lovewell Pond to Mine Falls Park. Director Fauteux and I were talking about this and thinking we should ask the Mine Falls Advisory Committee what they think of this, do they want the sculpture? Would they like it to be in Mine Falls? So, if the Board agrees, we would hold this and just wait for an opinion. So, Commissioner Gregg has made a motion to table this item.

Motion by Commissioner Gregg: To Table the Relocation Of The Sculpture.

Discussion:

Lisa Fauteux, Director, Division of Public Works

May I just add one thing?

Mayor Donchess

Yeah.

Ms. Fauteux

Would the Board be, if Mine Falls Advisory Committee doesn't want the sculpture would you be in favor of it being moved to Mine Falls Park?

Commissioner, Paul Shea

Yes, (unintelligible).

Ms. Fauteux

So, could we do that instead, because I think there might be a timing issue?

Mayor Donchess

Alright--

Ms. Fauteux

--have to wait until the next meeting.

Mayor Donchess

So, the issue would become it's approved if the Mine Falls Advisory Committee--

Commissioner, Manny Espitia

--I think commissioner Shea had a comment.

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Shea.

Commissioner Shea

Yeah, if I could speak on it. The request is--I'd like it where it is. But, if it's in the interest of the Sculpture Symposium, I have no objection. I do appreciate it where it is just because, as you walk through that path, it's almost like it's climbing out of the water, and the tie-in is really nice. As the Mine Falls Advisory Committee considers this, wherever it might be, it would be nice to have it close to the water, so that it has a similar effect, and I'm sure the Sculpture Symposium will have some insights on that, but personally, I have no objection to where it is. I think it's really cool to happen upon as you're walking through that area, but if Sculpture Symposium is requesting it then I have no objection. I just wanted to—

Mayor Donchess

--let me let me. So, I agree, I think it's a great location, but the way this has come up is the Conservation Commission, which previously approved this location, now thinks it is too close to the water, so they would like to move it, and the sculpture people are kind of going along with it. But, the--so that's how it has arisen. The Sculpture Symposium is not, I think they are probably neutral on this, right?

Ms. Fauteux

(Unintelligible).

Mayor Donchess

Or maybe--

Ms. Fauteux

--I don't want to speak for the Sculpture Symposium, but I think if Gail were here, she would tell you that they would like to leave it at Lovewell Pond.

Mayor Donches

So, we don't have to approve it. We don't have to approve the motion.

Commissioner Shea

I am curious as to the nature of how this might interfere with the wetland buffer in the setting where it is just mulch, and it is a cement slab in place with the sculpture on top of it. And, I don't know that replacing that cement slab with soil is going to be any sort of great restoration to the wetland buffer. If there is some sentiment within the Sculpture Symposium that they enjoy this location and I enjoy this location the kids have climbed all over it, and the way that it is set is in a place that doesn't have all that much sculpture, and it is also a point of interest that attracts you to that area from the skating rink, and so to see that from the drive as you're going to public skate or to a game or something like that brings you over to that space, and then when you get down there you look to the left and you see path that's kind of hidden that you wouldn't know about otherwise, and you see the beautiful boardwalk that goes along the edge of, is that a retention pond or whatever you would call that space, the water there.

Mayor Donchess

Lovewell it's just a nature pond, I believe.

Commissioner Shea

Yeah, and as people come in to do what's approved there, non-motorized boats?

Mayor Donchess

I'm not sure there are any boats, but yeah..

Commissioner Shea

I mean, there's a little bit of a boat ramp. I don't know if that's just for safety.

Mayor Donchess

Oh, okay.

Commissioner Shea

Or what, but as you go in, maybe to fish? It's a cool thing, and I--

Mayor Donchess

--and, wasn't there a dedication out there? Didn't we go out there and dedicate this thing?

Commissioner Shea

I wasn't there for it.

Mayor Donchess

I think I remember that.

Commissioner Shea

But that sounds about right.

Mayor Donchess

About five years ago, maybe a little more.

Commissioner Shea

Yeah, so for a lot of reasons, I think it's a really excellent placement. So, I'd be inclined to keep it where it is unless the Sculpture Symposium would recommend otherwise based on their preferences.

Mayor Donchess

Alright, is that a motion?

Commissioner Shea

Yeah, I would say that's a motion to decline to move it.

Motion by Commissioner Shea: To Decline the Relocation Of The Sculpture "L'Être An Ambiguous Figure" From Lovewell Pond To Mine Falls.

Mayor Donchess

Okay, any discussion? Commissioner Gregg.

Vice-Chairman, Matthew Gregg

What was the specific rationale from the Conservation Committee?

Mayor Donchess

They did approve this before it went in.

Commissioner Gregg

Right.

Mayor Donchess

Now, they've looked at it, and they think it's within the buffer and too close to the Lovewell's Pond. But it is next to a walking path. It's not like it is, and not right on the edge. How far would you say?

Commissioner Shea

Maybe 35 to 40 feet from the edge of the water.

Mayor Donchess

Yeah, something like that. Right. I mean, it's not right, it's not in the water, I mean--

Commissioner Gregg

--hope not.

Commissioner Shea

And, I don't think it interferes with any sort of rainfall runoff or anything like that.

Mayor Donchess

No.

Commissioner Shea

There's no ponding around it or mosquito habitats or anything that I can think of.

Ms. Faunus

I sort of have a question. Who has authority on this?

Commissioner Gregg

Yeah, maybe that's more my--

Ms. Fauteux

--(unintelligible).

Mayor Donchess

Well, I would say that we are being asked ultimately to approve placement in a park. So, maybe they could take it away without our authority, but they couldn't relocate it in a park without the Board of Public Works.

Ms. Fauteux

Right.

Commissioner Gregg

Okay.

Commissioner Shea

Where it has already been located and approved by the Conservation Commission, would they have the authority to take that back?

Mayor Donchess

I don't know. I don't know, but then of course, who would move it? So, I don't know whether they could unapprove something? I kind of doubt it. It's kind of grandfathered, right? I mean, don't they have vested rights in this at this point? They, the Sculpture Symposium or the City or somebody, I mean, it's like anything that gets approved, you can't just undo or--

Commissioner Gregg

--there's been an investment already.

Mayor Donchess

Ah, we approved that building, now we take it away.

Commissioner Shea

So, that is the motion.

Mayor Donchess

So, the motion is to not approve the move to Mine Falls. Any discussion?

Commissioner Gregg

(Unintelligible).

Mayor Donchess

What?

Commissioner Gregg

We didn't need a second for that, but you know.

Mayor Donchess

Alright.

Ms. Fauteux

May I just bring up one thing?

Mayor Donchess

Yes.

Ms. Fauteux

Additional. If the Conservation Commission has the authority to say you need to move it to Lovewell Pond, there aren't a lot of—they really want this to be near the water for obvious reasons. There aren't a lot of other options. I don't know where else they will move it if they don't move it to Mine Falls. We might be putting the Sculpture Symposium in a bit of a predicament if the sculpture is going to be moved anyway.

Mayor Donchess

I don't think the Conservation Commission has the right to undo their authority.

Ms. Fauteux

Okay, that being the case, then they--

Mayor Donchess

--but we could get a legal opinion on that.

Commissioner Shea

And, we could move--and then if it needs to come back to us for--

Mayor Donchess

--yeah, we could deal with it again. Commissioner--Alderman Dowd.

Richard A. Dowd, Board of Aldermen

I'm just curious who's paying for the move?

Ms. Fauteux

The Sculpture Symposium.

Alderman Dowd

But, they don't want to move it?

Ms. Fauteux

No.

Mayor Donchess

Not particularly. They're just trying to--

Ms. Fauteux

No--

Commissioner Espitia

--Conservation Committee.

Mayor Donchess

They're just trying to--

Ms. Fauteux

--the Conservation Commission is telling them they need to move it.

Commissioner Espitia

Even though they had already said—

Mr. Dowd

I would say if the Conservation Commission forces them to move it, the Conservation Commission has to come up with the money to move it, and I think that will kill it right there because they don't have any money.

Mayor Donchess

Alright, so I think we understand the motion, which is to decline to approve the move. If there's no other discussion. Go ahead, Commissioner Shea.

Commissioner Shea

I just want to say I have a great deal of respect for the Conservation Committee.

Mayor Donchess

Yeah, yeah, definitely.

Commissioner Shea

Of course, and so this is with no sort of ill will or bad feelings. The crux of it is I think it's a poor precedent to have things approved and then changed.

Commissioner Espitia

Yes.

Commissioner Shea

And, setting up an opportunity for when the balance of the Conservation Commission should shift on a particular issue, and we would so comply with that change in balance of opinion, I think, is a poor precedent. I just want to be clear on that, and I have no further comment.

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Gregg.

Commissioner Gregg

And to belabor this too much, but really don't have a clear understanding from them--in a written understanding of why exactly this change has been made. If we had that I think it would be a lot easier to make this decision, but right now from what we have, the information that we have.

Ms. Fauteux

I think I can answer that, Commissioner Gregg. It's because it is within the buffer, and they think it should be moved up by the buffer.

Commissioner Gregg

Why was it approved within the buffer the first time around?

Ms. Fauteux

That I can't answer. That's a good question.

Mayor Donchess

A lot of things get approved within the buffer. A lot of things.

Commissioner Gregg

This is an exception, per se?

Mayor Donchess

Not really. I mean, many things have been approved in the buffer.

Commissioner Shea

The balance of the judgment of the group at the time was such that it warranted the approval.

Mayor Donchess

This is not--there are things that are a lot worse than this in the buffer. Not there, but around the city. Salmon Brook, you know, a lot of things all over the place.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Mayor Donchess

The relocation is respectfully declined.

B. Motion: To Approve The Request By The Nashua International Sculpture Symposium To Install Their Sculpture At Yudicky Farm, Subject To Approval Of A Structural Engineer.

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Item B, Commissioner Espitia.

Motion by Commissioner Espitia: Motion: To Approve The Request By The Nashua International Sculpture Symposium To Install Their Sculpture At Yudicky Farm, Subject To Approval Of A Structural Engineer.

Lisa Fauteux, Director, Division of Public Works

This sculpture is Margot Lasalle.

Ms. Fauteux

This is a huge sculpture. We did run this by--if you look at the picture, it's two very large granite pieces. They each weigh about 80 to 100 pounds. We've had a lot of back and forth. We're concerned about the placement of this. Obviously, this is a really large sculpture, and when we did get the information on how they plan to install it, Engineer Hudson was a bit concerned about it. Although he's not a structural engineer, he was a bit concerned with it, so we asked that we receive the stamp of a structural engineer that it would be safe. Yudicky is the only place that could think that would be appropriate for such a very large sculpture.

Discussion:

Commissioner, Paul Shea

And so, this is a sculpture of two kind of columns of--

Ms. Fauteux

--granite.

Commissioner Shea

Fabric in granite. It looks like two columns of granite and yet it's shaped like a set of drapes, and then there is a figurine between.

Mayor Donchess

Yes.

ms.Fauteux

There's no figure in between. I think they were going to put a stone in for something in between, but that figure was just for--

Commissioner Espitia

--size--

Ms. Fauteux

--just to show the size.

Commissioner Gregg

Oh, oh,

Commissioner Espitia

It's big.

Ms. Fauteux

It's really, really large.

Commissioner Shea

So, someone could walk through it--

Ms. Faunus

--like an arch.

Commissioner Shea

Like a moon door or something like that. I love it.

Ms. Fauteux

There will be something in between though. I think they're going to put a rock or some stone in there.

Mayor Donchess

But we don't want it to fall on anyone.

Ms. Fauteux

But we don't want it to fall. My concern is that we don't want it to fall.

Commissioner Espitia

That's my concern.

Ms. Fauteux

So, we would have a structural engineer make sure that it's installed properly.

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Espitia.

Commissioner Espitia

I'm supportive of it with the approval of a structural engineer. There is, I think, hesitation. I know that Engineer Hudson is not a structural engineer, but I do, I think I trust him—it would be good to have a structural engineer take a look at it. I don't want the city to be liable for something like an incident, or I wouldn't want anyone to get hurt, to be honest, not even liability. But it looks nice.

Mayor Donchess

Alright, so the motion is to approve it as long as a structural engineer believes it is sound.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

C. Discussion: Sound System At Renaissance Park – Placement.

Mayor Donchess

Next, we have an informational item. Oh, discussion regarding the sound system at Renaissance Park.

Lisa Fauteux, Director, Division of Public Works

Director Hannum.

Elizabeth Hannum, Director, Economic Development

Liz Hannum, Economic Development Director. Renaissance Park, Bicentennial, and the Riverwalk are almost complete. We have a few additions, though, that weren't originally planned. That was brought to you originally. The sound system is one of those things. We realized at the Winter Stroll this year that with a \$6,000.00 rental, the sound barely carried to the amphitheatre seating there, and so, it was just unrealistic to ask the people to start using that park without providing a basic level of sound system service there.

The sound system that we use is going to carry through the whole park, and it's going to be a delay system. If you're past the original amphitheater area, it will be delayed. It won't be a blast just from the stage. It will be a lower sound that will carry further as opposed to just louder, which I think is a great system to be used. We had originally budgeted this for almost \$100,000.00 because we had an estimate between \$80,000.00 and \$90,000.00, and we went with a local company that also works in Greeley Park at \$36,000.00. This was a steal for what

we thought we were going to have to spend. If you approve it, then we will get the equipment ordered. It will be about 4 weeks before it comes in, and it will get installed right away. The park is going to be used on Sundays until October, which will be the farmers' market, so there will be performances there every Sunday. I think two or three performances, so they'll be 54 performances just with the farmers market there over the summer. And then, the Downtown Association and the Arts Commission have worked together to start a Saturday night music series. That will be 12 performances. We thought that this would be the best way to get people using the park.

Discussion:

Mayor Donchess

Do you think you need a motion on this?

Ms. Hannum

I think so. Well, is there a motion to approve the sound system?

Ms. Fauteux

It's actually a motion to approve the placement.

Ms. Hannum

Oh, the placement. Okay.

Ms. Fauteux

The placement of the sound system.

Ms. Hannum

Oh, the placement. Okay.

Ms. Fauteux

Placement of the sound system.

Ms. Hannum

Sorry.

Ms. Fauteux

Because the sound system was actually purchased with TIFF fund.

Ms. Hannum

Okay.

Commissioner, Paul Shea

May I ask a question?

Mayor Donchess

Yes.

Commissioner Shea

Thank you. How many speakers in total?

Ms. Hannum

Oh, gosh. I don't know off hand, but there are no monitors, so it's just going to be the speakers on each side of the pavilion. And then, there are six speakers throughout the rest of the park. And then, there's some other equipment that is not speakers, but I don't really know what it is. I apologize

Commissioner Shea

Sure. Has a radio relay system.

Ms. Hannum

Yes, yeah, yup. And then, the board, the sound board as well.

Commissioner Shea

Is it a permanent install?

Ms. Hannum

It is. Yup, which would be it won't be removed in the winter either, so it is vandal proof, weatherproof. Again, we'll eventually have to maintain it long-term, but probably in 6 to 10 years, we'll start to see some wear and tear.

Commissioner Shea

And, the sound engineers are confident in, so people, as you know, people when there's a dense crowd are effectively baffles for the sound, right? And, so the sound engineers are confident that you have say 5,000, 6,000, 7,000, 10,000.00 people down there, it will be adequate for that?

Ms. Hannum

Yes. We actually used New England's mobile audio this weekend for the Renaissance on the Riverfront event, and they used a very modified version of that sound system, so it seemed to be working really well. We had about 10,000 people throughout the weekend. That was really

helpful. We could hear it on the Main Street bridge, even. It was a little muffled when you went around Water Street and Bicentennial, but you could still hear basic. We anticipate that it won't be a problem with more bodies.

Commissioner Shea

And, I don't think they had, did they have relay speakers further down the park too?

Ms. Hannum

We did, yup.

commissioner Shea

Very good. I mean, for most purposes, it will be adequate, like it was this weekend? It was excellent this weekend by the way.

Ms. Hannum

They did a good job.

Commissioner Shea

Beautiful job. You did, everybody did.

Ms. Hannum

Thank you.

Commissioner Shea

I wouldn't be surprised if, come stroll time, there may be a need for additional speakers just because the density of the crowd for that is so different from anything else that happens here in the city. But, for the broad set of events, I think this will be excellent, and I just say maybe look to a little bit of supplemental, and I'm sure the sound board and the relay system will be able to be compatible with additional equipment.

Ms.Hannum

We have thought about that because we're not going to provide any monitors. Any of the bands that want to use a monitor will have to bring their own. And, we'll provide a list to any band that's going to play there of the equipment available to them, and they will have to supplement it, but we just wanted to get a very basic level system. So that it was usable for anyone, and then if they want to get fancy and have more band members, they would have to supplement themselves.

Commissioner Shea

And one more question. Has there been any talk about doing movies down there?

Ms. Hannum

So, I think you might hear about that in a little bit, but I do hope to try to find a screen to provide viewing for the FIFA World Cup this summer. I'm looking right now, trying to find something that we can use.

Commissioner Shea

There are like stretchy screens that might be suitable with anchors and stuff like that in the pavilion. But, anyway, I'll leave you to it. But that's super exciting. Parks does a great program up at Greeley with movies and just being in that space with the amphitheatre seating and everything, it's going to lend to a lot of activities. I have a cousin--

Ma>Hannum

--we'll have to do more bunny yoga.

Commissioner Shea

Yes, more bunny yoga. That's so fun. We were all in the rain with a bunch of bunnies under tents doing yoga. It was beautiful. That was so cool. That space is just, it's amazing. Oh, I got lost in my astonishment at how cool it is.

Ms. Hannum

Movies?

Commissioner Shea

Movies, no, yeah. No, I'll leave it there. It's very special, and I'm very glad to see it come to life as it has. So thank you.

Mayor Donchess

The tickets at Foxboro for the World Cup are like \$2,000.00 a piece. Yes, Commissioner Shea.

Commissioner Shea

My cousin is part of Nashua Theatre Guild, and they do Shakespeare In The Park up at Greeley Park, and she does a lot of directing for their programs. She got texts from, I think, a dozen friends that were basically at the event, and they were like this is where you need to be this year. So, I expect that there will be some outdoor theater interest and things like that.

Ms. Hannum

I'd be happy to add to Greeley Park's performances, maybe.

Commissioner Shea

Yes, yes, of course. And, they have a sound system that's accessible for all sorts of programming; it's going to be really useful, so I'm enthused.

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Gregg.

In terms of the placement, are the speakers going to be elevated past 6 feet or so?

Ms. Hannum

Yes. The main speakers will be on the corners of the pavilion, which is at 12 feet or so.

Commissioner Gregg

Okay, great.

Ms. Hannum

And then, the relay speakers will all be on the 16-foot-tall light poles.

Commissioner Gregg

Excellent. Thank you.

Mayor Donchess

Alderman O'Brien.

Michael B. O'Brien, Sr., Aldermanic Liaison

Thank you, Mr. Mayor. If we're done with the discussion, I would just like to say that, in looking at the hour, we're supposed to have another meeting, a joint meeting with the Committee of Infrastructure and the Board of Public Works. It's supposed to be immediately following or at 5:00 p.m., so I would just like to make the announcement to the people at home that are concerned. We still have a little bit of the meeting to go, and looking at the agenda, you may be going into a non-public session. So, for the people who want to see the Infrastructure and the Joint Committee meeting, I'll make the recommendation that we should—it will convene at 5:30, and I think that will give you plenty of time. I hope to finish your business.

Mayor Donchess

I think we can (unintelligible).

Mr. O'Brien

Yeah, and that way the people at home, because I know we have to go off the air with non-public, so trying to get the people at home to realize. Alright, thank you for the personal privilege.

Mayor Donchess

Alright, is there a motion to approve the placement of the sound system? Commissioner Espitia,

Motion by Commissioner Espitia: To Approve The Placement Of The Sound System At Renaissance Park.

Mayor Donchess

Any further discussion?

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Mr. O'Brien

I'm sorry to interrupt that motion; excuse me with that announcement.

D. Discussion: Holman Stadium Events

Chairman James Donchess, Mayor

Now I believe Commissioner Shea and Alderman Morgan are here to talk about Holman Stadium events in the hopes of attracting more events to Holman Stadium. And so, I will turn it over to you to give us your thoughts or suggestions, whatever.

Commissioner Paul Shea

Yes. I'd like to welcome Alderman Morgan to join us.

Amber Morgan, Board of Aldermen

Thanks.

Commissioner Shea

I'll start with more than a couple of weeks back, Director Fauteux, myself, Bryan Conant, and Alderman Morgan met at Holman Stadium in one of the suites to talk about the space and the opportunities that we have before us with such a beautiful venue. To further activate it and bring more opportunities for the community to gather around various types of entertainment and activities. That space has been home to extraordinary concerts. Sometime ago, before I moved to the city, maybe in the late 80s, early 90s, 91 it's also been home to the food truck festival that the Chamber of Commerce organized at one point. Was Bacon and Beer there?

Ms. Morgan

No.

Commissioner Shea

No.

Commissioner, Manny Espitia

Brewfest.

Commissioner Shea

What's that?

Commissioner Espitia

The brew fest.

Commissioner Shea

The brew fest, which was organized by Nashua Police Athletic League and Belevance Beverage, and we have been noodling around how we can bring back some of that energy to the space. It is of course, an excellent venue for baseball. Superintendent Conant has done extraordinary work with the turf in that space, and a whole lifetime ago, there were some football games there, and that's not really realistic with the care that has gone into it. But, we want to, and I might have donned a bird costume and gotten beaten up by the panther and Nashua High cheerleaders before the school split into two, at the Turkey Bowl. A lot of good memories there personally and in the community. I just thought I'd throw that in there. I think I've got it on VHS somewhere. My dad had a camcorder got to find that.

Lisa Fauteux, Director, Division of Public Works

I think we'd all like to see that.

Commissioner Shea

We'll put it up on You Tube. We talked about the space and what opportunities there might be. What we would prefer to do is continue the conversation in a semi-formal manner and have a committee to discuss this, and I'd invite Alderman Morgan to share thoughts.

Ms. Morgan

Thank you. To echo everything that Commissioner Shea said, the first concert I ever saw in my life was at Holman Stadium and that was the Beach Boys. To say there is an incredible opportunity of use of space, to really make this, it is a crown jewel of our city, it's our pride and joy, and it's an underutilized asset right now. The Parks and Rec Department I think, is who does the Summer Fun Series, is that correct?

Ms. Fauteux

The Recreation Department.

Ms. Morgan

Recreation. They do a phenomenal job, and it is incredible to see that we have so many exciting things. Director Fauteux and I had spoken a few months ago about whether we can do that. Can we do more things like that around the year. And so, one of the ideas is at Holman Stadium, and so to have the idea to look deeply into what kind of events we can have that would

not ruin the turf, that is perfect, a couple of ideas just quickly so you know kind of what we're thinking. Movies on the mound. So, movie night, you have a screen on the mound, nobody has to go anywhere on the turf, you can sit in the sand. Winter activities are really what we're missing after the Holiday Stroll. It's kind of nothing until fingers crossed we have good enough weather to make ice skating rinks, so we'll walk through the Festival of Lights symphony under the stars, just a couple of ideas. Dinner on the mound to do like the farmers' dinner instead of on Main Street, do it inside of Holman Stadium. But, to pull together a group that could focus on that and come up with those ideas that work in the best interests of everyone.

Mayor Donchess

So, how do you think we should form this committee? You think it should be formal, we just appoint it here, or you think we go to the Aldermen for approval, or what do you think we should do?

Ms. Morgan

I would look to you for that expertise.

Mayor Donchess

You look to me for that one. What do you think?

Discussion:

Commissioner Shea

I think a group of about 6 to 8 would be a good starting point. Perhaps meeting on a monthly basis or as frequently as twice a month. If the conversation picks up, we've been talking about moving further faster together, and so it may, the pace may look like that. I spoke with Director Fauteux, we would love for Matt LeBlanc and Bryan Conant to join us in the group. And, we would love for Alyssa O'Meara from Downtown Nashua Association to join us, someone who has instigated this discuss further is Grant Morris. He has previously been involved with the Chamber of Commerce, Nashua Young Professionals, and the events there, so we get some vision for this kind of thing. Have someone from the community. I have spoken with Commissioner Espitia to see if he would be interested in joining us to have some additional representation from the Board of Public Works, and we also wanted to kind of bring it to the Board for more open discussion to see if there were any additional suggestions either from yourself or from commissioners. I think a number of roughly eight would be a healthy group to start with and take it from there.

Mayor Donchess

I think the Board of Public Works really has authority over at Holman, right?

Ms. Fauteux

Correct.

Mayor Donchess

In the sense that it's a DPW facility. So what if you and Alderman Morgan think of your eight people, kind of come up, and you bring this to the Board of Public Works, and propose that they be appointed as a committee to seek to activate Holman, and then we approve it at a meeting, and you begin your work. We approve the list or something.

Commissioner Shea

Would there be space to so move now? Or would that be--

Mayor Donchess

Well, it would be good if you came up with--yeah, you could move the committee, yes, of course. But if you came up with a list of people, that would be good.

Commissioner Shea

Okay.

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Lemen.

Commissioner, June Lemen

As speaking from someone who works in one of the three hundred Nashua non-profits, I think it would be useful I'm not saying it has to be me, but there should be somebody from the non-profit community besides Great America Downtown because that would be a great venue for non-profits we'd rent just like everybody else rents space in the city, so I just want that to be considered when you're forming this committee.

Mayor Donchess

Alright, so why don't we have a motion to approve the idea of the committee and ask Commissioner Shea and Alderman Morgan to come forward with a group of people that you think would be effective for approval by the Board, and then move forward.

Commissioner Shea

May I--

Mayor Donchess

--yes.

Commissioner Shea

May I further move for an initial committee so that we can begin?

Mayor Donchess

Sure. You've got some thoughts on who should be on it already?

Commissioner Shea

Yeah. So, I would so move at this time that the committee be comprised of Alderman Morgan, Commissioner Espitia, Bryan Conant, Matt LeBlanc, myself, and would you be interested in joining us?

Commissioner Lemen

Yes.

Commissioner Shea

And would that bring us to a quorum issue?

Mayor Donchess

No. Why don't you, no, because you've only got two people, oh, you have three, I don't know, maybe.

Ms. Fauteux

You do have a quorum. Yup.

Mayor Donchess

Maybe. You should probably have Liz Hannum as well.

Commissioner Shea

Okay.

Mayor Donchess

She is good at thinking of these events.

Commissioner Shea

Yup.

Ms. Fauteux

The meetings should probably be posted anyway. Honestly, because you have so many--

Commissioner Shea

So, therefore, quorum would be a non-issue because we would have--

Ms. Fauteux

--It posted.

Commissioner Shea

Would you agree with that?

Mayor Donchess

I think so.

Commissioner Shea

Okay.

Mayor Donchess

I mean, maybe you post it as a Board of Public Works Meeting as well. I don't know, we could ask legal about that. This all has to do with the Right-To-Know law and the ins and outs.

Commissioner Shea

Sure. I think it's a valid point, and we'd love to have you and I quorum was my hesitation for the additional outreach to other commissioners. Alright, so we'll say. I'm going to start over. Myself, Alderman Morgan, Commissioner Lemen, Commissioner Espitia, Director Hannum, yup, yes? Yes.

Mayor Donchess

She's still here. Yes.

Commissioner Shea

Director Hannum, Bryan Conant, Matt LeBlanc, Grant Morris, and Alyssa O'Meara . So, I think that gets us to nine. I think that would be more than adequate. I don't foresee us having a need to add anyone additionally at this stage.

Mayor Donchess

Alright, so the motion is to create this committee with the members as defined by Commissioner Shea, and then ask that they meet and begin to discuss how to activate the stadium, right?

Motion by Commissioner Shea: To Form A Holman Stadium Committee Consisting Of Nine Members For Stadium Events.

Ms. Fauteux

Can I just ask--

Mayor Donchess

--yes.

Ms. Fauteux

Would this also be open to all? Like, if you wanted to attend or--

Mayor Donchess

--yeah, well we--

Ms. Fauteux

--if Commissioner Gregg wanted to attend, does he--

Mayor Donchess

--it's a public meeting, I mean, anybody can go.

Ms. Fauteux

Given that the whole Board of Public Works. Okay, It was just, it's a question.

Mayor Donchess

If it's posted, it's a public meeting. Maybe meet, I don't know, maybe met at Holman that would be kind of interesting, right?

Commissioner Espitia

I like that.

Mayor Donchess

In one of the suites or something. Alright, so that's the motion. Any discussion?

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

E. Informational: Director's Report

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Director's Report.

Lisa Fauteux, Director, Division of Public Works

Would you like me to forego this, given that we have a non-public?

Mayor Donchess

Yeah.

Ms. Fauteux

I can share this with you next month.

Mayor Donchess

Yeah. Alright. If there's no objection.

Ms. Fauteux

I am trying to be considerate of--

Mayor Donchess

We'll table that until the next meeting.

XI. PERSONNEL

A. Motion: To Approve And Unseal The Non-Public Minutes For Personnel From The Board Of Public Works Meeting Of April 21, 2026.

We now have Personnel. Item A, Commissioner Shea.

Motion by Commissioner Shea: To Approve And Unseal The Non-Public Minutes For Personnel From The Board Of Public Works Meeting Of April 21, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously.

B. Motion: To Accept The Resignation Of Kevin Naro, Solid Waste Foreman, Effective May 26, 2026.

Mayor Donchess

Item B, Commissioner Lemen.

Motion by Commissioner Lemen: To Accept The Resignation Of Kevin Naro, Solid Waste Foreman, Effective May 26, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously.

Mayor Donchess

Can we go back to the committee? I think someone needs to create the agenda, call the meeting, and decide where the meeting is going to be and when it's going to be. So there really should be a chair of the committee.

Commissioner Paul Shea

I would be glad to chair the committee and would primarily confer with Alderman Morgan as vice-chair.

Commissioner, Manny Espitia

Vice-chair.

Commissioner Shea

And, coordinate with the group on availability.

Ms. Fauteux

Claire, post everything, please. Do all of that, please.

Commissioner Shea

Okay.

Mayor Donchess

Alright, so we will have Commissioner Shea as the chair, Alderman Morgan as the vice-chair, and you will take care of scheduling--

Commissioner Shea

Yes.

Mayor Donchess

Agenda and all that.

Commissioner Shea

Yeah, thank you.

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Alright. Did we vote on Item B yet? If not, all those in favor of Item B, please say eye.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously.

XII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION

A. Non-Public Session Pursuant To R.S.A. 91-A:3, li (B) The Hiring Of Any Person As A Public Employee.

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

We now have a non-public session. Commissioner Gregg probably has the motion.

Commissioner, Matthew Gregg

Yup.

Motion By Commissioner Gregg: To Move By Roll Call That The Board Go Into a Non-Public Session Pursuant R.S.A. 91-A:3, II (b), The Hiring of Any Person As A Public Employee.

Viva Voce Roll Call:

5-Yea (Shea, Lemen, Gregg, Espitia, Donchess) – 0 Nay

MOTION CARRIED. Unanimously.

The Board entered into a Non-Public Session at 5:27 p.m. and reconvened at 5:31 p.m.

B. To Move By Roll Call To Seal The Minutes Of Board Of Public Works Personnel Non-Public Meeting O May 28 2026, Until Such Time As The Majority Of The Board Votes That The Purpose Of The Confidentiality Would No Longer Be Served.

Lisa Fauteux, Clerk

We have to--

Commissioner, Matthew Gregg

--I have to--

Commissioner, June Lemen

--do the--

Commissioner Gregg

--yeah, seal the minutes.

Commissioner Lemen

--motion to adjourn, right?

Mayor Donchess

Well, first we have to seal the minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Gregg: To Move By Roll Call To Seal The Minutes Of Board Of Public Works Personnel Non-Public Meeting of May 28 2026, Until Such Time As The Majority Of The Board Votes That The Purpose Of The Confidentiality Would No Longer Be Served.

Viva Voce Roll Call:

5-Yea (Shea, Lemen, Gregg, Espitia Donchess) – 0 Nay

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman, James Donches, Mayor

Okay, so we're now going into-we're in public session I think we've concluded our business, unless there are remarks by commissioners? If not, Commissioner Gregg.

Motion by Commissioner Gregg: To Adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED. Unanimously.

The meeting of the Board of Public Works of May 28th, adjourned at 5:32 p.m.