

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
JULY 30, 2026
MEETING MINUTES**

A meeting of the Board of Public Works was held on July 30, 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, Matthew Gregg
Commissioner, June Lemen
Commissioner, Manny Espitia

Members Absent:

Commissioner, Paul Shea

Also Present:

Alderman, Richard A. Dowd, Aldermanic Liaison
Lisa Fauteux, Director, Division of Public Works
Michael Curtain, City of Nashua Resident, Puck Pirates Pond Hockey, LLC
Wyatt Cilley-Server, City of Nashua Resident, Puck Pirates Pond Hockey, LLC
Bill Stashluk, City of Nashua Resident
Dan Hudson, P.E., City Engineer
Claire Edwards, Executive Assistant, Division of Public Works

II. MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

First is the Motion to Approve the Agenda. Commissioner Gregg.

Motion by Commissioner Gregg: To Approve The Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

**III. MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PUBIC WORKS
MEETING OF JUNE 25, 2026**

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Next, we have the minutes of the last meeting, Commissioner Espitia.

Motion by Commissioner Espitia: To Approve The Minutes Of The Board Of Public Works Meeting Of June 25, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

We have Public Comment. Is there any member of the public who wants to talk about any of the agenda items? If you do, just come up to the microphone, but you don't have--

Michael Curtain, Nashua Resident, Puck Pirates Pond Hockey, LLC

Good afternoon, and thank you for giving us the chance to speak. My name is Michael Curtain, and this is Wyatt Cilley-Server. Together, we are Puck Pirates Pond Hockey, LLC. I skated in a lot of places. I've been to plenty of pond hockey tournaments, but skating and playing hockey in Mine Falls is unique. It's like combining hockey and hiking. It draws smiles, waves, and pictures from the walkers, joggers who brave the snow and ice on the paths lining the canal. Wyatt and I have probably skated the canal more than anyone, and for years we talked about how incredible it would be to have a pond hockey tournament there.

Last season, we got a group of friends together, shoveled the snow, and had an afternoon of hockey, and it was everything I imagined it would be. It's how outdoor hockey is meant to be played. We have nature all around us, and it was the most relaxing and fun hockey that I've ever played. We want to bring that experience to more people. We want to bring Mine Falls to more people. Up on Lake Winnepesaukee at the Pond Hockey Classic, they basically plow the ice, set up 24 prebuilt rinks in the middle of Meredith Bay. They have sponsors for this, and sponsors for that. They have close to 300 teams playing. The price last season was \$1,200.00 per team. It's outdoor hockey, but it's not pond hockey.

An overview of what we're envisioning. Sixty-four or fewer teams. All players 18 plus, spread out among up to eight rinks. Not the prebuilt rinks of the commercial tournaments, but snow banks on the sides, weather permitting, with some end boards to keep us from losing our Puck in the snow. The rinks would be spaced out based on the contours of the canal, avoiding any area of moving water or bridges where the ice is typically less thick or unpredictable. I don't anticipate any sponsors this season. It would be teams paying an entry fee of around \$200.00. However, there would be an added bonus, a portion of each team's entry fee would go to the High School Hockey Program that recruited them. Southern New Hampshire Hockey Programs of which we have four just in Nashua would get flyers to give to alumni parents and friends, and for each team that they refer, they get funds back to their program.

Wyatt Cilley-Server, City of Nashua Resident, Puck Pirates Pond Hockey, LLC

We're trying to do this the right way.

Mayor Donchess

Can you just give your name?

Mr. Server

Oh, yeah. Wyatt Cilley-Server, Nashua, New Hampshire. We're trying to do this the right way. A few weeks ago, we applied for a permit to hold the tournament in January. We were disappointed to receive the permit denial from the Parks and Recreation Department, citing safety concerns. We appreciate what Parks and Rec does to keep Nashua's parks safe and

accessible for everyone. We're here today because we're both genuinely excited about the potential for bringing Nashua's first pond hockey tournament to Mines Falls. Along with the permit, we submitted an operations plan that addresses key safety points, including on-site monitoring, participant labor, safety equipment, emergency action plan, ice thickness verification, first-aid/CPR certified staff, and insurance coverage. We designed it specifically to exceed standard expectations for this type of community event. Last week we met with Brian and Lauren from the Parks and Rec Department to better understand the specific concerns for the denial, so we can address them directly. After going over the safety plan and the waiver that everyone would sign, we agreed to revisit the decision. However, we haven't gotten a response yet. Pond hockey events like this have been successfully held in many New England communities, bringing neighbors together, promoting active winter recreation, and increasing positive usage of our public spaces like Mines Falls. Exactly the kind of programming that aligns with Parks and Rec's mission to enhance quality of life and community engagement. We're fully prepared to adjust the plan, if necessary, and add additional safeguards you recommend.

Mr. Curtain

(Unintelligible).

Mayor Donchess

Are you saying on the canal or the pond?

Mr. Curtain

On the canal because it's shallower, it's not moving water like there is--

Mayor Donchess

--is it wide enough?

Mr. Curtain

Hugh?

Mayor Donchess

Is it wide enough?

Mr. Curtain

In some spots.

Mr. Server

I can speak to it.

Mr. Curtain

So, if Wyatt can give out the operations plan that we included, I don't want to go over the whole thing, but since safety was the reason cited for the permit getting denied, I would like to go over that section.

Lisa Fauteux, Director, Division of Public Works

I'd like to speak that, if I could. First of all, let me say that I think it would be very cool to bring pond hockey to Nashua. The concern, and it's not just Public Works; there are Fire Marshals involved, our Risk Management Department is involved, and also our Emergency Management Director. What you're talking about doing is operating on not a pond but on a canal where there is moving water. We have looked at this many times before, and it's been found by the Fire Marshall, Fire Department, and by others, the Emergency Management Director and Risk Management that that ice is very unpredictable and not safe to permit. That's why the City has never permitted anything on there, nor do we use it ourselves. So, it's not, I just want to clear it's not just, I love the idea, it's not just Parks and Rec's decision.

Mr. Curtain

No--

Ms. Fauteux

--it's going to ultimately--the person that will ultimately or the organization that will ultimately make the decision will be our Risk Management Department, and they're currently reviewing it now, and I will let you know what their decision is, but we are considering it in great detail. It wasn't just the denial.

Mr. Curtain

No, and my understanding was that--

Ms. Fauteux

--I just want you to understand.

Mr. Curtain

--that Parks and Rec denied it because of the Risk Department.

Ms. Fauteux

The Risk Department and the Fire Marshall will have the final say.

Mr. Curtain

Okay.

Ms. Fauteux

There's nothing that we can do at that point, so I just want to let you know that they are reviewing it now; they have your application, and we certainly will let you know of their decision. Okay.

Mr. Curtain

Can I finish it?

Ms. Fauteux

That's up to the Commissioners.

Mayor Donchess

(Inaudible).

Mr. Curtain

Okay, So, I'll just leave it to read through because I think we addressed every one of their safety concerns in the packet. We do also in the packet have letters of support from community members and organizations who are familiar with myself and Wyatt in both personal and professional capacities.

Mr. Server

Hosting this tournament would be low-cost land for the City and Parks and Rec. More residents enjoying our parks in winter, local economic activity, and free positive visibility for Nashua's beautiful parks.

Mr. Curtain

So, Wyatt has lived in Nashua for his whole life. I've been here for over 15 years. We're not an out-of-towner, out-of-state entity that's coming in and using this to make money. We want to use this as an opportunity to showcase the City of Nashua and the treasure that is Mine Falls. We want to do it safely, and we want to turn this into a spotlight event for years to come. Thank you for your time, and we welcome any questions or requests for clarification.

Mayor Donchess

Do any of the board members have questions? Alright, well, thank you for coming by.

Mr. Server

Thank you.

Mayor Donchess

(Inaudible).

Mr. Curtain

I look forward to a positive answer, and like I said, if there's any questions, just let me know, and we're happy to address them. And if it comes down--

Mayor Donchess

(Unintelligible) information in here.

Mr. Curtain

--yes--

Ms. Fauteux

We do have, yeah.

Mr. Curtain

If it comes down to it's not allowed on the canal, but you can do it on the pond. If that's the way it has to be, we can do it.

Ms. Fauteux

Okay, fair enough.

Mr. Curtain

Thank you.

Mr. Server

Thank you.

Mayor Donchess

Thank you very much. Alright, anybody else for Public Comment? Yes, please just step up to the microphone.

Bill Stashluk, City of Nashua Resident

Mayor Donchess, and Lisa, and the rest of the Board, thank you for spending the time to listen to me. This is Bill Stashluk. I live on 11 New Searles Road in Nashua, New Hampshire. I bring to the Board a problem I've had for many years regarding our sewer, and as of recently as July 5th, we had a major backup, which affected people almost a mile away with the sewer backup. It's a continuing problem, and I believe it was created by basically stopping up an overflow drain at Salmon Brook. I'd like to address this and have the town do as much as they can to relieve this problem. It's an ongoing problem, and I've talked to my neighbors. It's cost them literally thousands of dollars and hours and hours of their work to resolve this backup coming into their houses, which probably shouldn't happen in the beginning. And so, I beg of you to solve this

problem. I do have some ideas around this problem. There are some modern techniques to monitor the systems, get into them, and not have to do regular cleanings, do just when these pop ups, happen. So, I implore you to solve the problem, if you would. And, I also brought some neighbors who had a major backup. The Cardozas here had affluent right in their bathtub in their split home. I beg of you to solve this problem. Lisa, you've seen this problem before. I know you've been at my house. You know this problem, and it's nobody's taken any time to fix it. Thank you.

Mayor Donchess

(Unintelligible). Alright, are--just for a second. I keep getting this message that the sound is going over the TV. I don't know.

Mr. Stashluk

I'm sorry, Jim.

Mayor Donchess

I'm getting a message that the sound is not--

Ms. Fauteux

--yeah, can you. Thank you.

Mayor Donchess

--working--

Mr. Stashluk

--as it should be.

Mayor Donchess

--for the TV broadcast. You're on TV, so you know.

Mr. Stashluk

Oh.

Mayor Donchess

You should be aware of that.

Ms. Fauteux

I've not been to your home. I don't know; somebody else may have, but I personally have not been to your home, but I am aware of the situation. I have spoken to the City Engineer who just left, and I know that you've been in touch with Superintendent Boucher from the Wastewater--

Mr. Stashluk

--yes, I have.

Ms. Fauteux

So, I know that they're working on it, and they will work with you to do whatever we can to solve the issue. I've not had another conversation. I know; I think that Dave Boucher spoke with you this morning.

Mr. Stashluk

Yes, he did. That's correct.

Ms. Fauteux

Okay, and I have not spoken with him, but I will speak with him, and I know Engineer Hudson has also spoken with him, and we'll look into--

Mr. Stashluk

Yes, I just had a very brief--

Ms. Fauteux

I can assure you we'll do whatever we can to help.

Mr. Stashluk

I appreciate that. One of the things I'd like to bring to light is that that department put a connection on the overflow that actually, I believe, caused that problem, and I'd like them to address that situation and alter it so that it's within, and I'd also like to add as public comment that that's basically a trap under the river. Those kinds of ingenuity isn't allowed anymore anywhere in the United States. So, we need to get some capital in here to resolve those in a proper and good manner because I know you're having a problem with them not only right at my street, but down the street further down by Searles Road. So, thank you for your attention to it, and I appreciate it, Lisa.

Ms. Fauteux

And we don't usually respond to public comment, but we appreciate your concern, and we certainly want to do everything we can to help. I think perhaps a meeting with the Superintendent and the City Engineer might be appropriate just so we can sort of talk all of this through with you.

Mr. Stashluk

Absolutely.

Ms. Fauteux

Sounds good.

Mr. Stashluk

I'm certainly willing to work with you.

Ms. Fauteux

Okay. So we will set that up, okay. I'd also be interested in knowing the other locations of any other residents who are having issues, so we can evaluate that as well.

Mr. Stashluk

Yes, I can provide what I know.

Ms. Fauteux

Perfect.

Mr. Stashluk

I know that at Joe's house at the next house over—

Ms. Fauteux

Okay.

Mr. Stashluk

--and there was also Mr. Cody's house on--

Unidentified Speaker

--Kathy.

Mr. Stashluk

--Kathy Drive.

Unidentified Speaker

9 New Searles had some issues.

Ms. Fauteux

Okay, so we will set that up. We will set that meeting up. Okay.

Mr. Stashluk

Appreciate that. Thank you, Lisa.

Ms. Fauteux

You're welcome.

Mr. Stashluk

Thank you, Jim.

Mayor Donchess

Alright, thanks for coming. Alright, any other Public Comment?

Commissioner Manny Espitia

Thank you for coming.

Mayor Donchess

Next item is a Greeley Park Advisory Committee referral.

V. GREELEY PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE REFERRAL: REQUEST TO DO A SELECTIVE CUT IN GREELEY PARK.

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Next item is a Greeley Park Advisory Committee referral, but there's no one here on that, right?

Lisa Fauteux, Director, Division of Public Works

Right, so if we could take--Mayor--

Mayor Donchess

--I've heard a lot about this from various sources, believe me. Highly controversial. So, there's no one here, so there's really nothing to discuss, right?

Ms. Fauteux

--if that's okay--until a member of the Greeley Park Advisory Committee can be here.

Mayor Donchess

Yeah, alright.

Ms. Fauteux

If that's okay.
Mayor Donchess

Yes.

VI. WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

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

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Alright, Wastewater Department. Item A, Commissioner Lemen.

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

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

B. Motion: To Approve the Creation of An Assistant Superintendent Position at The Wastewater Department. The Position Will Be Unaffiliated and Grade 20. Funding Will Be Through: Department: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Wastewater; Account Classification: 51 Salaries & Wages.

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Item B, Commissioner Gregg.

Motion by Commissioner Gregg: To Approve the Creation of An Assistant Superintendent Position at The Wastewater Department. The Position Will Be Unaffiliated and Grade 20. Funding Will Be Through: Department: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Wastewater; Account Classification: 51 Salaries & Wages.

Lisa Fauteux, Director, Division of Public Works

This is actually a position that--we have three foreman positions, and then we have an operations supervisor. The operations supervisor, there's too much overlap with the foreman, and it has just created a lot of issues; not understanding whose responsibility it is. So, we've created a different position that we think will help alleviate that. The current operations supervisor position is a UAW position. This will be an unaffiliated position, so that's why we need to create the new position. So, that's what we're trying to do here.

Mayor Donchess

Any questions? Discussion? Commissioner Espitia.

Commissioner Manny Espitia

And this would not be in place of the operations supervisor; this would just be in addition to the operations supervisor?

Ms. Fauteux

No. This would be. We thought of not--we're not going to eliminate--HR has recommended we not eliminate the operations supervisor, but we won't fund it if we fund this position.

Commissioner Espitia

Sounds good.

Ms. Fauteux

Yes.

Mayor Donchess

Alderman Dowd.

Richard A. Dowd, Board of Aldermen

So there's no impact to your budget.

Ms. Fauteux

Minimal. It may be minimal because we're putting this--

Alderman Dowd

--but you've covered it--

Ms. Fauteux

--on a new grid.

Alderman Dowd

You can cover it under your existing funding.

Ms. Fauteux

That's correct. Yes.

Vice-Chairman, Mathew Gregg

Fully?

Ms. Fauteux

Yes.

Commissioner Gregg

Okay, so it's--in terms of full burden, it's the same between the two positions?

Ms. Fauteux

The salary maybe a little bit more, just because it's a different grid that we're putting it on, but yes, it can definitely be covered in the existing operating budget, Wastewater's existing operating budget.

Commissioner Gregg

Thank you.

Mayor Donchess

Anything else?

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

VII. PARKS DEPARTMENT

A. Motion: To Approve the Purchase of One 2026 Toro GM5910 Groundsmaster Mower from Turf Products of Enfield, Connecticut Off the Sourcewell Contract - 18696 For the Price Of \$173,091.95. Funding Will Be Through Department: 177 Parks; Fund: Trust; Activity: CERF.

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Next item, we're onto Parks. Item A, Commissioner Espitia.

Motion by Commissioner Espitia: To Approve the Purchase of One 2026 Toro GM5910 Groundsmaster Mower from Turf Products of Enfield, Connecticut Off The Sourcewell Contract - 18696 For the Price Of \$173,091.95. Funding Will Be Through Department: 177 Parks; Fund: Trust; Activity: CERF.

Lisa Fauteux, Director, Division of Public Works

This is one of our frontline mowers, and this is just replacing an older mower that is on CERF, and needs to be--is on schedule to be replaced.

Mayor Donchess

Alright. Commissioner Gregg.

Vice-Chairman, Matthew Gregg

What do we do with the old?

Ms. Fauteux

This one we're trading in.

Commissioner Gregg

Trading it in, okay, so it would be part of--towards this.

Ms. Fauteux

Yes.

Commissioner Gregg

And, does this price include that, or is that part of the trade? I don't--

Ms. Fauteux

--it does. Yes, there's a trade-in of \$9,600.00.

Commissioner Gregg

Okay.

Ms. Fauteux

Not a lot, but--

Commissioner Gregg

--don't hold their value.

Ms. Fauteux

They don't hold their value, right.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

B. Motion: To Approve the Purchase of A 2026 ABI Force Z23HLT Laser Ready Infield Groomer for A Price Of \$59,826.61. Funding Will Be Through Department 177 Parks; Fund: Trust; Activity: CERF.

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Item B, Commissioner Lemen.

Motion by Commissioner Lemen: To Approve the Purchase of A 2026 ABI Force Z23HLT Laser Ready Infield Groomer for A Price Of \$59,826.61. Funding Will Be Through Department 177 Parks; Fund: Trust; Activity: CERF.

Lisa Fauteux, Director, Division of Public Works

This is a new piece of equipment. It's a very versatile piece of equipment. If you read in the discussion, the Superintendent has laid it out very clearly, but it will be used to maintain 32 baseball and softball fields that we have, and it's used by several municipalities in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. It allows for--it helps us with daily maintenance, and the attachments that come with it help us renovate baseball and softball fields, which we often need to do. There's a laser grader attachment on the machine that helps us to create a level surface, which will eliminate ponding and puddling of surfaces in the infields, which we have problems with at many of the fields. And also, it has an edger that will help us to edge fields more efficiently. This is going to be a very helpful piece of equipment that will be able to save us a lot of time and effort maintaining our fields.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously.

C. Motion: To Approve The Purchase Of A New Playground Structure And Playground Equipment For Los Amigos Park With A Total Cost Of \$145,000.00 Pursuant To The Sourcwell Contract #010521. Funding Will Be Through Department: 177 Parks; Fund; Capital; Activity: Los Amigos.

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Item C. Commissioner Gregg.

Motion by Commissioner Gregg: To Approve The Purchase Of A New Playground Structure And Playground Equipment For Los Amigos Park With A Total Cost Of \$145,000.00 Pursuant To The Sourcwell Contract #010521. Funding Will Be Through Department: 177 Parks; Fund; Capital; Activity: Los Amigos.

Lisa Fauteux, Director, Division of Public Works

This is exciting that we're finally getting this playground done. It's been a long time coming. We have--there's a stage. As you probably know, that's going to be repaired. Community Development has some money to fix the actual stage. Streets is going to fix all of the stone around the stage. And then we're going to be adding this playground, which will be a wonderful addition to that. This is being funded through capital that we received, thank you to the Board of Aldermen, that we received in our budget this year. If we order it, if you approve this, and the Finance Committee approves this, we should be able to install this in the Fall.

Commissioner, June Lemen

Can I just say something?

Mayor Donchess

Yes.

Commissioner Lemen

This is wonderful to see this happening to that park, which was just kind of a non-park park, and it's great! It's a really creative design. I think it's great!

Ms. Fauteux

Thank you.

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Lemen at one time did a series of articles on all the (unintelligible).

Commissioner Lemen

There are 40; at the time there were 43 green spaces. Not all of them parks, but yeah, 43 green spaces in the City of Nashua.

Mayor Donchess

Did you cover this one?

Commissioner Lemen

Yes, but at the time it was really kind of being created, and then who was the previous Park Superintendent?

Ms. Fauteux

Nick Cassiano?

Commissioner Lemen

Yeah, Nick came to me and said don't write about this one.

[Laughter]

So, it would be great to write about it. I've been thinking it's time for that document to be updated because the parks have really changed in a good way.

Ms. Fauteux

That would be fabulous; we'd love that.

Commissioner Lemen

Okay.

Mayor Donchess

Alright, they're still saying that the audio is not working.

Commissioner, Manny Espitia

Great.

Commissioner Lemen

What happens? How do they--

Vice-Chairman, Matthew Gregg

--have to restart the meeting. Actually, I think we have, what's that? Is there an audio recording that we're doing because we used to do that, right?

Ms. Fauteux

I think he is able to still record it; it's just not going out to the public, I believe.

Commissioner Gregg

Oh.

Richard A. Dowd, Board of Aldermen

Yeah, they record all the meetings.

Commissioner Gregg

So, they'll post it though with the audio--

Commissioner Espitia

--yeah--

Commissioner Gregg

--and if we keep it—yeah, okay, so it should be okay.

Claire Edwards, Executive Assistant, Division of Public Works

They just made a change a couple of minutes--couple seconds ago.

Ms. Fauteux

But, he's recording it, right?

Ms. Edwards

Yeah.

Ms. Fauteux

Even if it's not being.

Ms. Edwards

It should be, yeah, I'd have to double-check.

Ms. Fauteux

Okay, just want to make sure.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously.

D. Motion: To Approve The Purchase Of A New Playground Structure And Playground Equipment For Jeff Morin Park With A Total Cost Of \$153,483.00 Pursuant To The Sourcewell Contract #010521. Funding Will Be Through Departments: 177 Parks And 161 Streets; Fund: Grant And Capital; Activity: Jeff Morin Park Improvements And Infrastructure.

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Item D. Commissioner Espitia.

Motion by Commissioner Espitia: To Approve The Purchase Of A New Playground Structure And Playground Equipment For Jeff Morin Park With A Total Cost Of \$153,483.00 Pursuant To The Sourcewell Contract #010521. Funding Will Be Through Departments: 177 Parks And 161 Streets; Fund: Grant And Capital; Activity: Jeff Morin Park Improvements And Infrastructure.

Lisa Fauteux, Director, Division of Public Works

Another inner-city park. This is going to be a great park. We have a splash pad, of course, going in that you've already approved. This would be a playground structure for the same park, and the money that will be utilized to purchase this will be most of the donation from the Morins for this park. And again, we're hoping that the installation of this and the splash pad will happen in the Fall.

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Espitia.

Commissioner, Manny Espitia

I just want to say I'm very excited about this development. I live down the street from both of these parks, have taken my son to Los Amigos, and seen what they all are doing on Jeff Morin Park, and just very excited that it will be, crossed our fingers opening up in the Fall. Appreciate you all working on this, especially given there are quite a number of young kids in the area. It will be great for them.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously.

VIII. ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

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

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Now, we're on to Engineering. Item A, Commissioner Lemen.

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

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

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

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Item B, Commissioner Gregg.

Claire Edwards, Executive Assistant, Division of Public Works

(Unintelligible) it's getting recorded. Figure it out; I'm not sure what the problem is if it's with Comcast or--they're trying to figure it out. They're not sure if it's even getting (unintelligible).

Commissioner, Manny Espitia

That's weird. I'm surprised that that's not locally recorded--

Vice-Chairman, Matthew Gregg

--yeah, why wouldn't it.

Commissioner Espitia

(Unintelligible) on their own computer.

Commissioner Gregg

It should be.

Mayor Donchess

Well, we can, I mean we'll have to see. We satisfy the right-to-know law as long as a very rough set of minutes. I mean it just has to say we voted on--

Lisa Fauteux, Director, Division of Public Works

--yeah.

Commissioner Gregg

Want to keep going?

Mayor Donchess

Pardon?

Commissioner Gregg

Do you want me to keep going?

Mayor Donchess

Well, I mean I'm sure that someone can prepare it from the agenda. This basically would be the agenda with the votes recorded.

Commissioner Gregg

Okay.

Motion by Commissioner Gregg: To Approve The Pole License Petition As Listed In The Staff Report.

Mayor Donchess

That's police license, right?

Commissioner Gregg

Yup.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

C. Motion: To Approve The Engineering Contract For Pavement Management Services With Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. Of Burlington, Massachusetts In An Amount Not To Exceed \$43,700.00. Funding Will Be Through: 160 Admin/Eng; Fund: Bond; Activity Paving.

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Item C, Commissioner Espitia.

Motion by Commissioner Espitia: To Approve The Engineering Contract For Pavement Management Services With Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. Of Burlington, Massachusetts In An Amount Not To Exceed \$43,700.00. Funding Will Be Through: 160 Admin/Eng; Fund: Bond; Activity Paving.

Dan Hudson, P.E., City Engineer

Good afternoon, Dan Hudson, City Engineer. Stantec has been a partner with us in the pavement program that we've entertained since 2016. In the sense that they've done evaluations of the pavement condition throughout our network on a rotating basis. This proposal this year is to evaluate half of our roadway network. They look at the roads and determine a PCI rating, a Paving Condition Index. Tracking this over time helps us evaluate the performance of our program and assess our overall network, and select roads for future paving. I'd be happy to address any questions.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously.

D. Motion: To Approve The Engineering Services Contract Amendment #4 With CMA Engineers, Inc. Of Portsmouth, New Hampshire In The Amount Not To Exceed \$23,362.00 For The Design And Management Of The Nashua Heritage Rail Trail East Project. Funding Through Department: 180 Community Development; Fund: Grant And Capital; Activity: NHDOT Heritage Rail Trail.

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Item D, Commissioner Lemen.

Motion by Commissioner Lemen: Motion: To Approve The Engineering Services Contract Amendment #4 With CMA Engineers, Inc. Of Portsmouth, New Hampshire In The Amount Not To Exceed \$23,362.00 For The Design And Management Of The Nashua Heritage Rail Trail East Project. Funding Through Department: 180 Community Development; Fund: Grant And Capital; Activity: NHDOT Heritage Rail Trail.

Dan Hudson, P.E., City Engineer

So, CMA Engineers was selected to serve as the engineer to design this extension of the Heritage Rail Trail work to the east of Main Street. The project extends from Main Street to Denton Street near the Henry Hanger Building. They're working through the final design of the project, almost complete. We're in the process of trying to secure right-of-way agreements, temporary/permanent easements to complete the work. This amendment will allow them to basically wrap up the design and get us out to bid with it. Once we have all those right-of-way agreements in place. I'd be happy to address any questions.

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Lemen.

Commissioner, June Lemen

Where's Denton Street?

Mr. Hudson

It's at the eastern end. It may be across the street from this, I don't know if this was great description.

Mayor Donchess

Do you know here Bob's Pizza is?

Commissioner Lemen

Yeah.

Mayor Donchess

I think it's the side of Bob's Pizza.

Commissioner Lemen

Oh.

Mr. Hudson

The end of the trail basically pops out between the Henry Hanger Building and the railroad tracks. That's kind of where it ends.

Commissioner Lemen

Oh.

Mr. Hudson

So, it's in that vicinity.

Commissioner Lemen

Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Hudson

You're welcome.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

E. Informational: Street Opening Permits issued for Streets in Moratorium.

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Item E is an informational item only Street Opening Permits Issued. Alderman Dowd.

Richard A. Dowd, Board of Aldermen

I just have a couple of questions before the engineer departs, but not on this.

Mayor Donchess

Well, go ahead though.

Alderman Dowd

I noticed that our illustrious barriers have been moved on Tinker Road and the signs. When are they going to start putting the guardrail in?

Mr. Hudson

I don't have an exact date, but very soon. We worked out a few final details with the guardrail company, so those should be going out soon.

Alderman Dowd

Because before I start getting a million questions from people.

Mr. Hudson

Yeah, we've had a couple from direct abutters, and we tried to--I don't have a specific date, but we know what's going to be put out. We had to tweak the layout a little bit. We're all in agreement now on what needs to be done. Just a matter of getting the guardrail company back in and scheduling it. They do have a completion date at the end of next month, but hopefully, it won't take that long. Hopefully, they'll be out in the next couple of weeks or so.

Alderman Dowd

And the new signs are great.

Mr. Hudson

Yeah, the blinking curve warning signs

Alderman Dowd

Critical corner. There was an accident at the end of Kessler Farm Drive and Somerset, and there's a steel pole; it's usually it's the type of pole where informational signs are put on. Is Somerset Parkway a City road or is that a State road?

Mr. Hudson

You put me on the spot here. I think portions of it may be City and portions maybe State. I'd have to review exactly where this was, but you said right at the end of Kessler Farm.

Alderman Dowd

The reason, yeah, Kessler Farm Drive. The reason is that there must have been some sign on that pole, which is gone.

Mr. Hudson

Okay.

Alderman Dowd

Nobody knows what kind of a sign it was, but the pole was bent over, and the condo association wants to pull it out and get rid of it. I told them I'd ask here whether we knew what sign was on it. They called the information line to DPW, and they were basically told hey that's a state road; it's none of our business.

Mr. Hudson

Let me--

Alderman Dowd

--or it was on personal property--

Mr. Hudson

Yeah, either one of those may be true, but we'll get back to you on that. I'll have to look into it and get back to you.

Alderman Dowd

Yeah, just let me know if they can pull it because they'll pull it.

Mr. Hudson

Yeah, sure.

Alderman Dowd

Or if you want to save the pole. Okay, that's it.

Mr. Hudson

Thank you.

IX. ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

A. Informational: Director's Report

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Now, we have the Director's Report.

Lisa Fauteux, Director, Division of Public Works

This is—the first picture is a crosswalk being installed on South Main Street. This is part of Rivier University's work for their new dorm project.

This is a picture of the Riverfront Park north side on Front Street. This shows the finished landscaping and the added bollards. It looks really great.

We are almost done with--this is a catch basin structure that had to be--instead of repaired, we had to install a new one because there was such extensive damage from the water main break.

This is our Disc Golf Park. Very excited. All of the t-pads and the baskets are in; we're just trying to get and Engineer Hudson will hopefully give us all the coordinates soon from the surveyor, and then we're going to get those over to our designer, and we'll get the signs in, and we'll be looking probably at a ribbon cutting in September, early September. Very excited. There are a number of people that are already playing it, but it looks really great.

Vice-Chairman, Matthew Gregg

Is there any event planned for it because I remember there was talk about--

Commissioner, Manny Espitia

-- (unintelligible)

Commissioner Gregg

--it was going to be an actual official disc golf professional play, so did they schedule anything?

Ms. Fauteux

Not yet.

Commissioner Gregg

Not yet.

Ms. Fauteux

It will probably--it will be six months to a year before any professional event is scheduled.

Commissioner Gregg

Okay.

Ms. Fauteux

The designer wants to see it played a number of times. They have this whole app that tracks how many people play it and everything, and disc golfers all have this app on their phone, so it's pretty interesting. Yeah, you'd be surprised how many times it has already been played, and it's not even open. It's like the skate park, we couldn't stop people from skating once it was done. It's exciting to see, and if you haven't been down there to walk through it's really, it's very beautiful.

We are out striping crosswalks citywide. This is a picture of Prospect and Dearborn in an area near the hospital.

These are solar-powered curve signs that were installed on Tinker Road in the area of--

Commissioner, June Lemen

--surprise to me the first time I went around because I was picking Lucy up at NCC and I was whoa, that's new.

Ms. Fauteux

Hopefully, they're helpful.

Commissioner Lemen

Oh, very.

Ms. Fauteux

The sign maintenance crews painted the lines at the Mines Falls boat ramp in the parking lot near the gatehouse.

This is our Fleet Department on the left, Fleet personnel are preparing for a motor rebuild, and on the right, transmission replacement on a pickup.

The Parks Department is dealing with a lot of vandalism of electric dirt bikes right now. This is a problem citywide, something that we've talked to PD about, and hopefully, I think that they've arrested a couple of them or at least detained a couple of them. Hopefully, we'll curb some of that.

We're scheduling our yearly GMAX test for Stella Stadium, along with field grooming services that were done this month.

Richard A. Dowd, Board of Alderman

If I could just add that the project is almost complete. The new sidewalks have been put in.

Ms. Fauteux

Yup.

Alderman Dowd

There's a new storage house for the equipment that was put in, and the leaking has been repaired. I think we're just about done.

Ms. Fauteux

This is Abbott Square. The Parks Department renovated this in the Fall of 2024, and it's really looking nice.

This is just a picture of some tree work. The Parks Department has been doing a lot of tree work. On the left, a tree on Conant Road came down on July 8th, and then on the right, a tree off Dublin Ave. on July 19th.

Fairytale Festival. We always have a great turnout for this event. We had about a thousand little princes and princesses. We had Lindsey and her Puppet Pals, prince and princess games, bubbles, giveaways, and nearly 30 vendors. Again, it was a very successful day, and the weather held out for us, and that's always a plus.

Our first few weeks of summer camps have been completed and very successful. We currently have over 1,500 kids signed up for camps this summer, and more registrations coming in daily.

We have been having a Play in the Park, and we go around to different parks and have all sorts of fun games, crafts, and snacks. We've had around 20 to 25 kids when we do this. The latest was at Levine Park. We'll be moving to different places, including Crown Hill pool and North Common.

The next Household Hazardous Waste collection will be held in Pelham on August 8th from 8:00 to 12:00.

I also did want to mention Phase IV of the Four Hills Landfill, we do have permission from the State to start filling. It's been about 7 years that we've been working on this, so it's very exciting. If any of you are interested in seeing it, it's pretty neat to see it before any trash is put in it. We'd be happy to give you a tour. I was actually giving a tour to Alderman, thank you. I have such a hard time with--Alderman Ravan. He was very impressed, and I told him he'd probably have bragging rights because you're probably the only Alderman that has seen this. But if anybody is interested in seeing it, it is pretty interesting to see just the sand and everything before any trash goes in it; the cell happy to give a tour.

Commissioner Gregg

Just based on this, I know that we've used Streets in the past.

Ms. Fauteux

Yes.

Commissioner Gregg

For hazardous waste. Crown Street in Nashua. I don't even--where's 25 Crown Street in Nashua?

Ms. Fauteux

That's the Park 'n Ride.

Commissioner Espitia

Park 'n Ride.

Commissioner Gregg

Oh, that's the Park 'n Ride. I see, okay, so that's where we do hazardous waste collection, and then where does it go after that?

Ms. Fauteux

It's collected. It goes to a number of different places, but we have Viola who does the household hazardous waste collection for us, and they dispose of the materials.

Commissioner Gregg

Okay, okay, so we're not using Streets anymore necessarily to do—

Ms. Fauteux

--were not doing, no, that's right.

Commissioner Gregg

Good, okay. I was going to ask if there was a different plan in place if we were to get the garage, but it doesn't seem like we're, okay.

Ms. Fauteux

We really haven't discussed that. There's a possibility. It's sort of intrusive because we really have to do a lot of clearing out of equipment, and so, it's worked pretty well actually at Crown Street.

Commissioner Gregg

I'm actually glad that it's not inside the Street Department because people work there, and gathering hazardous waste doesn't seem like it's compatible.

Ms. Fauteux

Right, right.

Alderman Dowd

It's right near the Dr. Crisp school.

Commissioner Gregg

Is that what we did?

Commissioner Lemen

Where Crown is.

Commissioner Gregg

Oh, it's near Dr. Crisp.

Commissioner Espitia

It's not that close.

Commissioner Lemen

It's not next door.

Alderman Dowd

It's not next door.

Commissioner Espitia

It's like, probably four blocks away.

Commissioner Gregg

But this is where Makelt Labs is right?

Commissioner Espitia

Yeah.

Alderman Dowd

Yeah, Makelt Labs.

Commissioner Gregg

Okay. Yeah, I mean that's far enough. It's not in the building, right?

Alderman Dowd

--for future train station.

Commissioner Espitia

Hugh? Train station?

Commissioner Gregg

The train station. That's going back. Sorry, thank you.

Mayor Donchess

Alright, thank you, Director Fauteux.

X. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Commissioners' Comments. I would just like to say that former Assistant Director Andy Patrician has passed away this morning, I guess, and he worked for the City for a long, long time.

Ms. Fauteux

Thirty-eight years.
Mayor Donchess

How many?

Ms. Fauteux

38.

Mayor Donchess

Thirty-eight years. He retired recently, and it's just--he was very well liked and did a great job for the City. It's really sad that he would pass away at such a young age. Shortly after he decided to retire. We're going to send flowers and the like to his—once the arrangements are made, and we'll let you know about what those arrangements are. Commissioner Gregg.

Vice-Chairman, Gregg

I would also like if possible, to, with his contributions and being very longstanding, I'm wondering if there is some way that we can potentially just honor his legacy in some way. Something that we might be able to get creative on and think through. I think it would be very appropriate in this case because he dedicated a lot of time. I know when I first came in, and I was very green, and I didn't know a lot of things, he was extremely helpful in getting me up to speed because he just knew so much and did so much for the City. I would love it if we could potentially do something there.

Mayor Donchess

Agreed.

Ms. Fauteux

Thank you.

Commissioner Lumen

You know if you have some ideas about things he liked about Nashua or a place that typically went. That would be helpful.

Ms. Fauteux

Yeah, I'll give that some thought. I think I'm still sort of in shock.

Mayor Donchess

Alright, any other questions, comments? Commissioner Espitia.

Commissioner Espitia

I wanted to say first of all, excited about the news about both just Morin Park and Los Amigos Park again. I really appreciate the hard work you all put into that. Thank you to the Parks and Recreation Department for their hard work on the Fourth of July, I think it was wonderful. We took our son, and we had a blast; the fireworks were incredible. Thank you to our Parks and Rec Department, and just Public Works as a whole. As we start getting these little bits of flash flooding with these rains just hoping that we can keep up with our sewerage, but I know that you guys are always up to the task, and I just appreciate the hard work that you guys are putting in.

Ms. Fauteux

Thank you.

Commissioner Lemen

I'm just enjoying the flowers. Please give Bryan my compliments because they change all the time. They're not static from season to season. I haven't done anything at my house, so don't judge my quality as a gardener by driving by there. I'm truly impressed. There's a lot of color, and there's a lot of just variety and type of flowers, so that there's something nice to look at all along Main Street. I'm really excited about we should have Engineer Hudson cover his ears, but when we finally do West Pearl Street, I'm looking forward to seeing what he's going to do after the lighting and everything, what Bryan is going to do with the flowers, because there's going to be a really good opportunity there. The City is looking very handsome.

Ms. Fauteux

Thank you.

Mayor Donchess

Alderman Dowd.

Alderman Dowd

One of the pet peeves is, you know how many poles we have in Nashua, Eversource poles that have been replaced, and the other wires are hanging off half a pole or a 2x4 or whatever. The one on East Hollis Street has been there, I think, years at this point! I had talked to legal about perhaps fining Eversource if they don't move stuff onto their poles or the companies that aren't moving their stuff on the other poles. I'd like to see what we can do to get that fixed because not only does it look crazy, but to me it's hazardous. There are several of them around the city, and they haven't been fixed in forever.

Mayor Donchess

Anyone else? Comments? Alright, we'll go to Personnel.

XI. PERSONNEL

A. Motion: To Approve And Unseal The Non-Public Minutes For Personnel From The Board Of Public Works Meeting JUNE 25, 2026.

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Item A, Commissioner Gregg. You have to go to the--

Lisa Fauteux, Clerk

--there's no personnel--

Commissioner Gregg

I didn't see personnel for public.

Mayor Donchess

(Unintelligible).

XII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION

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

Chairman, James Donchess

Alright, so Commissioner Gregg, do you have a motion to go into non-public session?

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:

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

MOTION CARRIED. Unanimously.

The Board entered into a Non-Public Session at 4:46 p.m. and reconvened at 4:50 p.m.

B. To Move By Roll Call To Seal The Minutes Of Board Of Public Works Personnel Non-Public Meeting Of July 30, 2026, Until Such Time As The Majority Of The Board Votes That The Purpose Of The Confidentiality Would No Longer Be Served.

Chairman, James Donchess

Okay, we're back in public session of the meeting of the Board of Public Works. The business seems to be concluded, so I will--oh, okay, sorry, we have to seal the minutes. I'm sorry. Commissioner Gregg.

Motion by Commissioner Gregg: To Move By Roll Call To Seal The Minutes Of Board Of Public Works Personnel Non-Public Meeting Of July 30, 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:

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

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman, James Donchess

Commissioner Gregg.

Motion by Commissioner Gregg: To Adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

The meeting of the Board of Public Works of July 30, 2026, adjourned at 4:50 p.m.