

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
AUGUST 27, 2026
MEETING MINUTES**

A meeting of the Board of Public Works was held on August 27, 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.

Vice-Chairman, Matthew Gregg, declared the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and called the roll.

I. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Vice-Chairman, Matthew Gregg
Commissioner, June Lemen
Commissioner, Paul Shea

Members Absent:

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor
Commissioner, Manny Espitia

Also Present:

Michael B. O'Brien, Sr., Aldermanic Liaison
Alderman, Richard A. Dowd, Board of Aldermen
Lisa Fauteux, Director, Division of Public Works
Frank Ayotte, P.E., Hazen and Sawyer
Olivia August, Hazen and Sawyer
Noel Osbourne, Plant Operations Supervisor, Wastewater Department
Bryan Conant, Superintendent, Parks and Recreation
Jeff Lafleur, Superintendent, Solid Waste
Dan Hudson, P.E., City Engineer
Claire Edwards, Executive Assistant, Division of Public Works

II. MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED

Vice-Chairman, Matthew Gregg

First item is the Motion to Approve the Agenda. Commissioner Shea.

Motion by Commissioner Shea: To Approve The Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

**III. MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PUBIC WORKS
MEETING OF JULY 30, 2026.**

Vice-Chairman, Matthew Gregg

Item Three. Commissioner Lemen.

Motion by Commissioner Lemen: To Approve The Minutes Of The Board Of Public Works Meeting Of July 30, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice-Chairman, Matthew Gregg

Alright, is there anybody from the public that would like to make comments? Okay, there are no comments. We will move on to our presentation for the Wastewater Rate Model.

V. PRESENTATION: WASTEWATER RATE MODEL

Lisa Fauteux, Director, Division of Public Works

Thank you. This evening, we have Frank Ayotte and Olivia August from Hazen and Sawyer, and they're going to give us some information and some updates on our Wastewater Rate Model. Also, Noel Osbourne, our Plant Operations Supervisor, is here also, and she will be presenting as well.

Vice-Chairman, Matthew Gregg

Okay.

Ms. Fauteux

I will now turn it over to Frank.

Frank Ayotte, P.E., Hazen and Sawyer

Alright. Sounds good. I see a lot of familiar faces. I'm with Hazen and Sawyer. My name is Frank Ayotte, and with me is Olivia August, and she's with our financial services group. This is about the fifth year we've constructed a Wastewater Rate Model for the City and have been updating it accordingly based on revenues. You've got service, operating expenses, and your future CIP projects, with the goal of keeping a robust fund balance to account for, I believe it's three months of operating 25% of capital projects, and--

Olivia August, Hazen and Sawyer

--one year of debt service--

Mr. Ayotte

--and one year of debt service payments. That's an industry standard. Today's presentation, I'm going to have Olivia present that based on where the numbers are today and what the recommended increases are for the next few years. Then we can answer any questions. Also, want to keep this interactive. If you have any questions during the presentation, we can address them as we go along. Okay? Olivia.

Ms. August

Great. Thank you all very much. Today's agenda. I'll go over a little bit what a rate model, what the purpose is, the function it's serving. As Frank mentioned, there's a lot of data that went

into this for the projections and defining the need for a rate increase and how much. I'll go over those. Noel will be talking about the projected capital projects that impact the expenses moving forward, and then we'll wrap it up with proposed rate increases for the next three years. Specifically, your 2027 through 2029.

Okay, a little bit of background. A financial model is used to inform equitable, fiscally responsible, and defensible rates, and it's built using your historical usage data. I believe we have three years of usage information that's helping inform, kind of usage patterns, customer accounts and billing data, as well as the financial information, which I'll go over on a following slide from our data request, and also the planned capital improvements that Noel will speak to. Along with those are debt and future loan payments, making sure there is a balance to cover those as well.

The model is based on an Excel spreadsheet, but also utilizes Power BI for visualization and background data modeling, and it's a living document. As Frank said, every year we've updated it with the new information that's received and make sure it reflects the best available data.

Starting with data sources. First is usage data from fiscal year 2025. This is going to be the most recent data on user account usage. We have that included along with actuals from your fiscal year 2025 revenues and expenses. Using those to project forward. The ordinance and sewer rate increases from calendar year 2024 through calendar January 2026 of this year, making sure we reflect that as well. The capital, five-year capital outlay 2025 through 2030, we have, and we'll talk about some of those projects in more detail. And the latest debt service schedule, as well as planned loans and the debt service payments that would be required to cover those loans, as well as the fund balance requirements that Frank just went through for 25% of your capital expenses, a year of debt service, and three months of operating revenue/operating expenses.

Right here, you're looking at projected expenses; we've obviously in 2026, so it's historical through the next few years, and you can see as more projects are needed, inflation, and other factors, an increase in projected expenses over the next few years, totaling nearly \$30M in needed expenses by 2030. This is a large portion of what we look at when planning rate increases. What are we projected to need in terms of expenditures, and making sure that can be covered. These expenses include annual operating, which you'll see that's a very small increase each year, usually aligned with inflation, and then the other factors are the cash fund and capital projects, and then loans, which also cover large capital projects, and you can see those are planned to increase over the years as these projects begin to move into design and construction. And, I will hand it to Noel to talk a little bit more about these projects.

Noel Osbourne, City of Nashua, Plant Operations Supervisor

Great. Thank you. The first product that we have up there is the Phase I upgrades. This is what I affectionately call the "everything but the kitchen sink upgrades. It touches a lot of different areas of the plant that date back to the 70s or the 80s, depending on the areas. It's taking a lot of really large valves, flow meters, gates, and different items that need to be replaced. A lot of the cost comes in to bypassing different treatment aspects while that work is happening.

The next one is the Wastewater Maintenance Facility. The current maintenance facility is really on prime real estate at the facility where we need that space for future upgrades and growth. It also dates back to the 70s, and the new facility should have some equipment for our guys to

make the necessary repairs to protect the assets of the City. It will also have additional space for parts storage, giving us the opportunity to really do some great asset management, and then they'll be some space for locker rooms and things like that for the crew. We'll also have a little bit of vehicle storage on-site there as well, just again, to protect those big assets like the combination sewer trucks.

The sludge storage tank upgrade is really just recoating concrete and updating the mixing system. The Consent Decree Operational Expenditures: this dates back to the consent decree that came in the 90s, and it circles around the CSO discharges and the different projects that we've done to mitigate those issues. The post-construction monitoring plan is still in limbo with the EPA. We have the long-term control plan. All of the final implementations are in that expenditure cost.

Inflow and Infiltration. We are continuously looking for these locations where water is coming in our sewer system where it shouldn't be whether I know we discovered a brook that was coming in. It comes in cracks and pipes, and that's a lot of things that come in that are clean water that cost money to run through the treatment plant. We're always looking for that to get rid of that extra flow.

Annual Stormwater Abatement. This is the MS4 permit. This is citywide. It's looking for managing the stormwater, making sure we take into account green infrastructure, rain gardens, things of that nature. Porous concrete and the different drainage. So, that's that one.

The Merrimack River Levee. The City has that levee at the low-lying area of Nashua that protects us from flooding. The Army Corps of Engineers comes by annually and inspects it, and we are responsible for any deficiencies that they note. Whether it's animal holes or trees growing too close to the levee or things of that nature, we're on the hook to pay for that, so that money is allocated for that.

CSO Flooding. We continue to look at sewer separation in appropriate areas. We continue to look at those areas that have a lot of CSO discharges, and that's that one.

I apologize. Class A Biosolids. Class A Biosolids is a big project where we're trying to take the biosolids that the wastewater facility processes. We currently have a Class B product. The Class A would take it to a drier product. I will say that this one is temporarily paused, and you will see on your agenda a motion for an evaluation. We're seeing the costs really increase substantially, and we want to be as fiscally responsible as we can to the ratepayers, so we paused it, and we're looking at a couple of different options, and I'll talk about that a little bit more during that motion. If we go to the next slide.

You can see some of the costs that are associated with the projects that I talked about. The secondary clarifier upgrade is the only one I didn't mention. These are large. We have three on-site. 1.5 M gallons capacity each. They're always full of water. You're seeing a degradation of concrete. You're seeing the structures. It's got internal steel structures. You're seeing that degrade. Those need to be taken down and upgraded to protect those as assets. Alright.

Ms. August

Thank you. Before we go into some recommendations for rate increases, I wanted to give kind of a market update that's relevant to the industry. The three lines you're looking at here: the brown is our Consumer Price Index, so that co-monitors national inflation rates, and then you

see an orange and pink Capital Expenses broken out, and then Operations and Maintenance Expenses. You can see, especially in the last five years, so that inflation around 2020 how those drastically differ from how the CPI has been. It's supply chain issues, increases to labor rates, as well as the post-2020 boom in construction has made it so that the CPI over those five years averaged annually to increase around 4.4, while O&M, Operational Maintenance expenses have increased by 6.1% a year, and Capital Expenses have increased by 8% each year. Thinking about we're seeing similar impacts when looking at the projected expenses for Nashua as well.

Looking back, the last two years there's been a 10% increase effective January 1 of each of 2025 and then this past year as well. Looking at the projected expenses, the proposed rate increase for the next three years would be lower at about a 7% annual increase each year to be able to have the projected coverage of expenses that are moving forward, as well the fund balance goal requirements as well. Those would be 7% on January 1, 2027, 2028, and 2029 as well.

When looking at some of these rate increases we're looking at benchmarking with neighboring utilities to see how Nashua's rates compare. Looking at Nashua, that is in the red, and we have other utilities and neighbors from Derry, Concord, Manchester, Keene, and Portsmouth. You can see Nashua is right in the middle there--this is looking at an average customer's monthly bill. We assume around 5 CCF of usage per month, and a 5/8 inch meter, which is your typical single-family residential. You can see that Nashua's rates currently less than half of Portsmouth's and less than Keene and Manchester as well. I also wanted to note that Manchester has approved a 19% annual increase for four years, 2025 through 2028, which means by 2028 their bill will be projected at \$65.34, where with the increases we're proposing today, Nashua's would be only \$49.40 comparatively. This is a snapshot of today's rates, but Manchester we know moving forward where they're projected to be, so comparing that.

Something we always consider when creating rate increase recommendations is making sure that affordability is considered, and that's a USEPA standard to make sure that the cost of water or wastewater utilities and expenses is below 2% of the median household income. With these increases, we made sure that we're well below that 2% threshold for the median household income. And, we also looked at the lowest quintile to be even more conservative, making sure that not only your median household is not overburdened by these prices, but also the lower quintile, lower-income portion of the community.

Discussion:

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

Just a question on that. Is that the totality or is that just specific to this project? I don't know if I asked the question correctly, but as an Alderman looking at the jump in tax base is that increase basically separate? You know, then we're going to have to figure out in the future, looking at it.

Ms. August

Sorry. Was your question is this rate increase separate from a tax increase? Is that? Do I understand correctly?

Mr. O'Brien

Right. We're going to have a tax increase, basically. Let me just try, and I can explain.

Ms. August

Sorry.

Mr. O'Brien

We're going to have tax increases; that's normal. The price of inflation and everything the common sense to all of that, but is this so much of the new project that it's going to, you know, that percentile is going to affect more of it. You know? Help me out, Rick, if you know what I mean.

Richard A. Dowd, Board of Aldermen

Yeah. More, more direct question. Is the increase for 2026 in the current DPW budget we passed? And, see because you have increases starting in January. Our--

Mr. O'Brien

--budget--

Mr. Dowd

--starts in July, so if you're going to cause an increase anytime between July and July, that has to be in the projected budget or it's not going to go anywhere.

Ms. August

I, I'm not. I don't understand what--

Mr. Dowd

--well--

Ms. Fauteux

It's going to be--

Mr. Dowd

If you're projecting an increase to this year's budget it's not going to happen. It would have had to be in your budget for this year.

Ms. Fauteux

I believe this was captured in our budget, yes.

Mr. Dowd

Okay.

Ms. Fauteux

Yup.

Mr. Dowd

Because that's--

Ms. Fauteux

Yes.

Mr. Dowd

--the prime question.

Mr. O'Brien

Can you help me on my question? I don't know. Well, go--just--we'll figure this out.

Ms. August

Sounds good. This would be the fund balance goal that Frank mentioned earlier. The three components to make sure that you have an overall fund balance that can cover—think of it as your rainy day fund. The kind of standard metrics are making sure you have enough in your fund balance to cover-- sorry, I think I said three earlier-- four months of annual operating expenses, 25% of your capital, and then a full year of debt service. That means if there was another COVID or outbreak or something that drastically changed revenue or usage in the near future, there's enough in your fund balance to cover that, and there's no risk of default or anything.

Mr. Dowd

Another question. If we don't spend what's projected in this year's budget, where do those funds go into an account, and you use that to reduce the following year?

Mr. Ayotte

Well, we certainly look at it, so we always look at maintaining a certain fund balance threshold to meet these three components, okay. If you're not using all the money, okay, and then that money remains in the fund, right?

Mr. Dowd

Yeah.

Mr. Ayotte

Then we'll look at doing the same analysis of expenses, operating income, debt service it will affect any proposed future rate increases. You may find that we do a 7% increase in 2027 in January. If you did an analysis or even update next year or the year after, you may find the third year you don't need 7; you might need 6. You see what I'm saying?

Mr. Ayotte

So that's why we try not to go too far out in years on rate increases without taking, kind of, I want to say, maybe in the second year we'll look at a snapshot of where are we, did we spend everything we thought, did prices come down. I mean, right now we have a war in Iran, right, so we have gas prices very high, and fuel affects everything. Right? But if that ends and prices stabilize, say in 2028, we'll look at those operating expenses and all those metrics that we talked about earlier in the presentation, and then we can look at, well, geez, is a 7% increase needed in 2029? Maybe not. Maybe we can lower that, but right now, where we are right now, that three-year 7-7-7 is the recommendation. Does that answer the question?

Mr. Dowd

Yes. One of the reasons I ask is on September 1st we're going to have a meeting of the budget and they're going to be looking at the budget a lot differently going forward, and one of the things being considered is checking with each division either on a monthly or quarterly basis and saying what have you spent, what do you got left, and what do you intend spending it on. It's going to be a running thing during the year. None of the answers are out to the questions yet, but that's something to consider.

Ms. August

One thing we adjusted for this year was that, instead of using the projected budget for 2027 as the standard, we actually used a number below that based on previous expenditures-- a percentage of that projected budget amount. That's been 90% of the projected budget historically; we made sure we used that so we're not over-projecting the need.

Mr. Ayotte

This analysis can be done annually too. There is nothing that says we should have 7-7 and 7 that we're proposing, but on the side we could look at annually what happened last year, and is the projected 7% for 2028 and 2029 still on track? If not, maybe you can pivot at that point. There's nothing stopping us from looking at the data, I guess, on an annual basis versus maybe two years.

Mr. O'Brien

If I may.

Mr. Ayotte

Yes.

Mr. O'Brien

You do understand that would have to be done prior, well prior to July 1st in discussing the budget, so we're probably looking for that maybe in the February, March, April time frame, something like that to anticipate. Okay.

Mr. Dowd

Yeah, I think what's going to happen is if in this project you have listed projects A through Z. During the year, they're going to want to know what's the status of that project. You actually going to do it this year? If you don't, they want to defer that money off the next year's increase.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

Commissioner Shea.

Ms. Fauteux

I just want to comment just on that. Beyond project expenses, there's a certain--we're not looking at that as much as we're looking at a certain fund balance that we're trying to maintain. And we're not even quite--I think at the fund balance that is actually recommended. We're not even quite there yet. We're getting back to where we should be, but, we're really basing this not only on projects that we anticipate doing, but also maintaining that certain fund balance that is recommended. If anything catastrophic did happen, we would be able to recover.

Mr. Dowd

That's fine.

Ms. Fauteux

Yeah, so, yeah, just to—

Mr. Dowd

--based on what I'm hearing from the Aldermen, if you had ten projects and you only did five of them, how does that affect your fund balance? You're going to make that up--you can't do 15 projects the next year; you'll never catch up.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

Commissioner Shea.

Commissioner Paul Shea

Would there be some cost, additional cost incurred if we were to do annual updates of this nature, consulting process or labor costs? I just know that this catching up of the fund balance has been a long project in the making, and these numbers are very much in line with the last report that we received. I just want to make sure that we're not doing too much and we're on a good track and we've been sticking to the plan.

Ms. Fauteux

Right. I agree, Commissioner Shea. Again, this is a dynamic model; it's constantly being updated and looked at. It's not something that we put away for three years. They're constant, Hazen is constantly--this is a great tool for us to be able to make sure that we are on track and stay on track. The more that we ask them to do, obviously, you're correct there would be additional expenses.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

What I'll add to this too is that it seems like this is the deceleration year over year from a percentage rate increase because haven't we for the last three to four years been above 7%?

Ms. Fauteux

Yes, correct.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

So this looks like a deceleration on paper, but one thing I do want to call out is that by technically, if I do the math, by 2036 we're going to be spending 200% if we kept on the 7% basis year-over-year; we'll be double what we're spending now. What we'll be spending in 2026. It's something for all of us to just.

Commissioner Shea

If I may.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

Sure, yeah.

Commissioner Shea

I don't think that's the plan, right? I think once we get to that 7% for a period of two years we'll decelerate further as the balance becomes healthier.

Mr. Ayotte

Yeah, and you might find--and it all depends. This is all data-based, if you look post-COVID on how those cost increases have gone up so significantly. We're playing a little bit of catch-up, right? It's not like pre-2020 you saw those curves; they weren't steep at all, right? And then we have a pandemic, and then a lot of other things just happen, right? I think we're still in that kind of turmoil from an inflationary perspective. But you're right 7-7 and 7 we'd look at it again, and hopefully we can get inflation down; we can get to a lower increase following those years. It's not a given; it's all driven by inflation, the Consumer Price Index, and what it costs now just in salaries and everything else. It's just not like it used to be.

Ms. Fauteux

And also this is, and you didn't go over this, and I was hoping you would all of the permits. This is a very heavily regulated facility, so as regulations change, this could change as we have to add--

Mr. Ayotte

--yeah--

Ms. Fauteux

--things to the process. Just another thing to consider.

Commissioner Shea

If I may.

Commissioner Shea

I believe I recall, and correct me or otherwise even before COVID we were quite rate stable for a long period of time. Does that sound about right? And perhaps our balance is getting tighter and tighter progressively over a period of time. Though COVID has a big impact, I believe I recall that our rate was quite stable for quite some time leading into the beginnings of this discussion that we've been on for a couple of years. Does that sound about right?

Mr. Ayotte

Well, you hadn't raised. I think you raised rates; maybe I thought it was 2% over almost a time-year period or something like that. And keep in mind though, you never had a fund balance, okay.

Commissioner Shea

Yes.

Mr. Ayotte

At all.

Commissioner Shea

Yup.

Mr. Ayotte

To cover those three metrics.

Commissioner Shea

And now we have infrastructure--

Mr. Ayotte

--okay, you were kind of running kind of like an empty tank of gas, you know what I mean like, hey, we used it all when they're empty, and then revenues covered the rest of the follow year's expenses. And things weren't going up like they are today with respect to inflation and the Consumer Price Index, industry construction costs, and the like.

Commissioner Shea

And so we're getting--

Mr. Ayotte

--it's kind of a perfect storm--

Commissioner Shea

--financial operation healthy in a prudent way and it's--

Mr. Ayotte

--yeah--

Commissioner Shea

--it's good we like it.

Mr. Ayotte

Yeah.

Ms. August

Your observation was correct. I think there was a year of no increase, and then it put the fund into a poor position, and there was a year--I think it was 2024-- where there was a 15% increase needed. Then two years of 10, so this is a deceleration, and you're right, the beginning of a much more stable and consistent increase because that balance has grown over that time.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

Just to that point, then what do you see that's going to stabilize this 7% year-over-year in terms of your projections now? Now I know we would always revisit this every single year, but what do you see as the--because I'm looking at the numbers that I'm pulling from previous rate hikes, and it looks like we're around 11%-12%. So what is driving the 7% projection over the next three years? We're in a war with Iraq--oh gosh, there I am; we're in a war-- wrong, 20 years we're in a war with Iran. We're seeing expenses go up; what's driving the 7%?

Ms. August

Meaning that it's lower than you would expect?

Vice-Chairman Gregg

Absolutely.

Ms. August

We're trying to balance these requirements as well as the realistic projections of capital planning. Making sure that leveraging debt where possible so that costs aren't spiking one year-to-year. Phasing projects, and that's where we're able to hit more of a 7% increase, and once you have a healthy fund balance, your ability to dip into that as needed is there versus right now, there isn't ability to dip into a reserve without putting the financial position at risk. Hopefully, with that there's a bit more of a cushion that's being built over time by not running in the negative year-over-year.

Mr. Ayotte

And I think, as Olivia said earlier, we were using projected budgets in the past as well, and we defaulted to actuals because projected you might not use all the budget, right? When you're using the actual, what was the actual number and that also allowed us to lower the rate for the next three years at 7 versus, let's say, a 10, right?

Vice-Chairman Gregg

Got it.

Mr. Ayotte

A lot of that is just being cognizant of what things cost and not saddling the ratepayer with, "Hey, we could have easily just said, alright, we'll just use the projected budgets here on in let's just make it 10%." That's not what we're looking at, and that's not what Lisa was trying to have us do, with respect, we've got to keep the ratepayer in mind. If we can give them a break without--and lower the increase based on doing a couple of these things, why aren't we doing that, and that's what we're doing. Noel mentioned the biosolids project, right? That project was coming in at around \$20M, right? Very expensive. Now, look at an evaluation: what might we be able to do differently than go to Class A biosolids, right? Let's evaluate that because if we can take those solids dry them out, and put them at the landfill at a cheaper price or cost, that \$20M number won't be \$20M. Right? And that is a large project that affects the entire dynamics of this fund and the increases.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

So, all of the different ways that you were approaching some of these capital projects are taken into consideration in this.

Mr. Ayotte

Yeah.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

As part of the entire--

Mr. Ayotte

--that's what makes it dynamic. The CIP is built into the model, okay, so it's all built in on what year, which projects are hitting, the debt service, the operating expenses, and it's all built into the model so you can dynamically play with the rate and see how it affects the fund balance.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

Great, sounds good.

Ms. August

And the reduction from 15% to 10% doesn't reflect a reduction of costs, of course. But it was-- that need for 15% and 10% was because of a year of no increase. Where essentially if you had spaced that out, I think it would have averaged to around an 8% increase over the last four years instead; that's where we're coming down from. We're kind of made up that gap, I guess.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

Commissioner Shea.

Commissioner Shea

When you mentioned the prospect of--prospect of analysis, I'm thinking of the methane capture that we do and how that might impact what comes there and what is captured there. Is there some intercept that could be done with a breakdown or what are we doing now in terms of digesters and methane captures, is that a thing? Like the giant--

Mr. Ayotte

--the digester--

Commissioner Shea

Yeah, the giant bag inflatable thing.

Mr. Ayotte

Oh, yeah. Yeah.

Commissioner Shea

That technology, and then we take the methane out--

Mr. Ayotte

Yup--

Commissioner Shea

--and sell it or produce energy with it. And I forget to what extent we do that, and I'm just wondering if that might be an area for evaluation as we look at what to do with biosolids.

Mr. Ayotte

I think you're using methane gas right now for driving the generators, right? Or --

Ms. Osbourne

Yes. At the wastewater facility, the digester that we have on-site, we do capture that gas, and we have energy recovery generators, and we do produce electric that we utilize internally. As far as the landfill, I'm not sure what the methane is doing there.

Commissioner Shea

That's probably separate.

Ms. Osbourne

Okay.

Commissioner Shea

That's not really moot. My thought is that versus sending it to the landfill and having a conflict scenario where it's intermingled with other materials.

Commissioner Shea

There may be an opportunity for us to expand digestion with the biosolids? And capture it towards, and I know at the state level there's other stuff to solve in terms of community power capacity and what needs to be done there to enhance Nashua and other communities. Abilities to generate their own power. My thought is just that. We put it with household trash it's a complex set of materials there versus an expansion of digestion facilities that may present an opportunity that allows for more efficient capture of value. And as you look at the solution for biosolids, that might be, I suspect, a potentially advantageous area to also evaluate.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

Well, thank you very much. Appreciate this. This was great.

Ms. August

Oh, I think we have just a couple--yup, just a--we've covered the big ones. Oh please--

Vice-Chairman Gregg

--no, no, go ahead. Go ahead.

Ms. August

As you can see here, what we show in the navy blue or top bar is revenue, and the bottom is negative or expenses. That yellow is tracking net revenue. As you can see here, we are not-- we are trying to build a fund balance responsibly. We're not having millions of dollars left over each year that contribute to a fund balance. We're trying to really maintain a neutral fund balance. We're not dipping in, but we're slowly building--responsibly building our fund balance without overestimating need and burdening the ratepayer as well. We're maintaining neutral or positive net revenue through 2030, staying kind of below that \$1M a year, and if there is a project that gets moved or is less expensive, that would reflect in that cash balance, but right now we're staying conservative there. Oh, I think that was it. Sorry, I thought I had one more. Appreciate all of your time, and please, let me know, and Frank, if you have any questions.

Mr. O'Brien

One thing I didn't hear you mention is involving futuristic projects. One thing I love about the City the right hand doesn't know what the left hand is doing sometimes, but there is that potential development. I'll just mention a potential neighborhood. Commercial Street, and from what I understand, that's part, maybe of the combination storm sewer district. It may or may not; I have to look at that. Our expert in the room, but if it is--if this is a large complex, this is going to put a tax on that combination type of system. This doesn't really cover that. Correct?

Mr. Ayotte

No, it does not.

Mr. O'Brien

So, we're going to have to look. Maybe if we do a little diligence and talking to the contractor some increase perhaps responsibility.

Mr. Ayotte

But you know, at some point if you want to add that project or make it into a project in the CIP and plug that in, then it can become part of the overall scenario that the rate model takes into account.

Mr. O'Brien

Right.

Ms. August

One thing to consider with development projects is whether that will be something that is a burden shared with the ratepayer or if the developer would be paying for an increase to the system capacity as part of the agreement for service.

Mr. O'Brien

And one more kind of follow-up to it through you to the Chair, the Director, excuse me, where do you think this is going to go? What committee do you think this is? Infrastructure, or do you think it might be to finance?

Ms. Fauteux

For the increase in the sewer?

Mr. O'Brien

Yeah.

Ms. Fauteux

I think it's going to Budget.

Mr. O'Brien

Going to the Budget.

Ms. Fauteux

I think.

Mr. O'Brien

That's him. Okay.

Ms. Fauteux

Yes. I think so because, yeah, I believe so.

Mr. O'Brien

I think, I'm not--

Ms. Fauteux

--but no it's also--let me correct that--it's also going to Personnel Administrative Affairs.

Mr. O'Brien

They're in charge of sewers?

Ms. Fauteux

You know what, I originally thought it would go to Infrastructure, but I think all rate increases go to Personnel Administrative Affairs.

Mr. O'Brien

Yeah, they kind of do--

Ms. Fauteux

--know that more than I do, but--

Mr. O'Brien

--but they understand sewers, I think.

Ms. Fauteux

Yeah, I--it would make sense for Infrastructure.

Mr. O'Brien

Oh yeah, right on time.

Ms. Fauteux

But I'm assuming it's going to go to Budget at some point because—

Mr. O'Brien

--but to that vein I'm not going to speak for my Chair, I'm only his Clerk. I think we would love to have these people if they can come in and to explain this at a budget meeting.

Ms. Fauteux

They're coming to Personnel and Administrative Affairs.

Mr. Dowd

So I think as long as they get a hard copy, if questions come up we can--

Mr. O'Brien

--yeah--

Mr. Dowd

--we can address them ahead--

Mr. O'Brien

--yup—

Mr. Dowd

I don't think they want to give the presentation three times.

Mr. O'Brien

No, I'd hate to do it to you folks. You're a great bunch, but you don't know our Board. I'll leave it at that.

Ms. Fauteux

But, Alderman O'Brien, you and Alderman Dowd will advocate so strongly for us, right?

Mr. O'Brien

You know that's true--

Mr. Dowd

-- explain it.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

--public record.

Mr. O'Brien

Well, if you want it to go away you got to pay.

Mr. Dowd

I think the rate increase that we're talking about gets reflected each year in the DPW budget. It's not something separate like the next item we're going to talk about.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

Great. Thank you. Nothing else?

Ms. August

No, sorry.

Ms. Fauteux

Thank you very much.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

Terrific, appreciate it. Appreciate your time, and thanks for your diligence.

Mr. Ayotte

And you have the presentation on the stick drive in there so you can have it.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT REOPENING

Vice-Chairman, Matthew Gregg

Would it make sense to back (unintelligible). Excuse me, folks. Did you have anything that you had to address?

James Weston, City of Nashua Resident

I'm sorry.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

Coming in, did you have anything you needed to address?

Mr. Dowd

Public Comment.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

For Public Comment?

Mr. Weston

On this project, necessarily, no.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

No, in general.

Mr. Dowd

Anything.

Mr. Weston

In general. Yes.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

Okay. So, is there any objection to go back to--so we're going to go back to Item 4 and open up Public Comment again, so if you want to come and have a seat at the table right next to the microphone and just state your name and where you're from.

Mr. Dowd

Name and City is the new.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

Name and city is the new one.

Mr. Weston

Name and city, okay. James Weston. I just moved here five minutes away from here in Nashua.

Amanda Weston, City of Nashua Resident

I'm Amanda, and I just moved here with him. Yeah, we live at 6 Edmatteric Drive. So, we are the folks that are having issues with--

Mr. Weston

--stormwater, yeah, flooding. That's the reason why we came. First of all, it's the first--literally the first time that I had the opportunity to live in a space environment like this. We wanted to see what is it about, what are you guys talking about, and if like, I can see it's open to the public, share our thoughts. I know we do share with our fellow neighbors the same concerns that, apparently, lingering over the past, I want to say, 15 to 20 years have not been addressed, so just thought it's the space that I can share and know what your thoughts are, and what we can do to address those concerns. Do you want me to—

Vice-Chairman Gregg

Yeah, please elaborate on the issues just so that we have them in—

Mr. Weston

--perfect. Yeah, I appreciate it. Literally, we moved there a year ago at Edmatteric Drive with Dunstable, and there is a creek behind the house. When we bought the house, the house is not deemed in a flood zone. The flood zone is a little bit outside of the skirts of our land. Both us, neighbors across, neighbors before, and neighbors after did have last month a flood alert. We did suffer a little bit with that flood. That being said, talking to neighbors, talking to previous owner of the house that was something that they were never concerned about, but did happen three years ago: same scenario, same situation where they had all of a sudden a flood where the small creek became unmanageable. From hearing from all the neighbors, the problem is down the road where you have passages. First, passages under my street. The passages if I'm not mistaken a 36-inch pipe, apparently enough. Down the road, there is a second passage that according to neighbors as well, is only 18 inches wide, and that's the bottleneck that's unfortunately giving us all the hard time with the water backing up. And apparently, the issue from what they shared is that passage is under a driveway. So, city and state cannot do anything. The landlord apparently doesn't want to cooperate either. We are now really concerned that something that was rare might become more common, where we may have flood issues, and it's literally getting to our basement, and that did happen in the past with the previous neighbor where they lost everything in the basement. So, we're just concerned and

trying to understand what can be done, if anything in order to have studies done and engineered and looked at to see, okay, well if there is a lot of rain coming now and there is literally it's obvious, it is there you can see when it does flood all the water is stops there and does not go because there is not enough space for that, there's not enough through put for that water to keep going. So, we're just trying to see what can be done.

Vice-Chairman, Gregg

Okay. Well, thank you for your comments.

Mr. Weston

Yeah.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

We typically, just for the purpose of format we don't typically solution in these meetings.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

We've heard you, and we will have somebody potentially follow up.

Lisa Fauteux, Director, Division of Public Works

Right, I was just going to ask you, our City Engineer sitting right there.

Ms. Fauteux

Would you give him your contact information?

Mr. Weston

Yeah.

Ms. Fauteux

Your address and—

Mr. Weston

--yeah--

Ms. Fauteux

--and we'll look into help--

Mr. Weston

--yeah, I appreciate the opportunity. That's literally why I came. I had no idea what to do.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

Okay, great. Thank you. Awesome, and no other public comment? Alright, we will go to Item 6, the Board of Aldermen Referral.

VII. BOARD OF ALDERMEN REFERRAL

A. Ordinance O-26-23, Increasing Sewer User Fees Rates and Charges.

Discussion:

Vice-Chairman, Matthew Gregg

What is that?

Richard A. Dowd, Board of Aldermen

It's the sewer user fees.

Lisa Fauteux, Director, Division of Public Works

Yeah. It's increasing the sewer user rates.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

Oh, it's increasing, okay, so it's Item A. Okay, yup, so Item A, Commissioner Shea.

Motion by Commissioner Shea: To Approve The Increase In The Sewer User Fees Rates and Charges As Presented in the Meeting Packet.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Mr. Dowd

We have a little concern that we are--those bills go according to this, is going to be an increase starting in January. And those fees are collected separately.

Ms. Fauteux

Correct.

Mr. Dowd

So, it wasn't--it's nothing that was reflected in the budget. I know that, particularly, Nashua has a significant number of condo associations, and this increase is pretty steep for them. Especially, like **Brylin**, almost 500 units, which means they're like several hundred meters, and that increase is not reflected in their annual budget is a problem. So, I'm not as concerned about having to increase the sewer user fees, but I am concerned about when it gets applied.

Mr. Dowd

It should take effect the same time as the budget in July not January when--

Ms. Fauteux

--we have always--that's something we could look at it certainly, Alderman Dowd, but we've always initiated sewer increases in January, January 1, we've always done calendar year, but we certainly--that's something we could look at.

Mr. Dowd

Like one of the things that and probably solicited in the condo association, their budget is July to July or June, or their budget is January to December. It makes a big difference because they have to plan ahead.

Mr. Dowd

And I know most condo associations are already getting their next year's budgets solidified, and so they have a contingency plan to cover it, but this is a pretty significant increase, and the question I'm going to have when it comes to the budget is why did it go up so much.

Ms. Fauteux

Well, it was 10% last year, so this is actually a decrease, so I guess if I was a condo association I would be thinking it may not go down, so I guess I would have budgeted for a 10% like they had the year before at a minimum, so I think most of them will be pleased with a decrease.

Mr. Dowd

Yeah, if they think that far ahead.

Michael O'Brien, Sr., Board of Aldermen

Can I ask, on that, you're relying on the sewer fees based on what Pennichuck tells you of the water usage. So, you take the percentage of what the water demand is and apply it to the sewer fee. What comes in goes out.

Ms. Fauteux

The winter usage, correct.

Mr. O'Brien

Okay. When is that done? Would that need to be changed because I can understand what my colleague is saying about July to July would keep it kind of smooth because that's what we're thinking about, but however, I know we have another agency to get your numbers you're going to need it from Pennichuck—

Ms. Fauteux

--well--

Mr. O'Brien

--they supply it.

Ms. Fauteux

Yes and no. We could look at that. That will complicate things significantly because of the way the wastewater billings go out through Financial Services. It goes out through the calendar year, not the fiscal year, so that would have to be readjusted too. Not that it couldn't be done, but folks are used to--

Mr. Dowd

-- any way to project this ahead? Taxpayers believe me because we get calls all the time, don't like surprises, and all of a sudden they get a bill that's an increase, and they know nothing about it.

Ms. Fauteux

Well, yes.

Mr. Dowd

Guess who they call.

Ms. Fauteux

We, we do our best to try to forecast as much in advance. The problem is we're trying to keep the rates down as low as we possibly can. To be honest with you, the rates would probably be higher if we didn't wait until now. We wait until the last minute because we're really trying to forecast what projects are going hit when and also figuring out spreading them over the course of a few years, so we're really trying to dig deep to try, and we have a lot of regulatory issues, and we get permits that come in those factor in because there may be things that we need to do that we weren't expecting, so there is just so much that goes into this. We try to forecast as much as we can ahead, but.

Mr. Dowd

The vast majority of taxpayers are oblivious to what goes on in city government. And in December they're going to get a new tax bill, and right after they're going to get a new bill for wastewater.

Ms. Fauteux

Right.

Mr. Dowd

That's when they start saying "oh, my god." It's a significant increase.

Ms. Fauteux

Well, I think we can point to Manchester and say "We're having 7%, Manchester is having 19%, so I think we're doing a pretty good job of keeping our sewer rates.

Mr. Dowd

Some of our Aldermen pointed out, including one from this Ward, that we're not Manchester, and if they're not doing things correctly, that doesn't flow in us, and when we do something correctly, it does mean that they can do it. I mean, I understand, but I realize the property went down, but it just requires communication to the taxpayers up front, ahead of time.

Ms. Fauteux

We, we, I have to be fair, though I think we have communicated. I think we've been communicating. We were expecting a 6% to 7% increase, and we have said that right along. Could we have come in with this earlier? Maybe again, as Frank mentioned, I am working really hard to keep these rates as low as we possibly can, but it's a very, very expensive facility. Years ago there was a--it wasn't this Board, of course, but another Board of Aldermen made the decision to get rid of a whole lot of money that was in the User Fund and shouldn't have done that, and so now we're trying to get it back to where it should be.

Mr. Dowd

We're suffering in a number of places since that happened.

Ms. Fauteux

But that's why we're trying to do the three years so that people will know and will be able to forecast what it is, what their rates will be.

Mr. Dowd

When this comes before Budget we got to have a good presentation on the fact that this rate went down.

Ms. Fauteux

Correct.

Mr. Dowd

That will help.

Ms. Fauteux

Okay. Will do.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

Commissioner Shea, did you?

Commissioner, Paul Shea

Yeah, just a suggestion to help with communication. I wonder if it might help to--because we had a really great presentation today on the process and what goes into it and all the details and some history. If it might be of help to ratepayers to have a link, because all these meetings are up on YouTube. To have a link to the YouTube meeting, the YouTube video of this meeting with either a QR code or a shortened web link, where it says for our semi-annual update on rate increases and all that. Worded nicely, obviously not like that.

Ms. Fauteux

Sure.

Commissioner Shea

Something like that might be helpful, and also relaying it to the Board of Aldermen to bring their attention to the availability of this meeting, so if they're not able to make it to Personnel for the presentation, that might be helpful to them as well.

Ms. Fauteux

We will. That's a good suggestion. We will post this presentation on our website too, and we also can post it on Facebook too because we get a lot of hits on Facebook, but this will be--this presentation will be given to the Board of Aldermen; we just wanted the Board of Public Works to see it first.

Commissioner, June Lemen

Just a quick thing: the other thing you might do is emphasize what he said that it's going down, but you also do a comparison, just the simple things.

Ms. Fauteux

Yeah.

Commissioner Lemen

How much other things have gone up. If you look at eggs or something, but that will help the ratepayers go, "Oh, okay, I get it."

Commissioner Shea

And would we have the ability to put it in the bill? Most people get a bill by mail, right?

Ms. Fauteux

With the--

Commissioner Shea

--with their bill, so in their--

Commissioner Lemen

--oh yeah--

Commissioner Shea

--their wastewater bill just a one line or whatever might fit just a brief description of what this presentation is and the HTML link and maybe a QR code would probably get more people to feel like they can just put their phone camera on it. I don't know what our capacity for adding a bit of a note with the bill, but that might be a good way to help communicate. We don't have everybody's email address so we can't do it that way. Newspaper—

Ms. Faunus

--we don't have any--

Commissioner Shea

--yeah, so--

Mr. Dowd

The most important words would be: this is a decrease from previous years.

Commissioner Shea

Yeah--

Commissioner Lemen

--right, start with that—

Commissioner Shea

Some proper wording and a link, and that would help to kind of clear the air I think.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

Just to be clear, it's a decrease and an increase.

Commissioner Lemen

--yeah

Vice-Chairman Gregg

--not a decrease.

[Laughter]

Mr. Dowd

--increase is a decrease--

Ms. Fauteux

--right, right.

Commissioner Shea

Thank you.

Ms. Fauteux

Okay.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

Okay, great. Any other--we've already voted on Item VI(a), so we can move on to the Street Department.

VIII. STREET DEPARTMENT

A. Motion: To Approve The Sole Source Purchase Of Various Signs, Replacement Poles And Proprietary Items Related To Signs, Pavement Paint And Paint Machine Replacement Parts From Perma-Line Of New England Of Brockton, Massachusetts In The Amount Not To Exceed \$38,000.00. Funding Will Be Through Department: 161 Streets; Fund: General; Account Classification: 61 Supplies And Materials.

Vice-Chairman, Matthew Gregg

For Item A, Commissioner Lemen

Motion by Commissioner Lemen: To Approve The Sole Source Purchase Of Various Signs, Replacement Poles And Proprietary Items Related To Signs, Pavement Paint And Paint Machine Replacement Parts From Perma-Line Of New England Of Brockton, Massachusetts In The Amount Not To Exceed \$38,000.00. Funding Will Be Through Department: 161 Streets; Fund: General; Account Classification: 61 Supplies And Materials.

Jon Ibarra, Superintendent, Street Department

Good evening, Jon Ibarra, Superintendent of Streets. This is an annual procurement through our vendor, Perma-Line. They supply all our street signs, our paint supplies, machines for striping, and this money will be awarded out of our or encumbered out of the operating budget, and I'm happy to answer any questions.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

Any discussion?

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously.

B. Motion: To Approve The Sole Source Purchase Of Asphalt And Aggregates From Brox Industries Of Hudson, New Hampshire And Continental Paving Of Londonderry, New Hampshire In The Amount Of \$147,000.00. Funding Will Be Through Department: 161 Streets; Fund: General; Account Classification: 61 Supplies And Materials

Vice-Chairman, Matthew Gregg

Item B, Commissioner Shea.

Motion by Commissioner Shea: To Approve The Sole Source Purchase Of Asphalt And Aggregates From Brox Industries Of Hudson, New Hampshire And Continental Paving Of Londonderry, New Hampshire In The Amount Of \$147,000.00. Funding Will Be Through Department: 161 Streets; Fund: General; Account Classification: 61 Supplies And Materials

Jon Ibarra, Superintendent, Street Department

Jon Ibarra, Superintendent of Streets. This is also an annual occurrence out of our operating budget. This will encumber the monies from the budget to do business with Brox and Continental. They're located right over the bridge and very convenient for our daily operations in asphalt, whether we've paving, mill and fill, or we're doing a sewer dig and we need stone or aggregates, and I'm happy to answer any other questions.

Discussion:

Vice-Chairman Gregg

Alderman Dowd.

Richard A. Dowd, Board of Aldermen

(Unintelligible) sidewalks.

Mr. Ibarra

Pardon?

Mr. Dowd

Do you also handle sidewalks?

Mr. Ibarra

Yes, we do.

Mr. Dowd

The sidewalk on West Hollis Street alongside the--what's the cemetery's name?

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

St. Louis?

Commissioner, June Lemen

No, the big one.

Mr. Dowd

No, the big one.

Mr. Ibarra

Heading into town?

Mr. Dowd

That sidewalk is in terrible shape. In fact, the sidewalks all down and a significant portion of that street are in terrible shape. I mean dangerous shape.

Mr. Dowd

Do we have any plans? First of all, my basic question was: do those fall under DPW or do they fall under the cemetery? A different--

Lisa Fauteux, Director, Division of Public Works

--Jon, I'll take this one. No. It falls under the City, but we don't have any sidewalk money. That's what we need. We have a plan that the city engineers put together a great transition plan for doing lots of sidewalks. We just need money. That's our problem. And that sidewalk--

Mr. Dowd

--the answer I was looking for--

Ms. Fauteux

I know. That sidewalk, so maybe the budget Chair could help us with that.

Mr. Dowd

Yes.

Ms. Fauteux

But that is one of our priorities we do realize that that's a problem. That's too big a job for the Street Department.

Mr. Dowd

Okay.

Ms. Fauteux

We do small sections--

Mr. Dowd

I figured that was the answer, but I just wanted to get it out.

Mr. Ibarra

No, we do trip hazard repairs.

Mr. Dowd

This is way beyond that.

Commissioner Paul Shea

If I may, that rang a bell for me. I got a constituent report; I think it's the small, like trip hazard scenario at 24 King Street. I suggested that they go into SeeClickFix and put it in, but they might have a little trouble with computers and stuff. So, I figured that was worth a mention.

Mr. Ibarra

24 King?

Commissioner Shea

24 King.

Mr. Ibarra

Noted; we'll check it out tomorrow.

Commissioner Shea

Appreciate it. Thanks, Jon.

Mr. Ibarra

Any other questions?

Vice-Chairman Gregg

Alright, if there's nothing else.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

IX. PARKS DEPARTMENT

A. Motion: To Approve The Installation Of Equipment For A Splash Pad At Jeff Morin Park From Waterplay Solutions, Of Rochester, Massachusetts, In The Amount Of \$205,758.00 Pursuant To Sourcewell Contract #010521-WTR; Pending CBDG Funds.

Vice-Chairman, Matthew Gregg

Moving on to the Parks Department. Sorry, Commissioner Lemen.

Motion by Commissioner Lemen: To Approve The Installation Of Equipment For A Splash Pad At Jeff Morin Park From Waterplay Solutions, Of Rochester, Massachusetts, In The Amount Of \$205,758.00 Pursuant To Sourcewell Contract #010521-WTR; Pending CBDG Funds.

Bryan Conant, Superintendent, Parks Department

Good evening, I'm the Park Superintendent, Bryan Conant. Two hundred thousand from CBDG funds will go towards this. The additional or remaining five thousand seven-hundred Fifty-eight will come out of our operating budget. I do want to say that we already have the splash pad features, okay, that went through this Board, and it went through Finance. We actually have them in our possession. This will pay to install those splash pad features and create the eventual splash pad at Jeff Morin Park. We've already had a playground pass this Board and passed the Finance Committee, and I really do, like I wrote in the discussion, this is really going to enhance a park that has not been used really at all, and I'd be happy to answer any questions on this if there are.

Discussion:

Commissioner June Lemen

I just want to say I'm very excited about this, but I also think we need to have the biggest press release ever because just the mishigas around the Greeley--

Mr. Conant

--wading pool--

Commissioner Lemen

--wading pool. I weighed in; I kept saying people there's a process. We've known about it. People are just not listening. So, I really think that we should contact whoever you contact, either it's Nashua Inc. League or Nashua Independent, and make the deal because it needs to be noted that DPW is listening to the citizens of this city and giving them what they want. We've made a lot of city park improvements, and I know people are happy with them when I speak to

them privately, but it's all the people online are saying, "They're taking away our pools. They're not doing anything." I'm just saying, a nice picture of you shaking the hands of the installer.

Mr. Conant

Well, I don't know about that.
Commissioner Lemen

Well, if you watch it.

Mr. Conant

Well, you definitely don't want a picture of that. But I think that's a great suggestion. I think you're right; I think in today's world we really need to be effective communicators and educate people. I think we live in a world where it's so easy to comment when you're misinformed or uninformed. I completely agree with you, Commissioner Lemen.

Commissioner Lemen

But I agree it's an underused park, and that would add--yeah, it would be great.

Mr. Conant

I'm glad you feel that way.

Richard A. Dowd, Board of Aldermen

I hate to keep bringing this up, but first of all I think Stellos is great (inaudible) and it's being managed very well, but have we finalized that agreement on managing Stellos before I sign off on this thing being done?

Ms. Fauteux, Director, Division of Public Works

Not yet.

Mr. Dowd

(inaudible) School department will be all over it.

Ms. Fauteux

No, it's just a combination of we're trying, we've got so many irons in the fire right now that that's just sort of--we're already maintaining it, and we have a great relationship with the School Department and Lisa Gingras and Shawn and everything that it's just--because it's an internal it's just something that has just sort of—

Mr. Dowd

--a number of issues revolving around—they are paying us under the terms of the new contract, but they haven't signed it. Bishop Burton hasn't signed it. If they don't sign that contract pretty quick--Stellos--

Ms. Fauteux

That doesn't have anything to do with Public Works; that's the School Department.

Mr. Dowd

(inaudible) there were two things hanging out, and I can't see why it hasn't been resolved.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

Commissioner Shea.

Commissioner Paul Shea

I saw that we have a new field facility that's in development, and I think it's just a track facility. Is it just a track facility, or is there going to be football there too?

Mr. Conant

I think there's going to be--I think it's going to be a multi-sport facility. I think it's going to encompass more than just a track.

Commissioner Shea

That may or may not have anything to do with the status of that contract--

Mr. Dowd

--it's not a stadium; there's no seating.

Mr. Conant

I know that the Dunstable Land Trust reached out to me and they wanted to know about crumb rubber, and so I would imagine there's some sort of synthetic going in there, but I haven't personally seen any plans.

Commissioner Shea

Yeah, okay.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

Okay.

Commissioner Shea

So this is a moot point; I'm probably late to it. I've been doing some research on the value of using proper piping for pool facilities in terms of water cleanliness, and do you have all the pipes and everything? It sounds like you have all the supplies and everything for this lined up.

Mr. Conant

We have all the above-ground features, and we have just about, yeah, everything for the manifold. Yes, we do.

Commissioner Shea

Okay. And I'll probably bring this up and we'll probably be too late to the game in terms-- whenever more pools stuff comes up if anymore of that comes our way. I have an interest in seeing us use copper piping even though it might be a little more expensive because it has a added antimicrobial benefit to facilities like these especially when they have high utilization with people or their bodies being in them. There may be--there is a health benefit to using copper piping for both the lines that supply the water to the feature as well as using them in the either recycling or back and forth through the filtration systems, so as we move forward with public water facilities pools for me I would love to see us lean in on using copper piping both for durability and public health benefit as we look at these projects. And again, maybe I might be a little late to the game on these things, but I would be remiss if I didn't say it out loud because it lives in my heart. So, yeah.

Mr. Conant

Okay. That's something we can definitely look into. I know that we just--the Director and I and other people within Public Works we just started to get into talks with, well, not just in talks, but we're in talks with HL Turner. We've settled on a design for the Rotary pool. Nothing is finalized yet, so that's something we could definitely work in there, maybe as an alternate to see what the difference is. I mean, you bring up some great points. I will say that I would think copper would be a little bit more expensive than the PVC that's there currently right now, but I will definitely--something we'll look into.

Commissioner Shea

Much appreciated.

Mr. Conant

You're welcome.

Commissioner Shea

Thank you.

Mr. Dowd

Quick question. This may not fall under your purview (inaudible).

Mr. Conant

Depends on what roundabout.

Ms. Fauteux

Which roundabout?

Mr. Dowd

(Inaudible). I ask because it's long overdue for mowing, and somebody planted two sunflowers in there, which is fine. Somebody seems to be taking care of but I doubt it was us that planted them. It quite frankly looks like hell.

[Laughter]

Mr. Dowd

Not the sunflowers. The fact that it hasn't been mowed and there's no real grass there. Every time I see the one at Nashua High North, I go this one should have something.

Ms. Fauteux

I don't know we can look into it.

Mr. Conant

Yeah, and what roundabout are you referring to?

Mr. Dowd

North Southwood.

Mr. Conant

North Southwood. That's in the, yeah--

Ms. Fauteux

Is that the one that's getting?

Mr. Conant

No that's not the one that's being redone. The one on the other side of the road next to Alex's Shoes is being redone by the businesses that are over there. I believe the one you're referring to is on the other side of the road on your way into the business plaza.

Mr. Dowd

Yeah, the one by Tinker.

Mr. Conant

Yup, okay. I'll look into it, Alderman Dowd.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

So for the motion to approve the installation of equipment for a splash pad at Jeff Morin Park.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously.

X. WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

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

Vice-Chairman, Matthew Gregg

Moving on to Wastewater. What time is the meeting supposed to start?

Lisa Fauteux, Director, Division of Public Works

5:30.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

5:30. Okay, 20 minutes. Item A, Commissioner Shea.

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

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously.

B. Motion: To Approve Amendment 1 In An Amount Not To Exceed \$46,500.00 With ADS Environmental Services, LLC Of Huntsville, Alabama For The Flow Monitoring Of The Collection System. Funding Will Be Through: Department: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Wastewater; Account Classification: 55 Other Services.

Vice-Chairman, Matthew Gregg

Item B, Commissioner Lemen.

Motion by Commissioner Lemen: To Approve Amendment 1 In An Amount Not To Exceed \$46,500.00 With ADS Environmental Services, LLC Of Huntsville, Alabama For The Flow Monitoring Of The Collection System. Funding Will Be Through: Department: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Wastewater; Account Classification: 55 Other Services.

Noel Osbourne, Operations Supervisor, Wastewater Department

Noel Osbourne, Supervisor, Wastewater. This amendment is to provide the real-time notification of subscribers to potential CSO discharge. It's one of the new requirements of our NPDES, our discharge permit with the EPA and we have to have this in place by February 1st, which is completely, it's completely doable with the amendment. ADS works with large communities such as the NWRRA for Boston and they have had a lot of success with this program. Massachusetts has had this requirement for years. There is a lot of success with this program.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

Alright, any discussion? Questions?

Commissioner, Paul Shea

I have a question relative to CSO discharge if I may and it's a constituent report. South of the Hudson bridge maybe about a quarter to a half a mile I had a constituent who boats and reported that there some odor there like a sewerage kind of odor. Should there be anything like that at those discharge sites? I don't think so. right?

Ms. Osbourne

The discharge sites wouldn't provide an odor necessarily.

Commissioner Shea

Yeah.

Ms. Osbourne

A lot of them have mechanisms so that you can't just go into them, the water would come out so like a duck bill or some other mechanism. There shouldn't be odor from the CSOs.

Commissioner Shea

That might be something to inspect. I don't know exactly which one it was. I know that they said it was just south, there's like a circular port where the train goes over and I guess it was just south of that. And so that might be something to look into because my understanding is that that water is treated when there is overflow and I wouldn't anticipate that there wouldn't be any sort of odor in anything that discharged from there, so it's probably worth reporting.

Ms. Osbourne

We'll definitely look into it.

Commissioner Shea

Appreciate it. Thank you.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

Any other discussion?

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously.

C. Motion: To Approve The Contract With Hazen And Sawyer In An Amount Not To Exceed \$116,462.73 For The Feasibility Evaluation Of Long-Term Biosolids Management And Disposal At The Nashua Four Hills Landfill. Funding Will Be Through: Department: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Wastewater; Account Classification: 53 Professional & Technical Services.

Vice-Chairman, Matthew Gregg

Item C, Commissioner Shea.

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Noel Osbourne, Operations Supervisor, Wastewater Department

Again, Noel Osbourne, Operations Supervisor, Wastewater. This is what I kind of alluded to in the presentation where Class A biosolids we're seeing a cost increase. We're looking at some feasibility options for the utilization of the biosolids at the Four Hills Landfill. This evaluation is going to look at whether or not we need odor control, what we can amend the solids with to bring to a higher percent solids, what the landfill needs as far as permits; we'll work with the landfill folks directly to see what they need for permits and just short-term and long-term feasibility.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

Any discussion? Commissioner Shea.

Commissioner Paul Shea

I imagine this is too big a question for this contract and it's what I had mentioned earlier. I'm wondering if we could add to this perhaps under something that comes before us in the future. The evaluation of an alternate route for these biosolids through some sort of digestion and collection. I don't know the deep science behind this stuff; I just have some surface level familiarity, and so I'll, of course, support this. I would just ask that as we evaluate this, perhaps we also look at that as an alternative method. Is that something we could look into, Director?

Lisa Fauteux, Director, Division of Public Works

Yeah. I think I can see it on Noel's face. I think that's not possible.

Commissioner Shea

Okay.

Ms. Fauteux

But, but it's a good idea and we do need to look at other alternatives, but I think at another time we might want to—maybe even bring the commissioners to the wastewater treatment plant and just sort of like go through the entire process and explain how everything works because to your point, Commissioner Shea we will be looking at alternatives to try to reduce the cost because this drying permit is just it's ridiculous. So we're trying to find a way that we can and a contract will be forthcoming, I think, for that as well, but we're trying to find a way, and this is going to look at that. Somehow we have to dry the biosolids a little bit, but we don't really need to get to Class A. If we bring them to the landfill, there are huge savings in that, and we can just use it for cover at the landfill. So it's kind of a win/win, and we're fortunate enough to be in that position, but Hazen is going to look at other options—some other opportunity that we could do rather than going through the process. Because the other thing too that wasn't mentioned—I just want to mention quickly, and I know we're short on time is that this drying method doesn't take care of PFAS which is a problem. Even if you dried it enough to be able to land-apply it nobody is going to want to land-apply PFAS, so bringing it to the landfill is a win/win for the City, at least for now, until we can figure out how to get rid of it.

Commissioner Shea

Yeah, I'd love to come down. I don't think I've had a chance yet.

Ms. Fauteux

You should plan that.

Commissioner Shea

I would appreciate an opportunity to understand the science a little more, and that's great.

Ms. Fauteux

And Dave and Noel both love to get into it, the deep science of it all.

Ms. Osbourne

We really do.

Ms. Fauteux

I will, I will.

Commissioner Shea

Thank you.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

Alderman Dowd.

Richard A. Dowd, Board of Aldermen

Maybe we could open the invitation to the Aldermen to take a tour because I think we're oblivious as to where it is and what it does, and we have this every budget season. I'd be nice if the Aldermen got an opportunity to visit.

Ms. Fauteux

That's a great idea.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

Any further discussion on this?

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

XI. SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

A. Motion: To Approve The Purchase Of Recycling And Trash Carts And Cart Lids For Curbside Collection For FY27 In An Amount Not-To-Exceed \$145,000.00 From Toter, Inc. Of Statesville, North Carolina. Funding Will Be Through: Department: 168 Solid Waste; Fund: Solid Waste; Account Classification: 71 Equipment.

Vice-Chairman, Matthew Gregg

Alright, moving onto Solid Waste. Okay, Item A, I believe Commissioner Shea

Motion by Commissioner Shea: To Approve The Purchase Of Recycling And Trash Carts And Cart Lids For Curbside Collection For FY27 In An Amount Not-To-Exceed \$145,000.00 From Toter, Inc. Of Statesville, North Carolina. Funding Will Be Through: Department: 168 Solid Waste; Fund: Solid Waste; Account Classification: 71 Equipment.

Jeff Lafleur, Superintendent, Solid Waste Department

Jeff Lafleur, Superintendent of Solid Waste. This is my annual request for toters to replace the ones are broken out on curbside, and buying some recycling carts for residents to purchase. I'd also as is stated for replacement parts for anything that's broken curbside that my guys go out and take care of repairing.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

B. Motion: To Approve A Three-Year Engineering Services Contract With Sanborn Head & Associates Of Concord, New Hampshire In The Amount Of \$87,750.00 For FY2027 Through FY2029. Landfill Gas Telemetry Monitoring & Support. Funding Will Be Through: Department: 168 Solid Waste; Fund: Solid Waste; Account Classification: 53 Professional And Technical Services.

Vice-Chairman, Matthew Gregg

Item B, Commission Lemen.

Motion by Commissioner Lemen: To Approve A Three-Year Engineering Services Contract With Sanborn Head & Associates Of Concord, New Hampshire In The Amount Of \$87,750.00 For FY2027 Through FY2029. Landfill Gas Telemetry Monitoring & Support. Funding Will Be Through: Department: 168 Solid Waste; Fund: Solid Waste; Account Classification: 53 Professional And Technical Services.

Jeff Lafleur, Superintendent, Solid Waste Department

Jeff Lafleur, Superintendent of Solid Waste. This is just what is says it's for three years. It's for landfill gas telemetry. It's all the monitors and everything that are inside our landfill telling us the water that's on our liners and keeping us up with our regulations.

Discussion:

Vice-Chairman Gregg

Just a quick question. Does this include--this is an engineering services contract. This is for the labor for the hardware to this, or is this software-related?

Mr. Lafleur

It's software. It's all software, so we run off a software that Sanborn Head generated so it all combines everything all together so we can see everything on one software.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

Okay. And so this is for update and for support.

Mr. Lafleur

Yes sir.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

Any other questions?

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

C. Motion: To Approve An Engineering Services Contract With Sanborn Head & Associates Of Concord, New Hampshire In The Amount Of \$46,500.00 To Provide Engineering Design, And Construction Quality Assurance Oversight For The 2026 Phase III Landfill Temporary Cap System. Funding Will Be Through: Department: 168 Solid Waste; Fund: Bond; Activity: Gas Expansion Zig Zag Design.

Vice-Chairman, Matthew Gregg

Item C, Commissioner Shea.

Motion by Commissioner Shea: To Approve An Engineering Services Contract With Sanborn Head & Associates Of Concord, New Hampshire In The Amount Of \$46,500.00 To Provide Engineering Design, And Construction Quality Assurance Oversight For The 2026

Phase III Landfill Temporary Cap System. Funding Will Be Through: Department: 168 Solid Waste; Fund: Bond; Activity: Gas Expansion Zig Zag Design.

Jeff Lafleur, Superintendent, Solid Waste Department

Jeff Lafleur, Superintendent of Solid Waste. As you see Sanborn Head does a lot for our landfill. They're our preferred engineers they know everything and anything about our landfill. This particular one is for our Phase III Zig Zag temporary cap. I've come before you three or four times now, every time that we go up with our landfill we just try a temporary cap to help us save with or emissions and everything. I'm anticipating that this will be our last one; we're actually going to up and over the top of the Phase III landfill as we're preparing to go into our new Phase IV landfill. This will help us take stormwater out of our landfill, push it out, give us some nice clean water up to our catch basins, and this will keep the leachate underneath that landfill, and help us capture all the gases coming out of it.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

Discussion?

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

D. Motion: To Approve An Engineering Services Contract With Sanborn Head & Associates Of Concord, New Hampshire In The Amount Of \$74,000.00 For Design, And Construction Quality Assurance Oversight For The 2026 Landfill Gas Collection System Modification Work. Funding Will Be Through: Department: 168 Solid Waste; Fund: Bond; Activity: Landfill Gas Expansion.

Vice-Chairman, Matthew Gregg

Item D, I think it was Commissioner Lemen.

Motion by Commissioner Lemen: To Approve An Engineering Services Contract With Sanborn Head & Associates Of Concord, New Hampshire In The Amount Of \$74,000.00 For Design, And Construction Quality Assurance Oversight For The 2026 Landfill Gas Collection System Modification Work. Funding Will Be Through: Department: 168 Solid Waste; Fund: Bond; Activity: Landfill Gas Expansion.

Jeff Lafleur, Superintendent, Solid Waste

Jeff Lafleur, Superintendent of Solid Waste. This is a gas expansion that we're going to be doing on top of the Phase III landfill before we cap it we wanted to capture as much gas and put in enough wells so we don't have any emissions problems.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

Questions? Discussion?

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

E. Motion: To Approve The Contract With SCS Field Services Of Reston, Virginia In The Amount Of \$400,143.00, For Infrastructure Improvements Related To The Four Hills Landfill Leachate PFAS Removal And Destruction Pilot Test Project. Funding Will Be Through Department: 168 Solid Waste; Fund: Grant; Activity: PFAS Pilot Program.

Vice-Chairman, Matthew Gregg

Item E, Commissioner Shea.

Motion by Commissioner Shea: To Approve The Contract With SCS Field Services Of Reston, Virginia In The Amount Of \$400,143.00, For Infrastructure Improvements Related To The Four Hills Landfill Leachate PFAS Removal And Destruction Pilot Test Project. Funding Will Be Through Department: 168 Solid Waste; Fund: Grant; Activity: PFAS Pilot Program.
Jeff Lafleur, Superintendent, Solid Waste Department

Jeff Lafleur, Superintendent of Solid Waste. This is part of the grant project that we had going to help do the pilot program for removal of PFAS out of our leachate system. This \$400,000.00 request is going to be putting in the infrastructure getting prepared for the actual test pilot program. We're hopefully going to try to get this in this fall, so we'll be prepared ready for spring to do the pilot program.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

Any discussion? Oh.

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

Yeah, we're paying to mitigate PFAS here, which I agree with but then we going to be adding with the biosolids; is that correct of what you said?

Lisa Fauteux, Director, Division of Public Works

There is some in the biosolids; however, the leachate at the landfill goes to the wastewater treatment plant, so right now the landfill is the largest supplier of PFAS to the wastewater treatment plant. So, they're giving some back.

Mr. O'Brien

Yeah, well I get tested on a regular basis thanks to Mr. PFAS.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

Any other comments? Questions?

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

XII. ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

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

Vice-Chairman, Matthew Gregg

Moving on to the Engineering Department. Item A, Commissioner Lemen.

Motion by Commissioner Lemen: Motion: 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.

Vice-Chairman, Matthew Gregg

Item B, Commissioner Shea.

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

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

C. Motion: To Approve A Drainlayer's License For Ernie's Excavation Of NH, LLC Of Manchester, New Hampshire In Accordance With Nashua City Code §255-19 And Authorize The Division Of Public Works To Temporarily Suspend The License If Work Is Found To Be Unsatisfactory During An Initial 6-Month Probationary Period.

Vice-Chairman, Matthew Gregg

Item C, Commissioner Lemen.

Motion by Commissioner Lemen: To Approve A Drainlayer's License For Ernie's Excavation Of NH, LLC Of Manchester, New Hampshire In Accordance With Nashua City Code §255-19 And Authorize The Division Of Public Works To Temporarily Suspend The License If Work Is Found To Be Unsatisfactory During An Initial 6-Month Probationary Period.

Dan Hudson, P.E., City Engineer

Good afternoon, Dan Hudson, City Engineer. I think the motion is fairly self-explanatory so I won't belabor going into any deeper. Happy to address any questions anybody may have.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

D. Motion: To Approve A Drainlayer's License For Form-Up Sitework, LLC Of Rindge, New Hampshire In Accordance With Nashua City Code §255-19 And Authorize The Division Of Public Works To Temporarily Suspend The License If Work Is Found To Be Unsatisfactory During An Initial 6-Month Probationary Period.

Vice-Chairman, Matthew Gregg

Item D, Commissioner Shea.

Motion by Commissioner Shea: To Approve A Drainlayer's License For Form-Up Sitework, LLC Of Rindge, New Hampshire In Accordance With Nashua City Code §255-19 And Authorize The Division Of Public Works To Temporarily Suspend The License If Work Is Found To Be Unsatisfactory During An Initial 6-Month Probationary Period.

Dan Hudson, P.E., City Engineer

Dan Hudson. Same story.

[Laughter]

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

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

Vice-Chairman, Matthew Gregg

Item E is just informational. In the interest of time—

Richard A. Dowd, Board of Aldermen

One, I want to thank Dan for the outstanding job of fixing that Tinker Road curve. It's in, the guardrail is in, looks great. The other question I have is: has Matt Sullivan talked to about the site line issue on Tinker?

Mr. Hudson

Related to the subdivision?

Mr. Dowd

Yeah.

Mr. Hudson

Yeah, we had evaluated that during the approval of that subdivision through the Planning Board, but you're talking about? I don't know what grading they've done yet.

Mr. Dowd

The current issue is that they've cleared the land on either side of the pole, which is the land that was holding the pole up primarily and that pole was right in the site line, so what do we do with that pole?

Mr. Hudson

Yeah, I'd have to review the subdivision plan to see if it was--that was covered or not, but we'll take a look at that.

Mr. Dowd

Alright, thanks.

Mr. Hudson

Thank you.

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

If I may, point to the Chair we're getting to 5:30, not asking you to expedite this meeting, but can you just make--if the Chair wants to make the announcement that immediately following this meeting we're going to the Joint Infrastructure of Public Works Committee. I guess I made that.

Commissioner Shea

Yeah, we can do a non-public after. Is that what you're asking for?

Mr. O'Brien

Hugh?

Ms. Fauteux

No. Yeah, we have to do our non-public.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

Okay.

Ms. Fauteux

And we have an extensive one.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

The thing that I would say though, is that for the Director's Report we could potentially—

Ms. Fauteux

--hold that--

Vice-Chairman Gregg

--hold that for next month if that's okay with her, with the Commissioners.

Commissioner Shea

That's okay?

Ms. Fauteux

Yeah.

Commissioner Shea

Yeah, no objection.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

Okay, so we will skip the Director's Report. Commissioners' Comments.

XIII. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Vice-Chairman, Matthew Gregg

Commissioner's Comments: Are there any?

Commissioner, June Lemen

I just have one. I've been getting constituent calls about political signs. Now, and Sue Newman has already apologized profusely to me for calling me and saying she knows she's a pain in the neck, but I understand the concern. I mean, particularly because there are signs on the cemetery land, which is tacky besides being illegal. And so, we were discussing what is to be done about this every year. I mean I don't care if it's a republican, if it's a democrat or an Independent. Signs should not be on public land, and I know it's our job, so I said-- I mean I know that-- what is the rule? Public Works has to pick them up? Can Commissioners of Public Works pick them up, particularly when they're near their yard, and bring them to you?

Ms. Fauteux

Are they on City property?

Commissioner Lemen

Yeah, I believe Edgewood Cemetery is City property.

Ms. Fauteux

Yes. Typically and Sue Newman calls here frequently too, and we will pick them up. Do we chase them? Not necessarily, but if we see them, we will pick them up on City property.

Commissioner Lemen

Okay.

Ms. Fauteux

But we're not necessarily driving around the City looking for them. But I will say that I know that Code Enforcement does a sweep, I believe, once or twice a week.

Commissioner Lemen

Okay.

Ms. Fauteux

Of the City, but if you just call us we'd be happy to pick them up. We'll pick them up the same day.

Commissioner Lemen

Okay.

Ms. Fauteux

There's a lot of confusion between City property and city right-of-way. We cannot pick up signs on city right-of-way because that's somebody's property.

Commissioner Lemen

Right.

Ms. Faunus

But if it's on City property, absolutely.

Commissioner Lemen

So I would say the Soldier and Sailors Monument that's City property.

Ms. Fauteux

Correct.

Commissioner Lemen

Okay.

Ms. Fauteux

Yes. If there's ever, just let us know.

Richard A. Dowd, Board of Aldermen

Businesses advertising in the City right-of-way. Tinker Road (unintelligible); now they're sticking them up high on telephone poles.

Commissioner Lemen

I saw that too.

Unknown Speaker

That's illegal too.

Ms. Fauteux

If they're—see, we wouldn't chase them probably on telephone poles because those poles don't belong to us, but if they are on City property, we certainly will.

Mr. Dowd

They're on City property.

Ms. Fauteux

If they're on City property, we'll certainly remove--

Alderman Johnson

Well, I'm getting emails about that also all around this area but I think there might be an ordinance about poles too. I don't know if they're allowed to put them on any poles I would double-check that. I believe there is. There might be.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

Okay. Any more comments?

Commissioner Shea

Just briefly, we've been having an exploratory group talking about how to expand activity and welcome the community for more programming at Holman Stadium. We've had some really good early discussions going with Superintendent Conant next week sometime; we have our meeting on September 1st and then the following week we're going to be doing testing for projections to potentially post movie nights on the field and see what the throw for the projector looks like on that batter's eye in the center field. We would also like to add Pam Cook from the Silver Knights, as well as Sandy Belknap, who would be a representative from the neighborhood to the discussion group. If there's no objection. I don't know if we need a motion for that. I think we had a motion to establish and add a group, so maybe we might just for good measure want to.

Ms. Fauteux

Can I make one more suggestion to you?

Commissioner Shea

Yup.

Ms. Fauteux

We have on the agenda tonight our Recreation Superintendent, so I was wondering if perhaps that person, if approved, could also be added.

Commissioner Shea

Yes. I have no objection to that. Bryan was telling me about--we're introduced, yeah, good.

Ms. Fauteux

Okay. I think it just might be an asset.

Commissioner Shea

Yeah, great.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

So, are we voting?

Commissioner Lemen

Do we need to vote?

Commissioner Shea

I so move.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

Okay.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously.

XIV. PERSONNEL

A. Motion: To Approve And Unseal The Non-Public Minutes For Personnel From The Board Of Public Works Meeting Of July 30, 2026.

Vice-Chairman, Matthew Gregg

Alright, so we are moving on to Personnel. Item A, I can't remember where we left off.
Commissioner Lemen.

Motion by Commissioner Lemen: To Approve And Unseal The Non-Public Minutes For Personnel From The Board Of Public Works Meeting Of July 30, 2026.
To Approve And Unseal The Non-Public Minutes For Personnel From The Board Of Public Works Meeting Of July 30, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously.

B. Motion: To Accept The Retirement Of Michael Pinkham, From Solid Waste, His Last Day Of Employment Will Be September 7, 2026.

Vice-Chairman, Matthew Gregg

Item B, Commissioner Shea.

Motion by Commissioner Shea: To Accept The Retirement Of Michael Pinkham, From Solid Waste, His Last Day Of Employment Will Be September 7, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously.

XV. 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.

Vice-Chairman, Matthew Gregg

Okay, I believe, do you have the--

Lisa Fauteux, Clerk

Claire, do you have the non-public?

Claire Edwards, Executive Assistant, Division of Public Works

Yup, I do.

Commissioner, Paul Shea

Yes, but are we holding that?

Vice-Chairman Gregg

No, I think we have to do it now.

Commissioner Shea

Okay.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

Before the--

Commissioner Shea

--so we do need to.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

Yeah.

Motion By Commissioner Shea: 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:

3-Yea (Shea, Lemen, Gregg,) – 0 Nay

MOTION CARRIED. Unanimously.

The Board entered into a Non-Public Session at 5:30 p.m. and reconvened at 5:37 p.m.

B. Motion: To Move By Roll Call To Seal The Minutes Of Board Of Public Works Personnel Non-Public Meeting Of August 27, 2026, Until Such Time As The Majority Of The Board Votes That The Purpose Of The Confidentiality Would No Longer Be Served.

Vice-Chairman, Matthew Gregg

We are back in public session.

Motion by Commissioner Shea: To Move By Roll Call To Seal The Minutes Of Board Of Public Works Personnel Non-Public Meeting Of August 27, 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:

3-Yea (Shea, Lemen, Gregg) – 0 Nay

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairman, Matthew Gregg

Okay, great.

Commissioner, June Lemen

Now, we have one other motion?

Vice-Chairman Gregg

The final motion.

Motion by Commissioner Lemen: To Adjourn.

The meeting of the Board of Public Works of August 27, 2026, adjourned at 5:37 p.m.