

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
September 24, 2026
MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Board of Public Works was held on September 24, 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
Commissioner, Manny Espitia
Commissioner, Paul Shea

Members Absent:

Vice-Chairman, Matthew Gregg
Commissioner, June Lemen
Clerk, Lisa Fauteux

Also Present:

Michael B. O'Brien, Sr., Aldermanic Liaison
Carolyn O'Connor, Assistant Director of PW Finance & Administration
Kathleen Roddy, Member Greeley Park Advisory Committee
Francis Murphy, Chairman, Greeley Park Advisory Committee
David Boucher, Superintendent, Wastewater
Dan Hudson, P.E., City Engineer
Anthony Beland, Liberty Utilities
Jeff LaFleur, Superintendent Solid Waste

II. MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Alright, so the first item is 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 PUBLIC WORKS MEETING OF AUGUST 27, 2026.

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Next is approving the minutes of the last meeting. Commissioner Espitia.

Motion by Commissioner Espitia: To Approve The Minutes Of The Board Of Public Works Meeting Of August 27, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Public Comment. Is there any member of the public who wants to address the Board of Public Works? I don't see anyone. Okay.

V. INTRODUCTION: GREELEY PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

We do have the Greeley Park Advisory Committee. Do we have people from that? Yes. We have a microphone over there.

Kathleen Roddy, Member, Greeley Park Advisory Committee

Do you want to start, or do you want me to?

Francis Murphy, Chairman, Greeley Park Advisory Committee

If you'd like to. Yeah, sure.

Mayor Donchess

You should probably move the mic closer to you--you're on TV, so you know.

Ms. Roddy

My name is Kathleen Roddy, and I am a member of the Greeley Park Advisory Commission. Fran Murphy here to my left is the Chairperson, Chairman, and we wanted to come before the Department of Public Works to tell you that this is a new commission. It started this year. We have begun meeting, and so this is really just an introductory meeting for us to tell you who we are and what we're doing, and all of you know a lot of the history about Greeley Park. We've been digging into that a little bit more. The park is used by many people, not just Ward 3, I did an informal survey just the other day and walked through the park, and there were people from other towns using the park, as you all know. You are truly the public servants in taking care of all of our public facilities and our parks. This park has an amazing history, and what we'd like to do as part of the Commission is make sure that we preserve it for future generations. Part of that is going to be working on a master plan. We'd also like to take the opportunity to start some marketing on social media about the park. When you start to dig into who Joseph Thornton Greeley was, why the park was given, there's a lot of fun facts there that people don't know about the park. We thought we would start a Facebook page for Greeley. One of the other people on the Commission, Allison Galipeau is going to work with me on that, and we thought we'd do some facts about the park because people are interested in it. It's one of most historic pieces of land in the City. We also wanted to be able to inform the public of things that are going on in the park, so it's not just left to Parks and Rec or DPW; we can be a little bit of a helping hand in that matter. For example, if there are people complaining about the size of the plots, garden plots, perhaps the Commission can make a recommendation. Perhaps that can then be referred to: okay, well we understand you'd rather have a 40 x 60 piece of land for your garden, but the Commission has recommended XYZ, and we're going to take that under advisement, or we're going to put that rule in place for the park. We want to be able to establish

a level of communication with DPW so that the Commission knows when certain activities are planned in the park or things that are going to be done, the schedule for redoing the pool for instance, and we can get that word out on our social media. One of the Commission members I just mentioned, Allison, who will be working on Facebook, has had this obsession with the stonehouse and that being the nicest bathrooms ever for a long time, and she would like to do a campaign: show us your prom pictures, show us your wedding pictures, things like that. I don't know if we'll do a Throwback Thursday or a Fun Fact Friday, something like that, but it's a fascinating parcel of land, and we need to take care of it for future generations. People sat around the table just like this in the same positions; I think it was then called the Parks Commission then, and they debated the same things back in the early 1900s after Greeley passed and the land was deeded to the City through the stipulations of his will. There was a lot of issue getting money to do anything with that parcel, and it was a farm that was such a part of the town's history that Charlie would go up there and stop at it; there was an old tea house next to it where there are now a couple of million-dollar houses. The people used the park from the very beginning once there was a master plan in place. Now, there was some rumor that the park was actually had something, some connection to the Olmstead Farm, which was passed down to Ohm stead's sons. I haven't found any evidence of that, but we are continuing to dig. When you get even just a little bit west of here, there are parks that do not have this kind of history. So, that big giant boulder that's on the knoll that right now is surrounded by trees that nobody can see-- when you go back through the issues of the Nashua Telegraph in the 1800s, the people were fascinated by it then, and they loved this--there was one of the citizens who paid to get an 8-ton boulder, and how they got it up that knoll with horses is amazing to me, but they wanted to mark where there's a burial ground. People have been fascinated with that for hundreds of years, so they think that there are--the last body was buried there in the early 1800s, and there are people from the 1600s and 1700s possibly buried there. Somewhere in the realm between 90 and 120 souls from what I've been able to dig up. So again, these are all amazing historical facts, and they're kind of being hidden in the park. What the Commission would like to do is be part of working on a master plan for the park so that we can preserve it, so that if we need to plant some more trees or things need to be adjusted for safety purposes or--if you're on Manchester Street, you don't know unless you're probably in this room--you don't know that you can go from Manchester Street to the Merrimack River through the park. And we would just like to be part of the discussions with DPW about the park, and part of the master planning with Director Sullivan, and you will start to see some of our social media campaign, and any time that we can partner with you on anything, we would like to do so. That is really just what I wanted to say today. Thank you.

Mayor Donchess

Well, thank you very much for all your efforts. Going back to the beginning, you were talking about how many people do visit the park. We do have this place or AI service, which uses cell phone data to determine how many people have been in a particular area during a particular time, and we either reviewed Greeley for the calendar year 24 or 25; I can't remember which, but we can renew this. It was 90,000 visits, and you can determine where the people came from, and from Nashua. There were a lot from the 03064 zip code. You can't tell from what zip code they come from, but they were from all over Nashua, and a lot of people from out of Nashua, out of state, as you've already said. We can get that renewed very easily, which I will take care of, but you know you are right that many, many people are visiting there every year. Compared with the same review, it showed 60,000 people at Mine Falls and 60,000 as well at Robbie Park. Obviously, we're getting a lot of people at Greeley.

Ms. Roddy

And I think you can all agree, each of our parks has a different sort of personality, a different flavor, and Greeley Park is for gathering. There are people that gather there for a multitude of reasons, family events every day. Senior citizens in their lawn chairs enjoying just a beautiful day out. It's a different park than anything else, and it's extremely historical, so we definitely want to make sure that the public knows more about history because I am just an average person, and the more I started digging into it, it was truly fascinating, and all the connections that the Greeley family has to Nashua in the area. The wars that they served in, the companies that they served on and ran, are fascinating. I think other people will find that fascinating too, and our hope is that with that sort of marketing campaign we will then be able to generate some public interest when it does come time to do a little bit of planning for the park, and keeping up some of the necessary work that needs to happen there.

Mayor Donchess

Alright, do the Commissioners have any questions or comments or anything?

Commissioner Paul Shea

First, thank you for your love for Greeley Park and for watching over it and wanting to celebrate it, and celebrating it. There's absolutely a lot of fascinating history there. At one point, I did some light art scans of the park just to see what was out there, and there are some old building foundations, I understand, and lots of fascinating little things. Have you come across the--they used to do, I want to say in the 1900s, teens they used to do late-night celebrations out there with a bonfire and dancing and all sorts of things. Very fascinating stuff, and it's a beautiful space. The boulder is very interesting too. Do you have the names of the people that are out there?

Ms. Roddy

Most of the people that were buried there--the records are probably with Dunstable. It wasn't Nashua then. But a man named Ira Harris, who worked at Indian Head Bank, some of his ancestors were buried there, and I believe in the 1900s teens, I want to say it was 1915 or so, he was the one that paid to have the boulder there to commemorate all of the souls that were buried there because they were some of the first settlers in Nashua, and what I read in the paper was that it was the first burial ground north of the Nashua River. Now, at the time that those people were buried there, the graves were only marked with stones, not gravestones just literal just rocks, head and toe. One of the military units used to have their drills at the park back when it was Greeley Farm, and at one point they were--I don't know they were camping there for a certain amount of time, and they took all the stones and used them for their oven and their fire. So people got really upset that those graves were being disturbed. There were tenant farms before it became the park. So, some of the bodies actually got tugged up, but most of them are buried on that knoll and beneath it.

Commissioner Shea

And I didn't know that that was the nature of the stone. It's not very clear based on the plaque that that is what it's there for.

Ms. Roddy

Right.

Commissioner Shea

Whether it be a plaque with names, if those are available or some other signifier with information for people to know about the history of that space, that would be really nice too.

Ms. Roddy

We are definitely looking into that, and a lot of people on the Commission have ties into the Historical Society and other avenues to kind of get this data. We're working on that--

Commissioner Shea

--that's great--

Ms. Roddy

--and that's what we'd like to communicate through social media, just to continue public interest in the park with the hope of us having a plan for keeping it up for future generations. One quick other interesting fact I found out. There was a judge I forgot his last name, Clyde something-- and he, at one point in the 1911 to I think it was 1920 in that time frame, he talked about getting together with people in Hudson, building a bridge from Greeley over to Hudson where they were going to build a horse track--

Commissioner Shea

--oh, cool--

Ms. Roddy

--because they wanted rival what was being built down in Boston, and it was the intention to have this whole big entertainment complex there. It's just interesting what, over time, people thought that they would want to do with the park and what it actually came to be. I think other people will find that interesting.

Commissioner Shea

I wonder if those bridge pillars that are out there, I think those are kind of in line with Greeley; I'm not 100 percent. There's two old bridge pillars just south of the bridge across to Hudson, and it seems like they might be at about that point, but I don't know. I don't want to get too far ahead of myself, but I see those; I go out there on a boat sometimes with a friend. We live over by the boat ramp, and I'm down there all the time, kind of just checking out the river and enjoying the woods, but sometimes out on the water, and I see those pillars, and I wonder if something, a pedestrian something, someday might be possible for that, but anyway, that's way far down the road, if ever. But, anyway, thank you for what you're doing and thank you for coming and sharing with us today.

Ms. Roddy

I do, I want to also thank Superintendent Conant and Director Fauteux; they've been part of our Commission, and I just appreciate their involvement and communication. So, we'd like to foster continued communication with Parks and Rec. and DPW. Thank you.

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Espitia.

Commissioner Manny Espitia

I'm very excited about the post for the bathroom because the number of folks I've seen take photos there. I took my wedding invitation photos there with my wife, so--

Ms. Roddy

--well, that's great. We would like to feature your photos.

Commissioner Espitia

I mean, it's great. It was during COVID too so that was fun. The park was really empty. I think the number of--the amount of programming that's been done at that park, I think 100 percent you guys encapsulated when you say that it is a meeting space. I would love to see the idea of having it have a master plan, and making sure it continues to be fostered as a place where people can meet.

Ms. Roddy

Excellent, thank you.

Mayor Donchess

Alright, well, thanks for coming in and updating us. If you need anything, you can always come back.

Ms. Roddy

Thank you very much.

VI. BOARD OF ALDERMEN REFERRALS

A. Resolution R-26-057: Approving The Borrowing Of An Additional Three Hundred And Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$345,000.00) From The Clean Water State Revolving Fund For The Four Hills Landfill PFAS/Leachate Removal And Destruction Pilot Test Program.

Chairman, Mayor Donchess

Alright, we'll now go to Board of Aldermen Referrals. First being Item A, Commissioner Shea.

Motion by Commissioner Shea: To Approve The Borrowing Of An Additional Three Hundred And Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$345,000.00) From The Clean Water State Revolving Fund For The Four Hills Landfill PFAS/Leachate Removal And Destruction Pilot Test Program.

Mayor Donchess

Any discussion?

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

B. R-26-059 Authorizing The Mayor And City Treasurer To Borrow An Amount Not To Exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) Through The Issuance Of Bonds And/Or A Loan Through The New Hampshire Department Of Environmental Services State Revolving Loan Fund For The Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase 1 Upgrades Project.

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Item B, Commissioner Espitia.

Motion by Commissioner Espitia: R-26-059 Authorizing The Mayor And City Treasurer To Borrow An Amount Not To Exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) Through The Issuance Of Bonds And/Or A Loan Through The New Hampshire Department Of Environmental Services State Revolving Loan Fund For The Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase 1 Upgrades Project.

Mayor Donchess

Discussion?

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

C. R-26-060 Authorizing The Mayor And City Treasurer To Issue Bonds Not To Exceed Four Million Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$4,275,000.00) For The City's Sewer Infrastructure Improvement And Sewer And Drain Casting Replacement Programs.

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Item C, Commissioner Shea.

Motion by Commissioner Shea: R-26-060 Authorizing The Mayor And City Treasurer To Issue Bonds Not To Exceed Four Million Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$4,275,000.00) For The City's Sewer Infrastructure Improvement And Sewer And Drain Casting Replacement Programs.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

D. R-26-061 Authorizing The Mayor And City Treasurer To Issue Bonds Not To Exceed Two Million Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$2,550,000.00) For Various Wastewater Capital Improvements.

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Item D, Commissioner Espitia.

Motion by Commissioner Espitia: R-26-061 Authorizing The Mayor And City Treasurer To Issue Bonds Not To Exceed Two Million Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$2,550,000.00) For Various Wastewater Capital Improvements.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

E. R-26-062 Authorizing the Mayor and City Treasurer to Issue Bonds not to Exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) for Various Improvements at the Solid Waste Department Four Hills Landfill. (Not Read)

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Item E, Commissioner Shea.

Motion by Commissioner Shea: R-26-063 Authorizing The Mayor And City Treasurer To Issue Bonds Not To Exceed Two Million Six Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars (\$2,678,828.00) For The Purchase Of Solid Waste Capital Equipment.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

F. R-26-063 Authorizing the Mayor and City Treasurer to Issue Bonds not to Exceed Two Million Six Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars (\$2,678,828) for the Purchase of Solid Waste Capital Equipment.

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Item F, Commissioner Espitia.

Motion by Commissioner Espitia: R-26-063 Authorizing the Mayor and City Treasurer to Issue Bonds not to Exceed Two Million Six Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars (\$2,678,828.00) for the Purchase of Solid Waste Capital Equipment.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously.

G. R-26-066 Authorizing The Mayor And City Treasurer To Issue Bonds Not To Exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) For The Repair And Renovation Of Two Public Inground Swimming Pools.

Chairman, James Donchess

Item G, Commissioner Shea.

Motion by Commissioner Shea: R-26-066 Authorizing The Mayor And City Treasurer To Issue Bonds Not To Exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) For The Repair And Renovation Of Two Public Inground Swimming Pools.

Mayor Donchess

These are desperately needed, by the way.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

H R-26-072 Authorizing the Mayor and City Treasurer to Issue Bonds not to Exceed Forty-Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$43,500,000.00) for the Design, Construction and Equipping of a Division of Public Works Garage and Fleet Maintenance Facility.
Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Next Item H, Commissioner Espitia.

Motion by Commissioner Espitia: R-26-072 Authorizing the Mayor and City Treasurer to Issue Bonds not to Exceed Forty-Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$43,500,000.00) for the Design, Construction and Equipping of a Division of Public Works Garage and Fleet Maintenance Facility.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

I. R-26-073 Changing The Purpose Of Up To Three Million One Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$3,183,200.00) Of Unexpended Bond Proceeds From Various Division Of Public Works Capital Projects To The Division Of Public Works Garage And Fleet Maintenance Facility Project.
Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Item I, Commissioner Shea.

Motion by Commissioner Shea: R-26-073 Changing The Purpose Of Up To Three Million One Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$3,183,200.00) Of Unexpended Bond Proceeds From Various Division Of Public Works Capital Projects To The Division Of Public Works Garage And Fleet Maintenance Facility Project.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

VII. WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

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

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Alright, so now we go to the Wastewater Department. Item A, Commissioner Espitia.

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

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

B. Motion: To Approve The Work Agreement With Eversource In An Amount Not To Exceed \$29,595.02 For The Replacement Of The Replacement Of City Owned Electrical Equipment On Eversource Owned Poles. Funding Will Be Through: Department: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Wastewater; Account Classification: 81 Major Capital Outlay And Improvements.

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Item B, Commissioner Shea.

Motion by Commissioner Shea: Motion: To Approve The Work Agreement With Eversource In An Amount Not To Exceed \$29,595.02 For The Replacement Of The Replacement Of City Owned Electrical Equipment On Eversource Owned Poles. Funding Will Be Through: Department: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Wastewater; Account Classification: 81 Major Capital Outlay And Improvements.

David Boucher, Superintendent, Wastewater Department

David Boucher, Wastewater Superintendent. The wastewater facility had been experiencing some brownouts at the facility. Some during inclement weather, sometimes not. So, we brought in Eversource to help us figure out what the issue was. They did some testing; they brought in a line crew and determined it was the equipment that sits on the telephone poles within the wastewater plant. That it was out of date, and so we're going to replace it with the stuff that's more recent.

Mayor Donchess

Questions? Anyone? Comments?

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

C. Motion: To Approve The Contract With Loureiro Building Construction, LLC Of Plainville, Connecticut In An Amount Not To Exceed \$11,692,041.56 For The Phase I Upgrade Project. Funding Will Be Through: Department: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Bond: Activity: Phase I Upgrade Project; Pending Bond Approval.

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Item C, Commissioner Espitia.

Motion by Commissioner Espitia: To Approve The Contract With Loureiro Building Construction, LLC Of Plainville, Connecticut In An Amount Not To Exceed \$11,692,041.56 For The Phase I Upgrade Project. Funding Will Be Through: Department: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Bond: Activity: Phase I Upgrade Project; Pending Bond Approval.

David Boucher, Superintendent, Wastewater Department

Dave Boucher, Wastewater Superintendent. This is Phase I of our 20-year facility plan. It's to renovate and replace equipment at the wastewater plant through various parts of the plant. Part of the renovations are fixing concrete tanks, cracks in tanks, chlorine bulk storage tank we need some larger tanks at the facility because we get deliveries in bulk and the tanks we have are too small. Some renovations to our septage receiving area. We have some replacement work being done. We have six large process gates that we have to provide bypass piping for up to 50 million gallons, so this requires a lot of work, and we also have two large flow meters that are on the ground that have to be replaced, and some storm water improvements as well. This went out to bid; Loureiro was the low bidder, so we checked their references. We even checked

the references of the subcontractors they'll be using onsite and we believe they're capable of doing the job. Happy to answer any questions.

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Shea.

Commissioner, Paul Shea

If I may, it's not specifically about this. Last month I had talked about boating down the river. There's kind of a spot where water bubbles up. Do you know that spot that I'm talking about?

Mr. Boucher

It's probably our discharge from the wastewater facility.

Commissioner Shea

I think so, yeah. What's the nature of that water? Should it have an odor at times? What's to be expected there?

Mr. Boucher

It shouldn't have an odor at times. There will be bubbles because of the discharge of the outfall we add that air back into the process before it goes to the river because the last, second to last process there is no air added, and so, we're required to meet those dissolved oxygen limits in our permit before it goes in, so you will see bubbles.

Commissioner Shea

I had a report of some odor from a constituent, and I don't know if it's just normal stuff or what because, you know, I don't know, but that might be good to check in on and offer an update just to make sure whatever is coming out there is as it should be.

Mr. Boucher

Yeah, I recall listening to the last meeting. I think it's further upstream.

Commissioner Shea

Okay.

Mr. Boucher

Because the Assistant Superintendent—

Commissioner Shea

--yeah, I can get the--like a pin for it and send it to you.

Mr. Boucher

Yeah, that'd be great.

Commissioner Shea

I think my description of it might have been a little off. It wasn't like one of the CSO gates it was where the water kind of comes up in the bubbly spot.

Mr. Boucher

We can look into that.

Commissioner Shea

Okay, thank you. No other questions.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously.

D. Motion: To Approve The Contract With Wright Pierce Of Thompson, Maine In An Amount Not To Exceed \$1,361,000.00 For Construction Administration Services For The Phase I Upgrade Project. Funding Will Be Through: Department: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Bond; Activity: WWTF Phase I Upgrade Project; Pending Bond Approval.

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Item D, Commissioner Shea.

Motion by Commissioner Shea: To Approve The Contract With Wright Pierce Of Thompson, Maine In An Amount Not To Exceed \$1,361,000.00 For Construction Administration Services For The Phase I Upgrade Project. Funding Will Be Through: Department: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Bond; Activity: WWTF Phase I Upgrade Project; Pending Bond Approval.

David Boucher, Superintendent, Wastewater Department

David Boucher, Wastewater Superintendent. Wright Pierce had been working with us on this project. They did the preliminary designs. They also helped us with the 20-year as well, but they did the final designs as well. They also worked at the facility on our last large project, which required bypass pumping. I believe they're suited to help us do the oversight of this project, the Phase I project. Be happy to answer any questions.

Mayor Donchess

Anyone?

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Mr. Boucher

Thank you.

Mayor Donchess

Thank you, Mr. Boucher.

VIII. ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

So now, we're on to the Engineering Department.

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

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Item A, Commissioner Espitia.

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

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

B. Motion: To Approve A Drainlayer's License For Valor Excavation, LLC Of Pelham, 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.

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Item B, Commissioner Shea.

Motion by Commissioner Shea: To Approve A Drainlayer's License For Valor Excavation, LLC Of Pelham, 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.

Mayor Donchess

Mr. Hudson.

Dan Hudson, P.E., City Engineer

This is another drainlayer application. As is usual, we approve it with a probationary period. Valor Excavation applied. References were checked, so we're recommending approval of this.

Mayor Donchess

Well, any questions?

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

C. Motion: To Consider The Request From Liberty Utilities To Modify The Required Moratorium Restoration On Northeastern Boulevard.

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Item C, Commissioner Espitia.

Motion by Commissioner Espitia: To Consider The Request From Liberty Utilities To Modify The Required Moratorium Restoration On Northeastern Boulevard.

Dan Hudson, P.E., City Engineer

Dan Hudson, City Engineer. With us is a representative of Liberty to speak to this request.

Anthony Beland, Liberty Utilities

How are you doing? Anthony Beland, Liberty Utilities. We're looking to minimize the limits of the moratorium restoration on a stretch of Northeast Boulevard. I believe it was in 2024; there were six leaks in the area. On one stretch, we're doing curb-to-curb. This is a stretch on the west side of Murphy Drive represents about maybe 200 feet of linear footage. There's two patches and a connection point due to a recent relay we just did, so I'm just—in the past we've had a couple of times where we've just requested one lane instead of curb-to-curb just to minimize costs if possible. I'm looking to just minimize that stretch to one lane, about 150 feet of milling for moratorium restoration.

Mayor Donchess

And what are you going to do there?

Mr. Beland

Say that again.

Mayor Donchess

What are you going to do in that 150-foot stretch?

Mr. Beland

In the 150 feet we've--there's two patches that we've done. The standard cutbacks, I believe, but due to the fact that those were dug on the time when the street was in moratorium, we need to perform the moratorium restoration 25 feet both directions. I'm just looking to mill one lane instead of curb-to-curb, so basically cut the edge of the road to the center line of the road.

Mayor Donchess

Any questions? Discussion?

Commissioner, Paul Shea

Engineer Hudson, is this quite fine?

Mr. Hudson

Yeah, we're in favor of this. I mean, what they're doing. There's a section where they're doing curb-to-curb, and in some areas they're doing maybe more length than they would otherwise, just so that we don't have individual patches curb-to-curb and a gap between them. They're kind of tying a bunch of spots together, which is good. These were just on one side of the road so it makes sense in a wide road like Northeast Boulevard to just mill to the center lines so we don't cut into a road that otherwise wasn't disturbed and should last.

Commissioner Shea

Okay. Thank you.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously.

D. Informational: Street Opening Permits Issued For Streets In Moratorium

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Item D is an informational item regarding street opening permits. If there are no questions, we will then move on to Administration, and we're going to receive the Director's Report.

IX. ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

A. Informational: Director's Report

Carolyn O'Connor, Finance and Administration Manager

Director's Report. Ready Mayor?

Okay, can you make it into like the whole picture? I'm sorry. Alright, we can go like this, we're good.

Almighty, here we CWS installing guardrail on Tinker Road on August 26.

Sunshine Paving replacing curb, ramps, and sidewalk and the Street Department is installing rectangular rapid flashing beacons at Ledge Street Elementary on August 24th.

RWC constructing curb and drainage as part of the 2026 Sewer and Drain Project on Middle Dunstable Road and Lamb Road on September 8th.

Sunshine Paving installing drainage adjacent to the Ledge Street School on July 20th.

On to the Street Department. The Street Department crew demolished the upper parking lot of the Roby Park due to its poor condition due to subsurface degradation the lot was subsequently repaved. As part of the improvements to Roby Park, the parking lot received new pavement, and striping completed by our traffic crew.

Commissioner, Paul Shea

I just want to interrupt you.

Ms. O'Connor

Yes.

Commissioner Shea

And say thank you for that. So for sledding, it is--we've been down there a couple of times and had people get stuck, and you got people pushing people in and out of the parking lot, and just to have that all tuned up is like, that's great. So, thank you.

Ms. O'Connor

We're ready for a busy winter.

Commissioner Shea

Yeah.

Ms. O'Connor

The stage wall at Los Amigos exhibited significant deterioration, and the failure involved both the brick face and the underlying concrete masonry block. The Street Department crew removed failed masonry, repaired the underlying block wall, and reconstructed the brick face.

On to Lund Road, an emergency repair was performed by the Street Department on the catch basin located in the middle of the intersection near Bishop Guertin High School. The crew identified a broken lateral connection that was affecting proper drainage and required immediate repair. The repair was completed to restore proper drainage and address the damaged infrastructure in the intersection.

King Street. Workers performed repairs to address a sinkhole on King Street caused by the failure of an existing brick drainage structure. The failed structure needed to be excavated and removed to allow for proper reconstruction. The Street Department completed the necessary excavation, structural repairs, and pipe replacement to restore the system to proper working condition.

Glen Drive. Repair work was performed to address a sinkhole at Glen Drive. During the investigation, the crew identified a broken pipe connection at the manhole that was contributing to the failure of the surrounding area. Several members of the Street Department completed repairs that corrected the drainage issue and restored the affected infrastructure for safe and functional condition.

And here we are preparing for snow operations. The Fleet Department has started preparing for all winter operations, which included getting plow trucks mounted, checking brine system operations, and calibration safety checks, and greasing. The further picture to the right was rebuilding from axle on a tractor used for fall and winter cleanups.

Tree work. The Parks Department cut back limbs that were hitting the CNG tank on top the Solid Waste Department trash trucks.

Some infield renovations. Parks Department is currently renovating base field and softball infield. This involves edging around the entire skin and adding new infield material to make the playing surface level. The department recently took shipment of the ABI infield machine, which has laser grading capabilities. The machine will really enhance the results we can achieve renovating the infield. The work started in the first week of September and will enhance the playing experience for players.

Parks Department took part in some training on the new ABI infield machine. Parks Department fixed the bridge flooring in the Mine Falls near the Mill Pond.

Recreation hosted our Wheels N Wings, which was held at the Nashua Airport field on Saturday, September 18th from 10:00 to 2:00. Weather cooperated. They had a great day, great crowd. Nearly 3,000 people attended this event. In addition to planes, trucks, cars, and helicopters, they collected donations for End 68 Hours of Hunger and had a few food trucks there for those that worked up a hunger with all the fun.

Next big event is the Halloween Boo Bash on Saturday, October 17th at Greeley Park. Activities will include Trunk-or-Treat, tractor hayride, haunted house, pumpkin decorating, meet and greet, and more.

Biddy Basket registration is underway. It opened on September 1st. Registration for junior Biddy and Biddy levels ends September 30th. Bantam level ends October 31st.

The next big recreation trip will be the very popular New York City holiday trip on Saturday, December 12th. The trip offers transportation for the opportunity to spend the day in New York to see the holiday decorations, enjoy the museums and attractions, and also sample the great food options. Registration is now open on Rec Desk for this trip, and the cost is \$95.00 per person.

Wastewater. The loading dock deck at the Wastewater Treatment Facility was sandblasted to remove dirt, buildup, and old coating in preparation for applying a fresh coat of paint.

Solid Waste. We have curbside collection of oversized items, and appliances will be ending the season. The last date to request a pickup will be Friday, October 16th and the collection will be ending on Friday, October 23rd.

Back to Wastewater, a catch basin no. 1278 located at 27 Elm Street required cleaning. The catch basin has a hood installed and was plugged. Cleaning was necessary to restore proper storm water drainage and help prevent flooding in the area.

And the Four Hills Landfill will be closed on Monday, October 12th in observance of Columbus Day. Curbside collection will be delayed one day.

Thank you.

Mayor Donchess

Alright. Any questions or anything regarding the Director's Report?

X. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Manny Espitia

Just wanted to say thank you to the folks at Parks and Rec and everyone, and obviously all of Public Works, that put together Wings N Wheels. That is how I usually feel like fall is coming is that event. It is, and I've heard that it is some people's Super Bowl, but my child had a blast. We had friends that came over, and they had a great time too with Laurie and I, and I thought a lot of families were able to go and enjoy themselves. I always appreciate the work that Public Works does and especially the programming from the Parks and Rec Department. So, wanted to say a shout-out to them because it was a good time. And that's what I got so far.

Commissioner Shea

And, I'd like--

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Shea.

Commissioner Shea

Yeah, thanks so much. I'd like to update everybody on the progress of the Holman Stadium Activation Committee. We are meeting again next Wednesday at Holman Stadium. We had a good trip out; thank you to Superintendent Conant and everybody who came out. He's gone now, but everybody who came out to Holman. I know he had an especially late day at Greeley Park Commission and then joined us out at the stadium. But we got out there with the projector, which was donated by Greater American Downtown to the Recreation Department, and it's a project that's been used to do building projections like at the Holiday Stroll, and we went out and did a test on the batter's eye, which is the big open space at center field, and it looks really good even on the dark green paint. So, we're working with Parks and Recreation on getting a screen for that space to be able to do movie screenings. We were looking to maybe do a pilot one this fall, but I think at this stage it's going to be in the springtime, and we'll come back to the Board of Public Works to update on that and if necessary, get approvals, but it's going to look really good. That's one piece, and then at this month's meeting we've been progressively discussing different ideas. Are you enthused about the idea of it if we can figure out how to do it and be mindful of the turf of a skating rink, maybe?

Mayor Donchess

I'm enthusiastic about anything you can do; yes, I'm enthusiastic about that, yes.

Commissioner Shea

So, Liz had mentioned that you were talking about that from Economic Development, and so we've been talking about that idea, and possibly concerts, and so we'll be working on kind of breaking the group out into subgroups to just go and independently research and then bring it back, and then we'll bring it back here, and continue the conversation. There's a lot of opportunity. A lot of great baseball and other things happening there, and we can do some more exciting stuff.

Mayor Donchess

Well, skating would be great. As far as the screen, you should connect with Liz Hannum because I don't know if you saw that we showed the--

Commissioner Shea

--yes--

Mayor Donchess

--the World Cup at the park there, at the Renaissance Park. It may be possible to buy a screen like that. Now, it's not cheap, but we could use some of the TIFF funds, maybe some Public Works money.

Commissioner Shea

Yeah, so for--we looked at the dimensions of that, and I want to say that that screen is, I want to say it's something like 18 feet wide, which is in terms of the scale of that space, really excellent for doing movies and things in that space. For the stadium, that may be a good thing, but the size of it, I want to say, to purchase that one was like \$120,000.00 roughly-- but if we were to get one that would be comparable in size to what we can project, which I want to say is 38 feet wide, it would be something like \$380,000.00.

Mayor Donchess

Alright, so you're looking at a bigger screen.

Commissioner Shea

Yeah. But I think—our family went to the soccer game and that was very cool. And there might be some opportunities to use that at Holman too; I don't know.

Mayor Donchess

Alright, well, thank you for doing all that.

Commissioner Shea

Yeah, thank you.

Mayor Donchess

Alright, any other Commissioner's Comments? Alright, well if not thank you, and we will go on to Personnel.

XI. PERSONNEL

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

A. Motion: To Approve And Unseal The Non-Public Minutes For Personnel From The Board Of Public Works Meeting Of August 27, 2026.

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Item A, Commissioner Shea.

Commissioner Shea

I move by roll call that the Board go into Non-Public Session pursuant to R.S.A. 91-A:3, II (b), the Hiring of any Person as a public--

Mayor Donchess

--Now, before we get to that, we got the Items A and B.

Commissioner Shea

Oh, on the agenda.

Mayor Donchess

Yes, yes.

Motion by Commissioner Shea: To Approve And Unseal The Non-Public Minutes For Personnel From The Board Of Public Works Meeting of August 27, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously.

B. Motion: To Accept The Resignation Of Michael Dube Jr., Parks, Effective September 18, 2026.

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Item B, Commissioner Espitia.

Motion by Commissioner Espitia: To Accept The Resignation Of Michael Dube Jr., Parks, Effective September 18, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

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, Mayor

So now we will go to the Non-Public Session. Commissioner Shea.

Commissioner Paul Shea

Do we have a non-public

Mayor Donchess

Yeah, we do.

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.

Mayor Donchess

Okay, we need a roll call, please call the roll.

Viva Voce Roll Call:

3-Yea (Shea, Espitia, Donchess) – 0 Nay

MOTION CARRIED. Unanimously.

The Board entered into a Non-Public Session at 4:45 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 September 24, 2026, Until Such Time As The Majority Of The Board Votes That The Purpose Of The Confidentiality Would No Longer Be Served.

Motion by Commissioner Shea: To Move By Roll Call To Seal The Minutes Of Board Of Public Works Personnel Non-Public Meeting Of September 24, 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, Espitia, Donchess) – 0 Nay

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman, James Donchess

And now I believe adjournment is in order, Commissioner Shea.

Motion by Commissioner Shea: To Adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously.

The meeting of the Board of Public Works of September 24, 2026, adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

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