



The City of
Rutland, Vermont

Board of Alderman

Public Works Committee

Minutes January 13, ²⁰²⁵2024

Committee Members present: Alderman, Barbagallo, Gillam, McCann, Adams,
Talbott,

Other BOA Members Present: City Treasurer Markowski, Asst. City Engineer Gillen, and
Commissioner DPW Bob Protivansky, Tom and Gayle Donahue, Larry Cupoli, Ed Bove Planning
dept, Mayor Doenges
Gordon Dritschilo, Rutland Herald

5:30 meeting Call to Order Chair Gillam, LaMontagne Conference room

Issues

1. ****Phosphorus Control Plan Final Design****

Motion by Alderman McCann.

To Move to the full BOA for approval: - **Authorized the Public Works Commissioner to initiate contract negotiations with Fitzgerald Environmental Associates for engineering design services related to phosphorus reduction projects. Pass 4-0**

Fitzgerald Environmental Associates completed the Rutland City Phosphorus Control Plan, identifying potential projects to reduce phosphorus loading to local waterways and ultimately the Otter Creek. Due to their previous performance and familiarity with project requirements, it's financially advantageous for the city to contract them for final design work. The MS4 Community Formula Grant of \$488,000 will fund the project, with a \$122,000 match covered through in-kind services. The plan includes completing design work in 2025 and constructing the projects by the end of 2026, with design costs estimated between \$70,000 to \$100,000.

2. ****Moon Brook Flow Restoration Plan****

Motion by Alderman Barbagallo To move to the full Boa for approval: **Authorized the Public Works Commissioner to initiate contract negotiations with Watershed Consulting for engineering services related to the Moon Brook Flow Restoration Plan. - Vote: 4-0.**

2nd Motion

Motion By Alderman Barbagallo

To Move to the Full Boa for approval: - **Authorized the Department of Public Works to expend funding from the Capital Sewer Capital Fund to complete the work, estimated at \$65,000. - Vote: 4-0.**

The Public Works Department recommends sole-sourcing to Watershed Consulting for \$65,000, covered by the Sewer Water Fund. The firm has relevant experience with Rutland City and Rutland Town projects, contributing to a watershed-wide Flow Restoration Plan.

3. ****Water Main Distribution System Approval Project****

The City of Rutland approved a \$2.5 million bond (2023) for the Water Main Distribution System Improvement Project. The construction bids came in the amount of \$3,101,885.00, for total project cost, including construction, construction engineering, permitting and contingency of 10% of total cost of the project. With DPW value engineering and reducing contingency for 5% has reduced costs to \$2,847,735.00, still \$347,000 over budget. The Public Works Department proposes authorizing additional indebtedness of \$75,000 beyond the approved bond, and covering the remaining \$273,000 gap with the Water System's Capital Fund. The committee decided to hold off for now the \$75,000 will be held until needed, and use the needed funding all from the Water System Capital Fund containing over \$2.2 million, supported by annual contributions of \$175,000.

Motion by Alderman Adams

To Move to the Full BOA for approval: - **Authorized the Department of Public Works to expend funding from the Water System Capital Fund to cover the funding gap. - Vote: 4-0.**

The committee adjourned 6:25 pm