DPW/BPD Executive Session Minutes

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TIME: 3:40 PM

Moved to go into executive session at 7:05

So moved by Member Ferrante, seconded by Member Rosales, unanimous approval

- Drain has been scoped twice, all to the same avail.
- Contractor wants to put 5000 into escrow, then live with the situation for a few more months, and then return the money to them when the problem is no longer a problem
- Clearly this approach is unacceptable as it already has been a problem.
- The proposal from the committee was to do the work ourselves and withhold that from the final payment.
- EAC is attempting to seek a dollar value lower than the estimate we have, as \$15,000.00 could end up in a court case.
- The committee feels that we should move forward, do the work independently, withhold 15,000.00 until the work is done, and then return any funds if they're left after the work is complete.
- Discussion with DPW representatives regarding whether or not they can do some of the work. A town representative inquired if there were any savings to be had by utilizing DPW work. DPW representatives state in no uncertain terms that they do not have the staffing or ability given all of their other current constraints to accomplish that work.
- Committee is inclined to move forward with fixing it based on the estimates that have been provided to do the work and if they really wish to take it to court, then we deal with that later
- Moved that the committee proceed to repair the sanitary sewer line with the remaining funds currently held back on the contract. So moved by Member Epstein, seconded by Member Ferrante, unanimous approval
- Chair Mahoney entertains motion to return to open session, so moved by Member Ferrante, seconded by Member Rosales, unanimous approval.