

Present

B. Anderson
B. Bevan
D. German
J. Golden
F. Smith
P. Vetro

Also Present

C. Saley, PW Director
L. Streit, Secretary

Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

A motion was made by Vetro, seconded by Golden to accept the minutes of 12/19/16 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

- Lafayette Street – the potholes have been repaired; this is all set.
- 23 Bird Lane – this is all set.
- The logo for trucks – no updates, German is looking into options.
- Darina Place – Anderson stated that they are waiting for the map/plan to be received in order to review this with the neighbors. Anderson asked about the meeting with the UI Company regarding utilities going underground. Chris stated that they had an initial meeting and are awaiting numbers, locations, transformers, etc.
- Founders Walk is being worked on. Lights were discussed; street lights use a lot of energy/cost. They were fortunate to find a company that has pink granite and this will look like the bridge. German asked if there is a concept to look at to see what the end result is to look like as a lot of residents have concerns. Anderson stated that there is a site plan design and suggested looking into this with the Mayor or Community Development as a presentation was made. Chris stated that they are increasing the height of the wall; this is different from the plan and was reviewed. There have been some pretty big changes from the original design. There will be steps down to the kissing bridge. They are in the process of deciding what trees are to come down and what is to be planted. Public Works did a lot of the excavation and prep work
- The micro grid is moving forward.

Director's Report

- Chris would like to do a Snow Academy where the Aldermen would ride a plow for a whole shift and then residents in order to understand the process and what is involved with snow removal. GPS's are being used and have been very helpful.
- Christmas trees are being picked up.
- **Paving** roads – the goal is to do neighborhoods. Bevan thanked Public Works for the signs at Welche's Point Road. Chris stated that one neighbor was not happy; he is trying to please everyone. The goal is to finish in 3 months. Anderson asked about the roads and asked that lists be made from the districts and forwarded to Chris. Chris stated that historically 11 or so miles per year have been paved and it should be 16 miles per year and every 15 years roads will be done. A discussion followed regarding different roads that have different wear and have had different processes over the years. There are a lot of variables. Anderson stated that Barton Road and Berner Terrace need to be paved. German asked how many miles of paving there is in Milford. Chris stated 260 miles.

- **Sanitation** – this has been going very well; some adjustments are being made. It was discussed that the public needs to know what can be put in the bins and how the bins need to be put out. Golden suggested doing a YouTube video for residents on the City Website. Golden asked how many trucks there are for garbage/recycling. Chris stated that there are 5 total; 4 of which are available. She stated that she sees some crews taking bags out of the bins and throwing them into the truck. Chris stated that that is the reserve rear loader that has to be used when one truck is down. Bevan asked if trucks were still needed. Chris stated that they are still needed; 8 were originally asked for. There are currently needs in other areas.
- **Budget** – there is a hiring freeze now as of January 1, 2017 and no overtime unless authorized due to cuts from Hartford. Next year is being prepared for as well. Anderson discussed beautification of the city and suggested a sub committee to address fencing, signage, pocket parks that need work, etc. Smith stated that Wildemere Beach Park is a good example where residents maintain the area. German, Anderson and Bevan agreed to do this. Chris suggested working with Steve Johnson in order to get volunteers.

Concerns

- **German** asked about the Crescent Beach design. Chris stated that this is in process and is going to the DEEP on Friday. Crescent, Walnut and Wildemere beaches will be discussed at the meeting. German asked about a re-use area at the Transfer Station. Chris stated that this would cost an estimate of \$100,000.00. They will start recycling mattresses. There was discussion of having a Goodwill trailer at the Transfer Station.
- **Bevan** asked about the Sanitation trucks. Chris stated that one truck was damaged coming down and there was an extended warranty and has been fixed. One truck hit the overpass and is being worked on. Bevan asked about when trees are removed and chipped; where does this product go and if residents could get it in their neighborhood. Chris stated that it is currently dumped at Grillo's for free. It could be dropped in neighborhoods but a hold harmless clause would be needed.
- **Vetro** asked about the lights at The Chamber of Commerce; someone hit the fence. Chris stated that the agreement is that the Chamber is to maintain the building. He will look into it and see what the issue is.
- **Anderson** asked about the name plates at Lisman Landing and who is responsible for those. Chris stated that he was not sure and will look into it. Anderson stated that there is a pothole at the entrance of Lisman Landing and graffiti at the base of Hotchkiss Bridge.
- **Smith** stated that Public Works did a nice job with decorating downtown for the holidays. Smith asked about the duck pond dredging. Chris stated that they are waiting for final bids.

The next meeting will be on 02/28/17.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit