

## Minutes of the Public Works Committee of March 30, 2015.

### **Present**

B. Anderson  
B. Bier  
J. Golden  
F. Smith  
P. Vetro

### **Also Present**

C. Saley, PW Director  
L. Streit, Secretary

Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

### **Minutes**

A motion was made by Bier, seconded by Golden to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Director's Report**

- Anderson asked about the snow budget and that there have been issues with snow removal and pot holes. Chris reported that crews are working until dark now (6:00 p.m.) and, weather permitting, Saturdays 7am to 3pm or 7am to 5pm as well. They are patching pot holes by hand now, which is a temporary fix until they can be milled and cut. There has been a tremendous amount of damage from the snow. The Foreman has been out sick for about a month now; there is an Acting Foreman in his place and things will take a long time to fix. The snow budget is spent and Town Aide is now being used. Sunday at 6am was slippery conditions and the roads had to be salted. This cost was \$10,000.00. Molasses salt is now being used and there has been \$100,000.00 more in costs than last year. It is a better product; the roads can be pre treated. Public Works has been very aggressive this year with snow removal and has not been using subcontractors as much. Last year this cost was \$190,000.00 verses this years' \$75,000.00.
- Bier asked how fixing potholes is prioritized. Chris stated that this is a combination of problem areas and people calling in between the Foreman and Dispatch. It was discussed that potholes are a huge issue right not and that the public can now report pothole issues on line. This lead to a discussion on what other services could be on line; snow routes, tree schedule, plow schedule. Golden suggested having a Milford application for phones. Costs for GPS system in vehicles was discussed as well as features and capabilities.
- Morningside revetment – there are some issues with the grant. This has to go out for RFP for design. This is a \$785,000.00 grant and is not meant for private property.
- Harbor dredging was discussed. A long arm excavator is used in other towns. However, this is not feasible in Milford. There will be a meeting on this tomorrow.
- Milford Point Road is in the design phase with Milone and McBroom.
- Calf Pen, Beachland Avenue, Point Beach Drive, Myrtle Avenue were discussed. The Merwin Avenue drainage project has received approval from the Inland Wetlands Agency and will go out to bid in the summer months.
- The Library roof will go out to bid.

- Naugatuck Avenue to 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue – drainage is being fixed.
- The Rock Street and Welche's Point Road pump stations are in the design phase.
- Darina Place is in the design phase and prices are being looked at.
- Ed Kozlowski is the Temporary Foreman for Jim Cooper's job. There are 5 candidates interested in this position. Chris stated that he feels that the salary structure is too low for this position and the Class 4 Certification that it requires. Some operational issues need to be looked at as well.
- City Hall boilers need to be replaced and this will begin in mid April. Lights will be the next project and then Parson's. Space and square footage is being looked at at Parson's. Plans and maps will be scanned and going on line and will no longer need to be stored. The micro grid is in process and will save the city \$150,000.00 per year.

### Concerns

Anderson asked about the flood mitigation work on Naugatuck Avenue. Chris stated that bid openings for this will be next Tuesday. The Gas Company will start on Wednesday; the gas line will have to be relocated. A traffic count was done on Naugatuck Avenue and this showed 9,200 – 12,000 cars per day traveling on Naugatuck Avenue. It is anticipated that the work will be completed by December and then milling and paving the entire road in the spring.

A discussion followed regarding all utility company work; sewer, gas and UI. Work is being done on Naugatuck Avenue from Bridgeport Avenue to the VFW.

Chris reported that there is a lot of room at Parsons' and they are looking at putting the Health Department there as well as considering relocating the Literacy Center there.

Anderson asked about recycling. German and Anderson met with Caitlin Brown, an ad hoc environmental group regarding Milford residents paying a per bag fee for regular garbage (less than \$1.00). They will have an article in the Milford Mirror to educate the public on recycling.

A discussion followed regarding the Transfer Station and people buying day passes; discussion on 1 Toter per household and a fee if more is used. Chris stated that one arm bandit trucks can be used for 60% of the town. Having a clothes bin at the Transfer Station was discussed. Toters for regular garbage was discussed.

Anderson asked about Maplewood Avenue. Chris stated that he met with Frontier, there are poles on both sides. They are trying to decide about road width. The budget has to be looked at for paving. There has been a lot of frost in the ground this year and the roads have frozen and expanded. This winter was substantially colder with an average temperature of 16 degrees.

Bier asked about the soft ball fields. Chris stated that they are all very wet and the season won't be able to begin on time.

Chris stated that union contract negotiations are this year and will be tough.

Vetro reported that at Lance Lane/Pond Point Road there are 2 huge pot holes. Chris will look into this.

Smith asked Chris to follow up on the Stanley Street drainage issue. Chris will follow up on this.

The next meeting will be on April 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit