

## Minutes of the Public Works Committee of April 25, 2016.

### **Present**

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

### **Also Present**

C. Saley, PW Director  
L. Streit, Secretary

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

### **Minutes**

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Bier to accept the minutes of 02/02/16 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Unfinished Business**

None.

### **New Business**

- Bier asked about Old Gate Lane and if it was City property. Christ stated that Woodmont Road to the off ramp of I95 is state property and from Gipper's to New Haven Avenue is city property. Bier stated that there are no lines for lanes in the road and it creates a back up. Chris stated that he will refer this to the State Representative.
- Smith stated that there is a lot of road work going on and asked about the work at Naugatuck Avenue to E. Broadway and if there is repaving. Chris stated that this is part of a state project and there will be a full new road. A price is being obtained to reconstruct the road. Chris reported that from Beaverbrook to the Church, the sidewalks are 80% state and 20% city; the drainage portion is complete. Some gas lines had to be replaced, Smith asked about the work at the end of Stowe. Chris stated that this is a Gas Company project.
- Vetro stated that a resident reported that there are foxes living under a shed and called Animal Control and the Police Department and was told it was not under their auspices. Chris suggested they call the Health Department or they may need a trapper/exterminator.
  - Vetro asked about the Morningside area. Chris stated that the railings would be done in the next few weeks; paving as well. The catch basin at the end of Norwood is to be fixed and they anticipate milling to begin on 5/9/16 with paving to follow. There will be no sidewalks; the residents didn't want them.
  - Vetro stated that a resident at the end of Carmen Road reported that neighbors are dumping yard waste there. There were No Dumping signs in this area and they would like them reinstalled.
  - Vetro reported that a resident at 49 Sound View stated that public access to Tri-Beach is blocked by a fence. Chris will look into this.
  - Vetro reported that at Concord Avenue and Bridgeport Avenue people are bottoming out on the road.
  - Vetro asked about standing water between properties on Lance Lane and asked who is responsible; it creates a mosquito problem. Chris stated that it is an easement and suggested they call the Health Department.
- Bier reported that he walked by the Gulf Street guardrail and saw nothing wrong with it; there were some screws missing, but it was fine.

- Bier asked about 31 Castle Lane; a sink hole has been repaired a couple of times and is back again as well as some other potholes. Chris will look into this.
- Bier asked about the sidewalks on High Street across from Laurelton Hall. Chris stated that they are not replacing them and he spoke to the resident. It is an old sidewalk, no tree lift, etc. and it is the homeowners' responsibility.
- Bier asked about 23 Merwin Avenue; a snow plow cracked the driveway apron. Chris will look into this.
- Smith asked about the railroad at Naugatuck Avenue; they run diesel motors for a long time in the early morning hours and it is bothering the neighbors. Residents on Warfield Street can't sleep at night.
- Golden asked about the graffiti at the skate park. Chris stated that this area is a disaster and very frustrating. They are down there all of the time. Better cameras are needed here as well as Walnut and Gulf Beaches.
  - Golden questioned that there was no sand for the roads. Chris stated that molasses salt has been used for the last 1.5 years. This costs more money initially but overall is more effective.

### Director's Report

- Bulk pick up begins on Monday.
- Lisman's Landing is being renovated with blue stone sidewalks. This area was very unsafe. This should be completed by next week. The trees have been trimmed as well.
- The traffic locations at Walnut Beach are being redone.
- Parking work at the Margaret Egan Center and West Shore is being done.
- The Town of Fairfield was used for comparison to Milford – they track roads every year and it is a full time job. They have a Director, Assistant Director and a Superintendent as well as 9 Supervisors. Milford has a Director and 6 Supervisors. Fairfield spends \$3.5 million on paving; Milford spends \$2 million on paving. Milford does very little training and zero auditing and can be more efficient. Bier commented that there are a lot of changes happening as well as finances and an audit should be done. Chris stated that he is looking at doing a route assessment. He further stated that the town is underemployed and it is very challenging and he needs support. The goal is to use 2 vacant positions to fund a new position. Supervisory positions were discussed as well as union negotiations.
- Mondo Ponds is being worked on with donations from Subway.
- Eisenhower Park and Foot Field are being looked at.
- Catch basin and street repair is being done in Woodmont.
- Chris stated that the department needs to be more efficient and there is a real need for training and auditing.
- GPS in trucks was discussed.
- Darina Place – progress is being made and then work on the parking lot will be done.

The next meeting will be on 05/24/16.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit