

Minutes of the Public Works Committee on April 26, 2011.

Present

N. Vecharelli
P. Vetro
D. German

Also Present

B. Kolwicz, PW Director
L. Streit, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Director's Report

There have been a lot of complaints this month; people want barrels out and they are typically put out from Memorial Day.

The Walnut Beach Board Walk ribbon cutting will be on May 2, 2011.

Parks – are being prepared; bathrooms, etc. German asked if there could be signs put out as to when the bathrooms are open. Bruce stated that they are only open for events, they are not just open.

Ballfields – are in good shape. There have been a lot of complaints but there has been a lot of rain which has to dry. 5/2/11 is the opening day for Little League.

The Town Dock – the final plans came through and it has been CAM approved. The whole package is up at the State now and is ready to go out to bid in May and the work should begin in June.

Naugatuck Avenue drainage – there will be an informational meeting on 5/4 at City Hall to review the plan. They will be putting in a larger pipe from Bridgeport Avenue to the VFW. This is a City, State and Federal project.

Vetro commented that Complete Construction did a nice job on Buckingham Avenue.

Bic Drive is to be reclaimed in conjunction with the sewer project. Vetro asked about Old Gate Lane and the plate in the road. Bruce stated that this was Water Company work. The Old Gate Lane project is almost ready to go out to bid. This will clean/clear up the area.

Gulf Beach Sand project – the permitting process is almost complete. There will be more beach area from this project. German asked about Woodmont Beach and its sand area. Bruce stated that that is a Borough issue and at Gulf Beach they will not be bringing in any sand they will be moving it. A discussion followed regarding vandalism at Walnut Beach.

German asked about sand on the sidewalks. Bruce stated that Public Works clears sand on the bridges, the schools and downtown but they do not do residents sidewalks.

Earth Day is this Saturday and Public Works will be there.

German asked about a grant through CDBG for compressed natural gas and if this was something Public Works would use. Bruce stated that the new recycling trucks would be diesel. A discussion followed on recycling.

Free Day – German explained that this is for the Saturday before bulk pick up when people can come and pick through bulk trash that has been put out. The intent is to reduce garbage. Bruce referenced the City Ordinance of 10/18/90 Sec. 9-65 that states that no scavenging is allowed. A discussion followed that West Haven takes bulk all of the time and the question was where it gets separated. Vetro asked what schools do for recycling. A discussion followed that the schools will have to have separate dumpsters and schools will have to make a better effort with recycling.

The Budget was briefly discussed. Bruce stated that the budget was larger 7 years ago than it is now. Single Stream Recycling is to begin and 2 positions are proposed to be cut. The ramifications of the cut in funds are that services will be cut and there have been cuts for years. If positions are cut, overtime will increase because garbage has to be picked up. Funds are low now and it is only April. The same services in a timely manner cannot be expected with the elimination of positions. There are a lot of unfunded mandates; storm water, waste water and the transfer station. It is unknown what the effects of the State budget will be.

The next regular meeting will be on 5/22/11 at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit