

Minutes of the Public Works Committee on April 27, 2009.

Present

P. Vetro, Chairman
N. Veccharelli, Jr.
B. Nunno
J. Toohey

Also Present

B. Kolwicz, PW Director
L. Streit, Recording Secretary
K. Hammill, Admin. Asst.

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

Minutes

A motion was made by Veccharelli, seconded by Toohey to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented and carried unanimously.

Budget

Kelly reviewed the overtime accounts and reports requested at the Board of Aldermen meeting. Bruce went to an organizational meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Council today in Bridgeport for a 13 town region. The First Selectmen, Mayors and Public Works Directors are to meet on a regular basis. These minutes will be available in the City Clerk's Office. Nunno would like these minutes electronically. Kelly will look into if they are sent electronically. A discussion regarding commercial waste removal followed.

Director's Report

With the warm weather everyone thinks it is summer; no beaches are open yet, it's still April. The orange barrels discussed previously have worked; most of them are still being used. Public recycling barrels were discussed. People are driving around and emptying them and some are using them for garbage. Trash barrels will be monitored; people are abusing these by bringing household garbage down to the barrels.

Ball fields – all have been worked on and are ready to go. Jonathan Law and Foran High are doing their own. Wasson Field is to open this weekend. Underhill is getting used a lot. The parks are being taken care of. Per Parks and Recreation, a number of things are being added. The Skate Park was briefly discussed. The YMCA is no longer involved. Brewster ball field was discussed – Vetro has received complaints that there are too many fields here and not enough parking.

Mondo Ponds and the trail on West Avenue were discussed. Kingdom Life maintains the garbage and picnic tables here.

The Senior Center drainage is 99% complete; it will be hydro seeded by the end of the week. The striping and crosswalks are complete. The pipe system is running well.

Patching – all of Naugatuck Avenue has been done as well as Ford Street and Old Gate Lane. The asphalt machine has been a real savings and has reduced complaints as well.

Concerns

Vetro asked about Woodruff Road drainage. Bruce stated that this is an ongoing issue and a lot of work has been done over there. Debris gets caught in there. Trash gates have been installed and they are monitored. Vetro asked about Bird Lane. Bruce stated that this is on the schedule and it is a much bigger project than a pothole and should be complete in May. Vetro asked about Housatonic Drive; a tree came down on a house and a limb on a car. Bruce stated that one tree is growing into the road. Some of the dead wood will be trimmed but the tree will not be removed.

Nunno stated that some kids spray painted street signs at West Town Street in the new Dunkin Donuts area and the police were called. Bruce stated that this has been removed and some signs have been replaced. Bruce will follow up with Dunkin Donuts. Nunno asked about the drainage at the condos by the Yacht Club. Bruce stated that when the water gets low enough, this will be addressed. Nunno stated that the street sweeper came a few weeks ago and did a great job but there are some large stones in the sand. A discussion followed on the use of the sand.

Veccharelli asked about curb damage at the corner of the green and Center Street. Bruce will look into this. Veccharelli stated that he received numerous complaints for the guardrails on Anderson Avenue; they are rotting. Bruce will look into this.

The next regular meeting will be on 5/26/09 at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit