Minutes of the Public Works Committee on May 29, 2012.

Present

- B. Nunno, Chairman
- P. Vetro
- D. German
- B. Anderson

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

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

Minutes

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

Director's Report

- Fort Trumbull the panel met; Jim Portly, Guilford Town Engineer; Gary Wassmer, City Engineer; Mike Turner, Wethersfield (absent) and Bruce Kolwicz. 5 companies submitted RFQ's that were presented to the panel. HAKS got the bid; they were the only firm that sought further information from FEMA. They will be working with the DEEP and the preliminary plan will begin in the next 3 weeks. The permitting process should be smooth as it is already a disturbed area. Armor stone will go in for revetment on the top to the curb. There will be no grass area.
- Old Gate Lane is finished. The lights are on under the bridge and were installed by CT DOT Rail but not the power to it. It works well. Public Works sweeps the area every two weeks. There are 9 signs, three of which are blinkers prior to the railroad bridge. German questioned if the area would be planted. Bruce stated that the kennel side is state property.
- Tree plantings and placement in general were discussed. The Tree Commission and Milford Trees the tree planted in front of the Chamber. German asked about lights to shine on the Chamber. Bruce will look into this.
- Point Beach the wall is now completed. The footings were poured and there is a 6' wall on top of that.
- The wall at Laurel Avenue by St. Gabe's has been rebuilt and is complete.
- Marie Street the stairs are rebuilt and the rails are in.
- Gulf Beach parking lot FEMA is paying for 130'; the fencing and hand rails will be replaced.
- The street ends by the Costa Azzura are complete. This was all damage from Storm Irene.
- The boardwalk and graffiti have been cleaned up at Walnut Beach.
- Barrel run begins this week (putting barrels out at parks, beaches and ball fields). Barrels are emptied 3 times per week (Mon., Wed. and Fri.).
- Single Stream Recycling the containers for schools and city buildings came in; they are numbered and ready to be distributed. Fire Headquarters and the Health Department will share one.
- The Gulf Beach sand project is completed. Over 10,000 cubic yards were moved. Complete Construction did the work, which took 6 working days.

Concerns

- Vetro stated that the signs for No Diving/No Jumping off the Gulf Street pier are gone. Bruce will look into this and replace them. Vetro asked about the tree at 75 Sparrowbush Lane. Bruce stated that the UI Representative/liaison is looking into this as well as other issues. Summer Place Park was discussed; Bruce stated that this is owned by an association and they want help maintaining it. Bruce will look into this.
- German asked about the field next to the YMCA and if it was City property. Bruce stated that the City owns that and the orchard; it is open space. German stated that a neighbor is asking who is responsible for cutting this. Bruce will look into this. German stated that a resident never received a recycling bin. Bruce asked that the resident call Public Works as all bins are numbered and assigned. German asked about Settler's Woods grass. Bruce stated that this is State property. Down the street from Settler's Woods on New Haven Avenue the drain is clogged from cut debris. Bruce will look into this. German asked about lettering on the new recycling trucks. Bruce stated that this is not done yet. German stated that he would submit suggestions. German asked about the planter at the Boston Post Road and Cherry Street and who maintains this as it is overgrown. Anderson stated that he spoke to a person who has maintained this area and they said they would cut it one more time but could no longer do it. This was part of an Adopt A Spot Program through the Chamber. Vetro stated that he would speak to someone at the Chamber to see if someone can take this over. German asked about the downtown bridge with pigeon excrement and if this was cleaned. Bruce stated that it is.
- Nunno asked about Monroe Street and Pumpkin Delight Road (it is dangerous). Bruce stated that this is State property and it has been reported; he will follow up. Crabtree has a sidewalk lift. Burnt Plains Road has a leaning tree. Miller Avenue and the side streets in this area would like to roads swept. The sweeper was at Lansdale at 7:30 a.m. and this is a crazy time with students coming in at JLHS.

The next regular meeting will be on 06/25/12 at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit