

Minutes of the Public Works Committee on June 23, 2008.

Present

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

Also Present

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

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

Minutes

It was noted that in last month's minutes R. Vitale should have been listed under Also Present as he is not a committee member. A motion was made by Nunno, seconded by Veccharelli to approve the minutes as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report

- Scrapping – is affecting all towns. Catch basin grates have been stolen as well as barrels. Barrels used to be obtained at no cost on Old Gate Lane; this is no longer as they scrap them now as well. 12 free were obtained after the thefts. Plastic barrels were tried out in Woodmont without success; they need to be weighted and don't really work. People scrap the barrels and leave the tops. Now that the word is out, scrap yards will no longer take grates. Metal obtained from bulk pick up is 1/8 of what it used to be. Pepe's Farm Road may be an option again to obtain barrels. There are fewer barrels out now. Nunno reported that two barrels are requested at Fort Trumbull. There is a lot of fishing mess in the area that neighbors have been cleaning up. Bruce stated that he can put one barrel down there but that is the area of theft. A discussion followed regarding barrels. People are taking cans, bottles, etc. out of the recycling barrels and all that is left are non returnable water bottles.
- Drainage – the following areas have just been completed; Ansantawae, Arrow Head, Brewster Road – the pipe has been replaced and the flow is good. Great River – the berm is being replaced with mafia blocks and sod on top. Bruce went up to (Advanced Drainage System Company) ADS in Mass. and saw how they make piping and manholes.
- Paving – will begin at the end of this week and will begin in the Devon section. The Gas Company did 2 services in Devon. Ravis on Broad Street wanted to change to gas and changed their mind (pricing was too high) and this held paving up. The State helped at the green. There is 240 miles of road in Milford; some roads hold up better than others, have less use, etc. Approximately 6 miles per year is paved and the City is broken down to 4 sections. There was a brief discussion on Cherry Street – it was a State Road and is now a City road. It has to be repaired in concrete. It can not be asphalted over it. It would have to be totally removed and then asphalted.
- The All Class Reunion will be this weekend. Parsons Building will not be open.
- Safety Awards – these awards have been going on since 1994. 132 out of 148 people this quarter were accident free. This is the most to date and is unheard of. This is attributed in part to the OSHA Training. There is a Safety Luncheon to acknowledge these

accomplishments. This concept was entered in the UCONN Safety Concept Competition. Toohey stated that this should be publicized. Vetro stated that Kelly does a wonderful job; she is always courteous and helpful. Nunno and Toohey agreed.

- Beaches – Walnut Beach had a few problems. Walnut/Silver Sands boardwalk is still on schedule. There was a discussion on a 2 hour parking limit on the street. The sand was moved at Gulf Beach and Public Works is working with the DEP to get the groin rebuilt. Dolittle Park and Woodmont Beach do not have a lot of problems. Anchor Beach has had no problems since the parking lot was done. People use the parking and this is a well used beach.
- Trees – there was a storm a few weeks ago that lasted 20 or so minutes and caused great damage. This work is caught up with now. A tree crushed the fence at Hazelwood Park. Trees were planted on islands on Monroe Street. This was done with the Tree Commission and students from The Academy.
- Caswell Cove was discussed. The Police Department is doing a study of the area. There are not many problems. The Police and Fire Departments are against having a gate down there. A discussion followed on the feral cat problem here. Nunno stated that he took care of this problem in his neighborhood; he caught the cats and worked with Animal Control to have them spayed. Responsibility at Caswell Cove was discussed and Veccharelli stated that Planning and Zoning is reviewing this issue.
- Naugatuck Avenue by West Avenue has been milled and is to be paved (underground power was put in).
- The East/West Interceptor sewer project is going to start at the end of July (West Avenue to Erna Avenue under the Post Road). The East Broadway project will begin in September.
- Nunno stated that he has received 4 phone calls from the Bayview Beach Association regarding the drain pipe at the end of Lawrence Avenue. Bruce stated that he is looking into this. Nunno asked about the railings on Millwood and Crown. Bruce stated that the Millwood one is being done and the other 2 will be done. The Grant Street sewer – Bruce is looking into. Nunno had a complaint about one of the sanitation workers; he blows the horn really loud deliberately at 6:30/7:00 a.m. in the Fort Trumbull area. This has been an issue for about a month or so and he has tried to address it and is on going. Bruce will address this. Nunno stated that he has received a 2 page typed letter regarding Sherbrook Road. Bruce stated that the resident still has to go to the State and has not done so. Bruce asked that this resident be referred to him and he will meet with the resident, MaryRose from IWA on site. Nunno stated that he would also like to be present.
- Veccharelli asked about the guardrails at Pond and Rogers and if they were State or City. Bruce stated that it was City. Veccharelli stated that they are rotted and look like there was a street sign there at one time and he would like the posts to be put back in. Bruce will look into this.

The next regular meeting will be 7/29/08 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit