

## Minutes of the Public Works Committee of June 23, 2014.

### **Present**

B. Anderson  
J. Golden  
F. Smith  
P. Vetro

### **Also Present**

C. Saley, PW Director  
L. Streit, Secretary  
Mr. and Mrs. O'Connell

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

### **Public's Concerns**

Anderson asked about Richard Street drainage. Chris stated that Richard St., Moorehead, Elaine and Pond Point Avenue have all been vacuumed out; two outflows were not working properly. He is working with DEEP, Milone and McBroom and the City Engineer to redesign this and do it in a cost conscience way. It is improved but there is a plan to fix it and then it will be milled and paved. Backflow preventers will be used that will stop when the tide is high. Chris will be attending a storm drain seminar tomorrow with the City Engineer.

Jack and MaryAnn O'Connell, 283 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, were in attendance. Smith stated that he spoke to Mr. O'Connell this morning regarding widening Milford Point Road to East Broadway/Seaview Avenue. Chris stated that he spoke with Mr. O'Connell's son regarding the potential to raise the road one to two feet; the topography supports this. The DEEP does not want to fill in. The plan is not to widen the road. The road floods 8-9 times per month. There is marsh grass along the roads edge, this is to be cut back to a certain level and then paved. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave to Seaview Ave options are; to leave it the way it is or to raise it. It could be made to a one way if the DEEP allows it. Funds have been budgeted for drainage work. Milford Point Road from Naugatuck Avenue to Audubon will be paved. The Water Company is to replace lines next June from 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave to Seaview; so this area will not be done until the Water Company project is done. Mr. O'Connell stated that his neighbor wants to build and it floods 8/9 times per month and emergency access is an issue. Chris stated that a retaining wall is required to raise the road and some areas can be feathered in. 7 houses are affected by this. Chris met with Susan Jacobson from DEEP and received positive feedback; neighbors are interested. He doesn't want to do the project if it is not wanted. Mr. O'Connell stated that some neighbors are not aware of the plan but feels that most are in favor of it; there would have to be a schematic to show elevations and how it works to show the neighbors. Chris stated that this plan is conceptual; there are no contacts signed, no authorization. Mr. O'Connell stated that he just wants to know what's going on.

### **Minutes**

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

### **Director's Report**

Anderson asked about sidewalk replacement. Chris stated that there is one small contractor doing the work; the market has changed. Complete Construction is doing the milling and paving and is starting at Wheeler's Farm Road; Oronoque Road will be part of that. 5 to 10 miles is to be done depending on

the budget. The Water Company is doing a lot of projects and this will be coordinated with them. Chris wants to be proactive; there is also a lot of tree work to be done and this will be coordinated with the UI Company. Smith asked about certification of the employees that do the tree work. Chris stated that the employee is a Licensed Arborist.

Anderson asked about striping on Ship Yard Lane. Vetro stated that there needs to be a safe way to get to the Library and the Boat Ramp and he went to the Police Commission and a crosswalk was approved and has not been done. Chris stated that he will work on this,

Wilcox Park – is part of the Maine to Florida bike path. There will be a concrete walking path; no plan yet, this is all conceptual. This is a well traveled area and some trees will have to be removed.

Broken drains on Wildwood Avenue – Chris stated that they are to change out the catch basins and put in self contained units with sumps and will have to be more aggressive with maintenance. There is one vac-truck and there really needs to be two.

A discussion followed regarding tree work; there will be a new list based on need. Areas need to be targeted; Point Beach Drive is a big issue now.

Vetro stated that there is a pipe broken that is dangerous and can only be seen at low tide near the American Legion. Chris stated that he will look into this.

Anderson asked about Darina and that there will have to be a meeting with the neighbors. Chris stated that he is working on this. Anderson also stated that the size of garbage cans that residents can use is an issue. Chris stated that 42 gallons or less is the size that is in the union contract. There was a brief discussion on contractual issues and costs. Golden asked if there were GPS's on Public Works trucks. Chris stated that there are not and he is reviewing each department and where things can be changed and what funds will allow.

Vetro stated that there is a pot hole on Platt Street by the Firehouse. Chris stated that he will look into this.

Anderson stated that the residents at 76 Darina are having an issue with the location of putting out their garbage. Chris will look into this.

Chris stated that he is working on concrete curbs and aprons for new houses.

The next regular meeting will be on 7/28/14.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit