

Minutes of the Public Works Committee of July 28, 2014.

Present

B. Anderson
B. Bier
D. German
F. Smith
P. Vetro

Also Present

C. Saley, PW Director
L. Streit, Secretary

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

Minutes

Chris noted that in the June minutes that Complete Construction was doing the paving and Garrity Construction was doing the milling. A motion was made by Vetro, seconded by Smith to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report

Drainage projects – Pond Point, Bay View, Milford Point and the tide gate are all projects that will be worked on with Community Development Block Grant funds for construction and the design will be in house through funds allocated for engineering.

A seasonal/per diem Draftsman position has just been approved and will be used for Beaverbrook where there has been fire damage. One project has been completed; the parking on West Avenue.

Eisenhower Park was discussed. Widening of the path will be done this weekend. German asked about groups doing projects here ex. Boy Scouts. Chris stated that there is a lot of opportunity for groups to do small projects here. It was discussed that the West Main Street water line feeds Foote Field and it would be preferable for it to come from North Street.

Tom Ivers from Community Development Block Grant, is working on lighting upgrades at the Parson's gym and the outside. This will be LED lighting which would be more energy efficient. The UI has some incentive programs that are being looked into. Chris met with the UI, the Board of Education Building Maintenance as well as the Board of Education Plant Operations people regarding this.

South Street seawall is about half way complete; new steps are going down into the Sound.

The Solomon Property and its public access was discussed.

Vetro asked about the water/flooding at Stonebridge. Chris stated that the DEEP has to approve this. A discussion followed regarding flooding on Marsh at Carmen Road and Lance Lane where it used to only flood during major storms and now there is flooding even during smaller storms and that is happening in other areas as well. Chris stated that there is a conservation program in the process of DEEP approval. Vetro asked about the drain pipe on Merwin Avenue. Chris stated that Engineering

was to go out and look at this and he will follow up with this. Vetro stated that a nice job was done on the cross walk on Ship Yard Lane to the Library.

Grove Street sewer infill pump station – Grove Street was looking to replace the laterals and it is being discussed that the Borough of Woodmont fund half of this project and it would all be newly redone.

German stated that there is a hole in the sidewalk/asphalt area on the water side of New Haven Avenue going towards West Haven. Chris will look into this. German also asked about access to bathrooms at Eisenhower Park and other parks; noting that when people play tennis, etc. bathrooms are not open. Chris stated that it is overtime that has to be managed. German stated that bricks around the fountain down town are broken. Chris will look into this. German also asked about hedges on Morningside Drive. Chris stated that it has been cut back and this is a neighbor/neighbor issue. German asked about the steps going into the pool at the Natatorium. Chris stated that they are being fixed. German also asked about street sweeping on Anderson Avenue. Chris will follow up with this. German asked about the recycle bins and asked if they could be closed when emptied as they get filled with rain when left open. Chris stated he will look into this.

Anderson asked about Wilcox Park stating that during an event to park on Harborside Drive it was pitch black and there was not a light on. Chris stated that he will look into this. Anderson asked about trees and if there is a list or schedule. Chris stated that they are hiring outside and just got a tree crew on and is working on this. He is coordinating with the UI Company on some areas and has been doing 2 to 6 trees a week. They are using Ron's Tree Service as well as Turner's and there is a big back log.

Bier asked about the parking behind Citrus and if it was privately owned; a lot of people are getting towed. Chris stated that behind Niagara Bank and part of Citrus is City owned and that he is working on this issue; the area has to be surveyed. A discussion followed regarding the Restaurant's cleaning the parking lot. Bier asked about water access next to Caswell Cove; the ramp has deteriorated. Chris stated that he will follow up with this. This is a DEEP issue as well and is not a simple fix.

Chris stated that he is looking into funding for an automated arm for garbage trucks.

Smith stated that some work has been done at Wildwood and they appreciate the no parking signs. Smith stated that a neighbor at Drywell and Stanley Street is not happy. Chris stated that he offered to put a curb in and they didn't want this. Smith stated that he will monitor the situation.

The budget was briefly discussed as well as getting quotes for GPS in trucks.

The next regular meeting will be on 8/25/14.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit