

Minutes of the Public Works Committee on August 26, 2008.

Present

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

Also Present

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

Minutes

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

Concerns

Toohey reported that the family on Sassacus Drive was very thankful and the sidewalk is great. Residents on Boylston Street are very happy with the tree work as well. 93 Ruth Ann Terrace has a bad situation with their tree. Bruce stated that it is being worked on. On Flora Street the tree has been removed.

Veccharelli reported that Caswell Cove looks very nice; the blocks have been moved and this has opened up the parking and he thanked Public Works. He noted that he saw bright orange garbage cans at the Oyster Festival. Bruce stated that none have been lost as of yet; people are taking the recycling tops. Veccharelli asked about SchoolHouse Road; there is a lot of foot traffic here and there are sporadic sidewalks, sidewalks to nowhere. Bruce stated that there is no room for sidewalks. Veccharelli stated that people in this area are using mass transit to get to work here and walk up and down the street and asked if it could be looked at. Bruce stated that he will look into it. Veccharelli also reported that the railing is gone on Pond Street. Bruce stated that he is working on this. Veccharelli asked what the cost for Public Works was for the Oyster Festival. Bruce reported that the cost was between \$7,000 and \$8,000. A discussion followed regarding clean up and volunteers from vendors.

Vetro asked about Pond Point Avenue and Lance Lane. The catch basin needs to be cleaned out. Bruce stated that an Eagle Scout Project is pending for this in September. Vetro reported that the storm drain on Atwater Street has stones in it and this blocks passage. Bruce stated that he will look into this. Vetro asked about a satellite location for Hazardous Waste. Bruce reported that Household Hazardous Waste Day will take place in October at Public Works. Vetro asked about grass clippings and referenced an article from another town that takes clippings for a fee. Bruce stated that during bulk pick up yard waste will be taken but grass clippings have to be taken to a recycling place by residents. A discussion followed regarding bulk pick up and residents not knowing the rules.

Veccharelli asked about flooding in Devon that was in the newspaper. Bruce stated that this is already being worked on and that matching funds from the state are pending. In front of St. Ann's and drainage on US1 funds have already been allocated but the plan has not been implemented as of yet. Veccharelli asked about the Treatment Plant and using hydrogen. Bruce stated that they are in the middle of a project and the project needs to be finished and have a one year base line in order to incorporate this and then funds have to be obtained if possible.

Director's Report

The sand shed was completed today and pictures were distributed. This will hold between 2200 and 2400 yards of sand and has a 110 mile per hour wind load. This has been accomplished through bond funds.

The Senior Center drainage work will go out to bid next week; plans are complete.

Trash barrels have been painted orange and have been staying put. Bruce looked into plastic barrels as well and found that they blow around. One option for them is to dig a hole to put them in which sometimes works. A brochure was requested to see different options.

Bruce went to a Public Works Show in New Orleans and saw a lot of equipment. Wind turbines were discussed as well as solar powered equipment.

The steps at Parsons should have a permit by next week and then the work can begin.

Tree work – trees have been hit by lightening in recent storms and the flag pole at the bridge broke as well.

The street lights in Devon have had some complaints. These light poles are special order and cost \$4,000 each (the poles downtown cost \$2,000). Two light poles for Devon had to be ordered; they were hit by a car. There are fifty of these poles on Naugatuck Avenue and 16 more by the bridge. Devon Revitalization is going to purchase plant hangers to put on them. Some lights have had to be replaced.

The downtown area has been cleaned up after the Oyster Festival. There is a meeting tonight to discuss future festivals and cost. It was noted that the cost of bands is very expensive.

Work on the beaches is being completed; there have been no complaints. Bruce is working with Mike Ludwig to rebuild the groin at Gulf Beach.

The Ed Austin Complex was dedicated at Washington Field. The Bocce Court at Walnut Beach is completed. This was a project from the Eagle Scouts.

Equipment – a plow truck needs to be ordered and this will be coming up at the September meeting. Equipment has not been purchased in 2 years and the following equipment is needed: loader, woodchipper, plow truck and scag mowers (no mowers have been purchased since 2004).

The next meeting will be on 9/23/08. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit