

Minutes of the Public Works Committee on August 30, 2010.

Present

B. Joy, Jr.
N. Veccharelli
D. German
B. Bier
P. Vetro

Also Present

B. Kolwicz, PW Director
L. Streit, Recording Sec'ty

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

Director's Report

- Tree Removal – the tree removal in front of the Chamber of Commerce went very well. This has been the busiest year for trees.
- Parking lot behind Harrison's – work has begun and it will have 18 more parking spaces when completed due to restriping. This should be complete this week.
- Oyster Festival – went off without a hitch. The food vendors did well, beer sales were down. Recycling and clean up went well. Friday evening was a success as well.
- Boardwalk – work will go until winter. Bruce will attend the Walnut Beach Committee meeting. They are discussing having a kiosk at the entrance, a refreshment stand, different fencing as well as plantings.
- Devon Revitalization Committee – met with the Mayor and Jim Amann and there was a discussion on the second phase going up to the diner. The bus shelter has been repaired and will be put back in the same location. The lamp posts are being replaced.
- Sewer projects ongoing – Shadyside has been temporarily stalled due to utility work. East Broadway goes out to bid tomorrow. Schoolhouse Road and West Avenue will begin soon. A discussion followed on areas where there are no sewers. Great River was never intended to be hooked up to the sewers it was to be septic. A pump station would be needed here.
- Fields – no problems. Public Works will start grubbing Eisenhower Park for the new playground.

Concerns

- Veccharelli stated that there is a large tree into the wires at 37 Fairview Street and a tree has lifted the sidewalk up. Bruce will look into this. Bruce stated that in the area of Downs Way by Lilac Lane and Depot Road there have been sidewalk lifts. Public Works has offered to remove trees and give the residents a mature tree to plant on their property and this has been declined. Residents just want the lifts fixed.

- Joy stated that there is invasive growth between the joints at Founders Bridge. Bruce stated that he is aware of the situation. However, this is a State bridge. It was discussed that there are emergency plans in place in the event that we have the anticipated hurricane this weekend.
- German stated that there are trees overhanging in the area of Baxter Lane, Cedarhurst and Burnt Plains. Bruce will look into this. German asked if Platt Street is being paved. Bruce stated that it is not due to construction and once this is complete it will be. Anderson Avenue and Old Gate Lane are overgrown and there is a lot of sand. Also, under the bridge by Stonebridge is over grown with vines. Bruce will look into this.
- Vetro stated that the road from Wilcox Park is overgrown and has sand. Bruce stated that it was just swept and cut back. The sidewalks are over grown by D & D Motors. Bruce will look into this. Vetro asked if curbs were the responsibility of the residents or Public Works. Bruce stated that if it is in front of City property then, Public Works is responsible. If it is in front of a residence, then the resident is responsible. Bruce reviewed a letter and pictures from an Overhill Road resident regarding overgrown curbing. This is the responsibility of the homeowner.

Budget

- Bruce stated that folding chairs for the stage in the auditorium is in the budget. There is a transfer for the Seasonal/Temp. account. Wastewater is down 2 Formen and there has been a retirement of a collection systems position so a past retiree has been covering this work one day per week.
- A discussion followed regarding recycling systems – the new system will be implemented next year.
- Bier asked if the Town Dock goes through Public Works in the Capital Plan. Bruce stated that this is to be funded in January/February and is being worked on now under the direction of Public Works. Bier asked about input from the Harbor Commission. Bruce stated that he can give information to the commission. Bier asked if work would be done off season. Bruce stated that it has to be per DEP.

The next meeting will be on September 27, 2010.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit

