

Minutes of the Public Works Committee on September 24, 2012.

**Present**

B. Nunno, Chairman  
P. Vetro  
B. Anderson  
D. German

**Also Present**

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

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

**Director's Report**

There have been a few storms recently; the first one was rain and wind and a number of trees went down. The last one last week; there was a lot of wind damage to the Gulf Street pier. A lot of trees came down. Some sand at Gulf Beach was lost. There is a lot of sand on Kings Highway. Orange Avenue got flooded; two large trees came down on Locust Street and Peach Tree Lane.

Fairview Street – the tree was removed on 9/20/12 and the tree was found to be healthy.

Ballfields – there was a Major League clinic at Wasson Field. Softball and soccer is still going on. The water will be shut off in November per the Water Authority. Bruce stated that it is hard to work on the fields; the seasons are running longer and there is more use. Nunno asked about a possible remodel of the Skate Park. Bruce stated that the Recreation Department held a fund raiser and has some funds to expand and renovate the skate park. Drainage was discussed. The project is out to bid now and is on the web site. Public Works is not involved in this project.

West Shore Recreation Center – the neighbors cut down all of the arborvitae/trees and have replanted.

There was a grand opening at the soccer field at The Academy a few weeks ago. There is Lacrosse being played at Christ the Redeemer and Red Bush Field.

Eisenhower Park was discussed. There is no power and this will cost approximately \$5,000.00. The building was vandalized and all of the copper was taken. Vinny Paselli from the Boy Scouts has requested an outdoor fireplace at Eisenhower Park. Public Works will work on this before winter.

The Solomon property was discussed. The garage will be worked on before the winter. It will be taken down and the shrubbery removed and the area will be cleaned up. This will be opened up for additional parking.

There was vandalism at Cpl. Pierson Park and this has been worked on.

The Town Dock has been completed. Anderson stated that it looks terrific. Both the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary were pleased.

Public Works is preparing for winter. A bad winter is anticipated. There are three trucks down; next week the bid is going out for the plow. Some regular private contractors are available. One truck is on order and should come in in January. There are usually 12 Public Works and 10 private contractors. There will be 10 Public Works in January. Public Works should be in good shape with sand and salt. The truck fleet was discussed. Nunno asked about possible use of

ATV's; this was briefly discussed.

Budget discussions for next year will begin soon.

Some flooding areas were discussed; Pullman Drive.

Chatham Avenue is done. Nunno asked about subcontracting. Bruce stated subcontracting is used when a tree is too big; on an as needed basis.

Utility meetings will resume on 10/1/12 with the UI Company, Regional Water Authority and the Gas Company.

**Concerns addressed:**

Paula Smith has asked about a schedule for street end repairs. Bruce stated that this schedule will be out by the end of October. Pullman Drive, Bittersweet and Smith are to be done.

Ed Cronin went up to the cupola downtown and there was nothing during the last two storms; it will be monitored.

43 Gunn Street is all set.

The tree at Washington and Hill; some work has been done and there will be follow up.

Carmen Road area is done; trees were trimmed.

Memorial Bridge and the Tower were discussed.

**Committee Member Concerns:**

Anderson asked about the Boston Post Road – Bruce stated that this was a State job. Walks and curbs were a problem for the contractor and it will be done in another week or so. The entire project will be complete by the end of the year.

Paving was discussed. Bruce stated that about 5 miles total for the year is done and this includes the Devon area. German asked about Cornflower. Bruce stated that the last paving of the year will include; Cornflower, Aster, Katydid, Barrow, Crestwood, Robert Treat Drive, Dalton Road

and the end of Oronoque Road. German stated that Cornflower had a flood issue and sand. Bruce stated that this would be taken care of.

Nunno stated that he attended the Harbor Commission meeting last week and asked when there would be dredging of the Duck Pond. Bruce stated that the plan is not complete yet; possible in 2013. Nunno asked if anything could be done about people feeding the geese. Bruce suggested speaking to the Mayor. The public needs to be educated that the bread is not good for the geese and there is too much bread left, which causes a rat problem. Nunno stated that a member of the public confronted him at his home and wanted to know about the tennis courts at Anderson Avenue. Bruce stated that they were redone last year and the playground was mulched. The basketball courts were not done.

Nunno asked about the Fort Trumbull sea wall. Bruce stated that the Natural Diversity Data Base was done and the Army Corps permit has been granted. DEEP approval is in the process. The bid should go out by the end of January and the work should take about six months.

Nunno asked about the striping at the Transfer Station. Bruce stated that it is in the process now. The area is all prepped and ready to be paved.

Recycling was discussed. Nunno complimented the Street Sweeper for doing a good job and moving bins out of the street in order to sweep but commented that the men that empty the bins should close them (they fill with water when it rains) and return them to the property. Bruce stated that they leave the lids open as a way of seeing the ones that are emptied while en route.

The Silver Street area was briefly discussed. The City Engineer has been working with the residents.

Vetro asked about Brewster Road; there are no curbs and asked if it was swept. Bruce stated that it was swept and he will follow up.

Anderson asked when the last time there was dredging of the brook across the Post Road by Walnut. Bruce stated that this was done 6 or 7 years ago. The State is doing work on the bridge cells and will be putting in rip rap.

The next regular meeting will be on October 29, 2012.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit