

Minutes of the Public Works Committee on September 26, 2011.

Present

B. Joy, Jr.
P. Vetro
D. German
N. Vecharelli

Also Present

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

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

Director's Report

Hurricane Irene – utilities and areas that lost power for one week or more were discussed. Fort Trumbull beach area was discussed; Rosa DeLauro and Sen. Blumenthal came down to see the area. This will be a very lengthy project; aid from FEMA is anticipated. Clean up of brush and trees is ongoing. There are a lot of kind people in town; everyone has been helping each other, residents were giving water and food to workers.

Bulk pick up – has never been heavier and this does not include storm debris, but is household debris. This is the last week for pick up.

Old Gate Lane is being paved and the island will be loomed and seeded.

The bridge project at Eisenhower Park is moving ahead and should be in by November.

Concerns

Vetro – and German received a letter from a resident at 30 Soundview Avenue; someone purchased this property and would like to build. Bruce reviewed the history of the property and that in 1997 the stairway replacement was done due to the school bus stop. Bruce will look into it and address it with the City Engineer.

Vetro asked about the tower at Eel's Hill that came down during the hurricane. Bruce stated that the CB Club's tower hit the City's tower and this has been an ongoing issue in which the City Attorney is involved.

Vetro asked about Waterbury Avenue. Bruce stated that this was part of the FEMA assessment that was done and they are to look at it tomorrow. Temporary work will be done and large concrete blocks will be put in.

Vetro stated that a resident of 75 Sparrowbush Lane has said that they have repeatedly called Public Works with no response; a city tree is entangled with many power lines. The resident stated that the UI Company came out and told them to call Public Works. Bruce will look into this.

Vetro reported a complaint from a resident on Seebreeze Avenue by East Shore Middle School that there is no sidewalk there and kids walk through the front lawn to go to school. Bruce will look into this with the Board of Education.

Veccarelli – asked about East Broadway; there is a lot of sand in the area. Bruce stated that they are still taking bulk out and there is a sewer project going on there as well; once this is complete then a crew can go there to remove the sand.

German – asked about the sand at the beach in Woodmont and if it can be moved around. Bruce stated that it can be and that the DEP put out a notice regarding this. Sand can not be brought in but the existing sand can be moved around.

German asked about the front of Settler's Woods. Bruce stated that this was not City property; it is either private or State. Bruce will call the State to find out.

The next regular meeting will be on 10/24/11 at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit