

Minutes of the Public Works Committee of September 26, 2016.

Present

B. Anderson
B. Bier
B. Bevan
D. German
P. Vetro

Also Present

C. Saley, PW Director
L. Streit, Secretary

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

Minutes

A motion was made by Bier, seconded by Bevan to accept the minutes of 08/02/16 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report

- **Sanitation** – five new trucks are coming in; they are rear loading with tippers. There are 8 trash routes. Some bins are coming in and will be distributed beginning this week and will take a total of 4 weeks. The goal is for a kick off date of 10/31/16. Both 48 and 96 gallon bins are being offered. Approximately 500 people chose 48 gallons to date. One truck will be received by 10/3 or 10/04 and there will be a truck demo for the public at City Hall. The truck will be checked and then delivered to the city and then will be lettered and ready for pre-inspection. These are MAC trucks. Anderson questioned if there is a change in ownership and a different size is wanted. Chris stated that it would be ok to change them. The intent is to be customer service oriented; if a resident takes the 48 gallon one initially and decides that they need a bigger one; that would be ok. Bier questioned if more than one bin is needed what would happen. Chris stated that one 90 gallon bin should be enough. A discussion followed regarding this. This will be a 2 -6 month process and issues will be addressed as they arise. German asked about the printing on the trucks. Chris stated that the trucks will be yellow with the City of Milford logo. German stated that he would like it to be of an impressive size so that it can be seen.
- Anderson and Bevan asked about the new **brick crossing areas downtown**. Chris stated that some State trucks are doing work down town and have left asphalt imprints across the brick. He will file a claim and Tilcom will be responsible for this. It can be milled and repaved but he does not recommend this. They tried to power wash this but it did not work. This work was done through Town Aide – the area at Founders Bridge, Daniel Street and River Street and the square downtown by Subway.
- **Naugatuck Avenue** – is an ongoing process. The paving compaction inspection is a challenge. This area needs to be paved and Complete Construction may be asked to do it.
- **BayView Beach** – a design is being worked on for this. RFQ's for drainage work are being reviewed.
- **Bulk Pick Up** - Public Works is preparing for winter; bulk pick up is being finished up. Chris discussed looking at a new program for residents; being open on Sundays and eliminating bulk pick up. One appointment per residence per year for bulk pick up was discussed. Chris reported that 2,500 tons of bulk is being picked up.
- **Paving** - funds are needed for paving; there are continual complaints and it is a balance of what can be done with what funds are available. Vetro reported that he received a complaint from 11 Pachel Drive that the asphalt is being laid too far away from the apron. Chris will look into this. He stated that there has never been a full time Inspector for paving. A discussion followed regarding the entrance to Lowe's; it is a hazard, a drop in pavement. Chris reported that the towns of Trumbull and Fairfield are comparable towns and they spend \$4,000,000.00 per year in paving. Vetro stated that 10 miles per year of paving has been

satisfactory for years. Chris stated that it has not been really. There are 250 miles of road in Milford and they try to do 10 miles per year; roads last 10-15 years. So, every 15 years, road work should be done. There is a different mix of asphalt now and there are a lot of variables. Anderson questioned that there are resources available through LOSIP. Chris stated that there needs to be a surge of paving while costs are down in order to get caught up; 16-17 miles per year should be done. German asked how much has been done this year. Chris will get those figures. He tries to partner with the utility companies when paving. He further stated that there should be a 15 year plan in place. Vetro stated that Pond Point Avenue came out beautiful.

Concerns:

- Bevan asked about Darina Place. Chris stated that he would like to have sidewalk and curb on one side of the road and just curb on the other. The neighbors are not happy with that and want sidewalks on both sides. Anderson stated that the Traffic Study is not yet complete. After some discussion it was deemed that there will be sidewalk and curb on one side and just curb on the other. Bier stated that he would like to see nice curbing down town. Chris stated that there needs to be an enforcement component. Bevan asked about paving Old Field Lane. Chris stated that there is an issue with the stone wall and it is being worked on.
- German stated that Old Gate Lane doesn't look complete. Chris stated that it is but would be a good area for adopt a spot for beautification. German asked about Crescent Beach. Chris stated that the final selection of design will be tomorrow. German asked how the fitness center at Parson's could be moved along. Chris stated that he is strapped for people right now and feels it should be on the first floor; being noisy on the second floor is a concern. Flooring was discussed. Chris will look into this. German asked about street sweeping. Chris stated that this is ongoing and that one machine is broken. German stated that Anderson Avenue needs to be swept. German stated that he would like to create a Beautification Committee.
- Anderson stated that electronic signage is in violation of the ordinance and that graffiti is an issue as well. Chris stated that enforcement is needed. Anderson stated that entities need to coordinate to fix this and he referenced the bridge at Pepe's Farm Road.
- German stated that he would like lights on the Chamber Building. Anderson stated that he would like lighting at the crosswalk at Fowler. Chris will look into this and reported that the snack stand at Wasson has been renovated.
- The Board of Education recycling was discussed. Chris stated that a long term merge should be looked at with the Public Works and Board of Education maintenance.

The next meeting will be on 10/24/16.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit