

Minutes of the Public Works Committee of October 23, 2007.

Present

J. Toohey
P. Beckwith
B. Bier
K. Rowland
P. Vetro

Also Present

B. Kolwicz, Director of Public Works
L. Streit, Recording Secretary

Toohey called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes

A motion was made by Beckwith, seconded by Bier to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. Bier noted that he was present at the previous meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

- Beckwith reported that at 106 Long Island View Road they would like the trees trimmed; acorns are damaging cars. Bruce will look into this.
- Toohey thanked Bruce for the tree issue at Sassacus Drive. Boylston Street has a problem as well. Bruce will look into this.
- Rowland stated that she received a complaint regarding 239 Maplewood Road; the paper street was never connected and it is overgrown and trees are a problem. Bruce stated that he would look into this.
 - Rowland also asked about Morningside and the revetment at the bottom of Little Pond Road. The lawn area is a concern. Bruce stated that the Morningside Association asked for this work to be done and it needed to be repaired. Public Works has to be able to get down there and pull the weeds and growth and then it has to be packed with concrete. This has been done before; the neighbors used to do it between Little Pond and Manor Drive and they can no longer do it due to their age.
 - Foran Road residents have a concern; they stated that Public Works was paving the center island on Columbus Day and they are concerned with overtime. Bruce stated that the work was done on Saturday, not Columbus Day and the crew is too busy to do this work in the summer time. The curbs were repaired and painted.
- Vetro asked about the benches on Hillside Avenue that was discussed at the last meeting. Bruce stated that they are on order and should be in next week. He further stated that there is an issue with bees in the trash cans and asked if they could have tops on them. Bruce stated that they could and he would look into this.
 - Vetro asked about the Lawrence Avenue drain pipes. Bruce stated that he did not think that the pipe is hooked up to anything due to the angle. They are waiting to put a flapper in and will try to pull it out. They are waiting for the tide.
 - A discussion followed regarding the Library sign. Bruce will follow up with Ray Oliver (the sign needs approval)
- Bier asked about trees blocking the lights at Lydia Drive and Squire Court. Bruce stated that they are working on it. Public Works is working with the Tree Commission; the trees are growing up to the lights.

Director's Report

- Milling is complete.
- Paving is complete for this year. Paving will be done at the Firehouse at Naugatuck Avenue. The golf course was done last week by the Golf Commission.
- Sweeping will be done by the end of this week. William Street was swept and swept again. The machine will continue to be sent out and will do downtown and some problem areas.
- Leaf pick up will start in the middle of November. The bin was put in place yesterday at the Transfer Station. Leaves can be brought in loose or in bags.
- Jonathan Law High School Baseball Field – sod was put down. Speaker of the House, Jim Amann obtained a \$20,000.00 grant from the State and 72 rolls of sod were put down today; it was fertilized and is all set.
- Bridge Projects – Gulf Street has been accepted and is all set. Clark Street is a State Project and is 99% complete. There are some electricity issues; someone hit a control cabinet by Wayne Tires. Buckingham Avenue was repaved as well as River Street to Stop and Shop by Enterprise Rental. Old Gate Lane is still being addressed. The bridge is complete but not the road part; there is a flooding issue. The state is trying to run water across New Haven Avenue by Bakers and out there. The Engineer took pictures during the last rain and the area needs to be cleaned out and the pipe relocated. Bruce is to meet with the State in another week or so.
- Public Works assisted in the Rubber Duck Race last Saturday for the Cancer Society. 6000 ducks were put into the gorge by SBC. A lot of money was raised.
- All of the fields are ready for fall use. There is a lot more soccer use than in years past; constant use.
- The flood problem by Jepson Drive and High Street is being worked on. A study is being done and that will give a cost estimate. The drainage was looked at from Laurelton to the underpass and Jepson Drive. Galleys and diffusers are being looked at. The Senior Center was tested for mold and some abatement will be done.
- The summer programs are finished. Next Thursday, 11/1/07, the water will be shut off for the fields by the Water Company.
- Walnut Beach – the electrical panels were moved into the bathrooms. This works better and there is less damage. Bruce met with Mike Casey today regarding an Eagle Scout project to construct two bocce courts. Public Works will assist with the excavation for this. The Walnut Beach Association wants to fix up the bocce court at Naugatuck Avenue and E. Broadway and they were advised to check with Bill McCarthy.
- A lot of tree work is being done. Sidewalk lifts are being worked on; there is a new process called sidewalk jacking where a hole is drilled through the concrete slab, it is pumped with concrete and lifts the slabs. This process was tested on West Rutland Road and Jennifer Lane and will be monitored.
- Public Works won the Snow Plow Rodeo for the fourth year in a row and due to this they can not participate next year.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit