Minutes of the Public Works Committee on October 23, 2017.

Present

- B. Anderson
- B. Bevin
- P. Vetro
- D. German

Also Present

C. Saley, PW Director S. Johnson, Acting Asst. PW Director L. Streit, Secretary Dominick Cotton, 5th District Resident

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

Minutes

A motion was made by Vetro, seconded by German to accept the minutes of the September meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report

Paving – is almost complete; there is one small round left.

Drainage projects are being worked on; Walnut, Wildemere and Crescent Beach, Pelham Street, Morningside, Gulf Beach breakwater and Welche's Point bluff. Anderson asked about Crescent and Gulf Beach. Chris stated that Crescent Beach is sand replenishment and Gulf Beach is putting a breakwater out to hold sand. DEEP approval is pending. Anderson asked about Fort Trumbull stating that there is sand around flapper valves. Chris stated that he will look into this. German asked about Crescent Beach. Steve stated that this is a combined project and plans need to be reviewed by the DEP; there is research for wave studies, etc. for sand replenishment. They are also looking at outflow protection. This is both challenging and costly. A discussion followed regarding the state dredging the Housatonic River and bringing it to Hammonasset State Beach. German questioned where the funding and sand come from. Chris stated that that would be up to the Aldermen. Bevin asked about Gulf Street and Welches's Point. Chris stated that that is the bluff area. Steve stated that on 11/14/17 is the next Flood and Erosion Control board meeting to discuss this. A discussion followed regarding the history of the area.

Dredging of the Ponds – this is anticipated to begin in November; North Pond would be first. Bevin asked where the dredging material would go. Chris stated that either the proposed purchase of property or if not it will go to the burn plant. A discussion followed regarding areas of storage and that this project is put out to bid. Anderson asked how the material would be capped during dewatering. Chris stated that it is usually tarped. Bevin asked about the concrete work on North Street. Chris stated that this is part of the project; the spillway has to be repaired as well. Bevin asked about Eisenhower Park. Chris stated that the pond will naturally fill in if no work is done. A discussion followed regarding the history of the pond; the area was dug out for day camp in the 60's.

Funding – Chris stated that he is very concerned about funding. There is \$140.000.00 in Town Aide verses \$1,000,000.00 last year and paving came from this funding.

Winter – Chris reported that they are trying to get ready for the winter months.

Concerns:

Bevin – asked about Founders Walk. Chris stated that the Devon Rotary donated an electronic sign that will announce upcoming events. Bevin asked about the pump station at Welche's Point Road. Chris has a meeting on Wednesday regarding this and this is to be completed within one year. Bevin asked about High Street and

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the access road to the back of Parson's; this floods the back yard of one of the houses. Chris will look into this. Bevin asked about 14 Ranch Terrace. Chris stated that if it is not a tree issue than it is the home owners responsibility.

German – Nicole Drive and Andover Street need street sweeping and the New Haven Avenue railroad sign is falling down. Chris will look into this. The traffic light on Edgefield and Yale needs adjustment. Chris will look into this. German asked about Christmas lights. It was suggested that two trees be lit. Putting up lights will start next week and they will be lit Thanksgiving weekend.

Vetro – asked about the bridge at Gulf Beach; rusting. Chris stated that this is more complicated than originally thought and there is no funding for this at this time. Vetro asked about Old Buckingham Avenue. Chris stated that Buckingham Ave was being extended. Vetro stated that the residents on Bosilene Street were thrilled and that Public Works did a fantastic job with coordinating with the UI. The area of Merwin Avenue was discussed.

Anderson – asked about striping of the streets. Chris stated that this will be starting next week and will be doing the whole city. Anderson asked about the area of crosswalk at the end of the green. Chris stated that this should have been done and he will look into this. Anderson recommended ride alongs for Board members for sanitation or snow removal. Anderson asked about Beachland Avenue. Chris stated that this will be done sometime in the spring. Anderson asked about the flapper valves in the Bayview area at the end of Milesfield. Chris will look into this. Anderson asked about East Avenue; a resident stated that a flapper is needed at the outfall. Chris will look into this. Anderson asked about dredging of Calf Pen Creek. Chris stated that there is not funding for this at this time.

The next regular meeting will be on November 27, 2017.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit