

Minutes of the Public Works Committee on October 27, 2009.

Present

P. Vetro, Chairman
N. Veccharelli, Jr.
B. Nunno
J. Toohey

Also Present

B. Kolwicz, PW Director
L. Streit, Recording Secretary
Bruce Lindsey
Mark Butler

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

Public Concerns

Bruce Lindsey, 16 Sawmill Road and Mark Butler, 5 Sawmill Road were present to discuss a flooding situation on their street. Lindsey stated that he has lived here for 3 years and there has been flooding 4 times from Tumble Brook. He has met with Gayle Slossberg and brought pictures of water in the area and reviewed how high the water has gone up to the houses. The pictures brought were taken in December 2008. He has written to the Flood and Erosion Board and this is not considered wetlands but run off from storm drains. He showed a picture of the culvert which goes under the Post Road and a picture of the front of the house and by Sleepy's and the parking lot of the bagel place. Nunno stated that he thought that the State was going to do something about the culverts under the Post Road and questioned if they were undersized. He further stated that from his walk of the site with the IWA he felt this was coordination with the State and the City and suggested speaking with MaryRose Palumbo from the Inland Wetlands Agency. Lindsey stated that Public Works bolted a cage to the culvert and it clogs up. Flooding has been more frequent in the past 5 or more years. His basement has flooded once with about 1" of water and he has put 100's of yards of top soil in his yard to try and prevent flooding.

Bruce Kolwicz stated that he just met a few weeks ago with the Engineers and it is being looked at; there is no report as of yet. The site was visited on Friday. Bruce further stated that the residents from 175 Woodruff Road, 70 Tumblebrook and 68 Tumblebrook are loading up the culverts with leaves, grass clippings and debris and this is an ongoing problem. The trash gates were put on to catch the debris (Christmas trees, etc.). Drainage work will be done with the widening of the road. The pipe may have to be enlarged; a lot of people have encroached on the easements with sheds, garages, etc. DeCarlo and Doll Engineering are looking at the site now and Public Works will follow up with this and Gayle Slossberg stated that she would help by trying to obtain funds from the state if needed. The State had to clean the basins and put signs up the other day by Sleepy's. Bruce further stated that the yards are clean; debris was dug out on Friday and they monitor it all of the time. A report should be received in a few weeks. It was discussed that fencing may be required.

Lindsey stated that there gets to be 2-3' of water in the road where Saw Mill Road is impassable and he is concerned with emergency access. Some of the residents that have lived here longer have stated that the situation got worse since Market Place was put in. Nunno stated that Market Place did a great amount of work from Wayside and he knows that Tumble Brook has seen improvement.

Aldermen Concerns

Veccharelli asked about the dock at High Street. Bruce stated that Lisman Landing, the east side bulkhead and this are all capital projects and are large, costly projects. The harbor is a federal channel. Bruce will suggest this as a Capital Improvement project for the budget. Veccharelli asked if there could be two more benches at the town dock. Bruce stated that he will look into this.

Toohy stated that this would be her last meeting as she is not running for re-election.

Vetro asked about a trash can at the Library stating that one is needed in the front. Bruce stated that one was put there and someone stole it. Vetro also stated that trees need to be trimmed. Bruce stated that he will look into this. Vetro asked about the tree at Pond Point Avenue. Bruce stated that this will hopefully be taken care of by next week.

Nunno asked about the benches at the end of Trumbull Avenue; they need to be painted. Bruce stated that this is in the works but there are many projects ahead of this. Nunno stated that at the bottom end of Knob Hill Road there are some pot holes. Bruce stated that he would look into this. Nunno had a complaint of some of the Sanitation Workers behavior.

Director's Report

- Hazardous Waste Day was the most successful; there were 368 vehicles from 9am – 12 noon. A lot of good feed back has been received. The Fire House had Propane Day at the same time.
- Tree work continues to be heavy.
- The electrical service for Lisman Landing has been completed.
- The crack sealing on Woodruff Road is complete. A different process was used.
- Drainage at Baldwin Station is complete from Acorn Lane and is all set.
- Pothole patching continues. The towns of Monroe and Easton are coming to Milford to view a demonstration on the patching machine as they are considering purchasing one.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit