

## **Present**

B. Anderson  
B. Bevan  
D. German  
G. Grant  
J. Golden  
F. Smith  
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 Vetro, seconded by Smith to accept the minutes of 10/24/16 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Director's Report**

- **Sanitation** – Collecting the new bins began on 10/31/16. It is going smoothly; the staff did great. There were a few issues; people calling to change the size of their bins. There is an average of 6 tons more garbage this week compared to the same time last year. After 2 or 3 months they will start doing audits. Everything has been collected for the last 4 weeks. Old garbage cans will be collected with the recycling route. There have been almost no complaints.
- **Leaves** – continue to be collected. There have been issues with people misusing this service; using other people's vehicles, commercial dumping, etc. This is free for Milford residents. German asked about a re-use area at the Transfer Station. Chris stated that that has not been looked into yet.
- **Naugatuck Avenue** – Paving and striping is complete. They are waiting for the water separator (vortex chamber) in order to continue. There will be new sidewalks and curbs. This is a great project.

## **Old Business:**

- **Anderson** asked about 11 Paschel Drive. Chris stated that it has been completed. Anderson asked about 35 Jerome Lane. Chris stated that this is on the list. Anderson asked about the cross walks at Welch's Point Road. Chris stated that there are only supposed to be 2 cross walks; if there are no sidewalks, there are no cross walks. Bevan stated that there is an issue with crossing here. Chris stated that a sidewalk could be planned for this area. Anderson asked about 165 Castle Lane. Chris stated that the stump is done. Anderson asked about the island at Old Gate Lane. Chris stated that clean up in this area will be done in the spring. Anderson asked about the Assistant Director position. Chris stated that the focus is on capital projects and preparing for the winter. The average ages of the trucks are 2002; where New Milford's is 2012. There is one new sweeper truck with a possible second one from Town Aid. Chris stated that this is a concerning issue and he is looking to rectify this and should be buying 2 per year. German asked about the Rolling Stock plan from when Fred Lisman was Mayor. Chris stated that they are putting money into buildings now; the roof on the Senior Center has just been completed, the Margaret Egan Center will be this week and then Parson's and City Hall.
- **Logo on new trucks** – German is looking into options/costs for this.
- **Snow** – is the next concern. A new paste is being tested. Last year a molasses salt was used and this went pretty good. This paste is a brine and white salt and can be used to pre-treat 2 days ahead of time. This would reduce black ice and snow packing. A rubber blade is being looked at as well. A discussion followed

regarding the use of salt; it was recommended that cars be washed more after snow fall. Public Works trucks are to be pre-treated and washed after every snow. Bevan questioned if salt effects concrete as well. Chris stated that it does but is a necessity. Recycling funds were allocated \$1,100,000.00 and has a \$66,000.00 balance; truck funds were allocated \$1,750,000.00 and have a \$300,000.00 balance.

- **Darina Place** – underground utilities are being looked at. Bob Post from Frontier is looking at the numbers and waiting to hear from the UI Company regarding cost. Bevan stated that the concern is the cost this would be to the residents. Chris stated that there can be an interest free loan or a lien can be put on the house. Smith questioned this being considered for Darina Place. Chris stated that there are issues with sidewalks and curbs as well as telephone poles and the width of the street. Anderson referenced the pole at High Street and Darina being hit and knocking out power to the area. Options are being looked at.

### Concerns

- **German** asked about the lights at the Chamber of Commerce. Chris stated that he is looking into the cost/funds. German stated that the will look into this with the Chamber.
- **Grant** asked about the area across from 98 Beaver Brook; the sidewalk area where there are no houses. They are concerned with maintenance and the snow. Chris stated that he will look into this. Grant then asked about a tree lift in the sidewalk and power lines in a tree down town. Chris recommended that he contact The Historic District. A tree can not be removed at Central and Center streets without approval from the Historic District. Chris will contact the UI to see if it is a safety issue.
- **Smith** asked about Chatham Street, evergreens are in the line of site. Chris will look into this; he is looking into Maplewood as well.
- **Vetro** asked about 28 Ashburn Lane; the end of the road is heaving. Also, 23 Bird Lane there is turf around the sidewalk and it puddles and freezes. And, 59 Hilltop Circle, there is a dead tree. Chris will look into these concerns. Also, 610 Merwin Avenue is having flooding issues. Chris stated that the lines have been vacuumed out and he has been in communication with this resident.
- **Bevan** asked about an area where a resident moved and brought all of their trash out to the curb and left it there. Chris recommended calling the Health Department and that there is a process for blight. If someone bought the property with this, then it is the current owners' responsibility. Bevan asked about plowing behind the probation office on River Street and Darina. Chris stated that the City will be doing that come January. Parking in this area was discussed and that the City is looking to partner with Milford Transit.
- **Golden** asked how long leaves would be taken until. Chris stated they will be taken for another 2/3 weeks. Golden asked if Public Works is prepared for snow. Chris stated that they are not yet prepared for snow.

The next meeting will be on 12/19/16.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit