

Minutes of the Public Works subcommittee on December 10, 2009.

Present

Robert Joy, Jr.
Brian Bier
Phil Vetro

Dan German
Nick Veccharelli

Also Present

Bruce Kolwicz, PW Director
Lisa Streit, Secretary
Paula Smith, Majority Leader, Board of Aldermen

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and introductions were made.

Concerns

Bruce reviewed Public Works services and duties and all proceeded to tour the offices and garage.

The West Avenue project was reviewed – piping to the wastewater plant and odor control.

Meeting procedures were reviewed.

Benches by the dock should be in next week.

The tree complaint from last month's meeting has been taken care of.

Bier asked about Ardmore Road – there is standing water in the rear yard. Bruce stated that this is being worked on and a crew was out there yesterday. The residents cleaned up the area and it was filled again with leaves. Bier stated that the flow seemed to have stopped and one resident is concerned with standing water and mosquitoes.

Joy stated that the top of Underhill Road floods during heavy rain and some people cannot go out their front door. Glen Behrle from Engineering researched the area. This is an old subdivision and there is no evidence of a drainage easement on the property. The manhole does not show up on any plans. The area has been cleaned out and running it to Meadowside is being considered. The plan is to try and get the residents some relief.

There was a discussion on tree issues. There are always a lot of concerns in town. Sidewalk lifts are a big issue as well as drainage.

Vetro asked about the walkway on Edgefield. Bruce stated that they are waiting for drier weather; otherwise it will be worked on next week.

There was a discussion on the street paving process. The road surface maintenance program that was designed by UCONN is used and then emergencies are worked on as needed. The main areas are worked on and then from there the town is divided into four quarters and worked off from there.

Smith asked about Datura and Daytona. Bruce stated that the utility companies did a lot of work over there and tore up the roads. The areas that were paved were reviewed and funding issues were discussed.

Crack sealing was reviewed.

Smith asked about the West Shore Recreation parking lot. The neighbors have issues of it not being secured and kids hanging out here. Bruce stated that the problem is with who will lock up every night. This is always an issue; locks are cut, cars drive over it, smash it, etc. Smith stated that she is meeting with the Boys and Girls Club and the neighbors to discuss a resolution and schedules. Bruce stated that there is a lot of usage on the weekends as well. Smith stated that a lot of houses in the area don't have driveways and the residents cannot park in front of their own houses. Signage was discussed and program involvement is needed. Bruce stated that a chain could be tried but someone needs to lock it up on the weekends. Smith stated that she would like to meet with the people first.

Bier asked who was responsible for sidewalks. Bruce stated that only if it is a tree lift or if Public Works broke the sidewalk is Public Works responsible; otherwise the resident is responsible for the sidewalk.

German asked about crumbling curbs on the Post Road. Bruce stated that that is a state road.

Vetro asked if leaves are still being picked up. Bruce stated that they are until the first snow.

Veccharelli stated that the Crabtree resident is very happy with the results of the tree. The Anderson Avenue residents are very pleased with the guardrail.

Minutes

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

Staff Report

It snowed Wednesday morning and plows were out within $\frac{1}{2}$ hour. There were 2.5" north of the parkway and nothing by the shore.

All bathrooms have been closed and water shut off. The Eisenhower soccer field is closed.

Leaf pick up continues until December.

The lights are on on the green for the holidays.

Many 55 gallon drums were taken in for the season.

Blocks will be put in at the parking lot of Walnut Beach for the winter.

Recycling barrels were purchased for the beaches and they are no longer useful; they are being filled with garbage. Electronic recycling was discussed as well as a satellite day.

Vetro stated that the Christmas tree recycling program needs to be publicized/advertised more frequently.

Smith suggested emailing to groups.

The next regular meeting will be on January 25, 2010.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit