

### **Committee Members Present**

P. Vetro  
R. Vitale  
T. Giannattasio  
W. Willis

### **Also Present**

C. Saley, PW Director  
S. Johnson, Assistant Director of PW  
L. Streit, Recording Secretary  
B. Hayes, Engineering Dept.

### **Director's Report**

- Chris reported that they are getting ready for snow. Only 4 bids for subcontractors have been received and this is a concern if there is a major storm. There are 21 routes and 16 front line trucks. There were 5 or 6 different contractors and now there are 2. There are 2 trash trucks coming and they may be able to be used for multi purposes. He feels 2 trucks per year should be ordered.
- There were two potential new hires; one turned down the position due to the pay and one had some issues during the hiring process.
- The budget process for next year has begun; \$3,000,000 over five years was typical now \$5,000,000 over 5 years is needed in order to properly resource Public Works. Giannattasio stated that he would like a copy of the budget requests for the Public Works Committee as well as information on vehicles. Chris stated that the fleet needs some TLC and it has been challenging over the last few years with COVID-19. A discussion followed regarding equipment.
- Fort Trumbull area is to be restored; an arrangement has been worked out with the Gas Company, from Elder Street all the way down – 15,000 linear feet. Castle Lane is 3,500 ft from the Water Company and is to be done by Thanksgiving. This will be gutter to gutter; they have a good working relationship with the utility companies. Vitali questioned if it would be better to wait until after winter for these projects. Chris stated that they Mayor wants these completed. Vitali questioned the impact of snow and cold on a newly paved road. Chris stated that the asphalt itself would be ok; the concern is if pipe work isn't done properly and that doesn't settle right.
- Giannattasio asked about Quarry Road. Chris stated that this will not be widened until spring. This is a major job and challenging with staffing.
- Beverly Hayes from the Engineering Department reviewed the new paving ordinance and street opening permits. She stated that they do a lot of Call Before You Digs and have a good working relationship with the utility companies. A permit is good for 1 year and a Call Before You Dig is every 30 days. It takes 3-6 months for patch to settle; hot patch is always available.
  - Some fees were reviewed; the charge for street openings is \$50.00 for every 600'. A \$10,000 bond is required, a certificate of issuance and \$1,500 for the trench patch fund.
  - The paving list needs to be shared with the utility companies so that paving can be better coordinated.
  - A discussion followed regarding the RWA replacing piping. Chris stated that the Ordinance should be cleaned up; 4" verses 5" should be required. The 2 year commitment should be changed to 5 years of patching. A discussion followed regarding paving and bonding requirements. The water and gas companies have been great.
  - After some discussion, Vitali suggested that the Engineering and Public Works Departments propose suggestions and present these to the Public Works Committee so that there is something to look at – existing verses proposed. Vetro stated that he would like a shoreline community comparison; Stratford, Guilford, etc. and what works there. Chris stated that he feels the new ordinance is a little punitive and it becomes too costly to do work in Milford.
  - Inspection fees were discussed and the consensus was that they should be simplified.

- Chris reviewed some areas of concern; Rowe Ave, the drainage pipe under the railroad tracks is an issue. Red Bush Lane is a drainage issue. The pipe at Whole Foods is a concern.
- Vetro complimented Public Works for the handling the drainage issues on Carmen Road.
- Vitali asked about 701 North Street and funds expended. Chris suggested contacting the Mayor or Peter Erodicti.
- Steve reviewed some ongoing projects; restoring concrete at the boat launch area at Morningside. Some fencing is needed and there is an opportunity for a viewing area.

The next regular meeting date is TBD.

A motion was made by Willis, seconded by Giannattasio to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit