

**Present**

B. Anderson  
B. Bevin  
B. Bier  
D. German  
F. Smith  
P. Vetro

**Also Present**

C. Saley, PW Director  
L. Streit, Secretary

Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked that the agenda be reordered to the Director's Report and the Sanitation Report last.

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Vetro, seconded by German to accept the minutes of 12/28/15 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**Director's Report**

- There was a snow storm with 1' accumulation on Saturday/Sunday. 9 contractors were brought in (6 were brought in last year). There are a few unfilled positions this year. This year staff worked 16 hours on and 8 hours off. The hiring process is lengthy; there are 3 /4 driver positions that couldn't test. 3 people were just hired.
- Chris met with the West Haven Public Works Director with the Mayor regarding the recycling leaves process. It was a good experience. The fee schedule for composting was reviewed. Milford may lend West Haven their screen for this. Bringing leaves to West Haven was discussed.
- The West Haven budget was reviewed. Milford spends \$4.6 million verses \$2.8 million that West Haven spends.
- The Board of Aldermen meeting was difficult

**Projects:**

- Cherry Street and Gulf Street – design work in being done now from the area of Total Wines to the beach.
- Westcott and Mapes is doing the dredging project for Eisenhower Park to Stonebridge. They are doing the survey and design work. The DEP, Army Corps and IWA are involved.
- Naugatuck Avenue project is proceeding; the pipe is being moved.
- Dredging of the Harbor is proceeding.
- Darina Place – the Gas Company moved the line/service and will be taking meters from basements and putting them outside.
- Lisman's Landing – the patio will be worked on between now and May.
- South Street catch basin – one side has been cleaned out; there was a car parked on the other side.
- Sound View – the catch basin has been cleared.
- Harley and Anderson Avenue has been taken care of.
- 177 Merwin Avenue – the UI lines in the trees has not been addressed yet.
- Water in the Highview Area has been cleaned out.
- The Dog Park has been taken care of.
- 82 Chatham Avenue – resident trees. The area has been ground.
- 41 Benson Street – tree, Chris will look into this.

- Welch's Point Road sidewalks – are the property owners' responsibility. Asphalt can be purchased at Home Depot. Chris stated that they are looking to widen that area in 2018.

## Concerns

- Vetro asked about Norwood/Morningside. The asphalt road has heaved from snow and is on the lawn. Chris asked that they follow the complaint process on line.
- German asked about dredging. Christ stated that this was for the ponds from Eisenhower down. The design is being done in the next 2 months. The soil needs to be tested and this will go out to bid. Access areas were discussed. It was noted that asphalt is still there. German asked if there was electronic recycling at the Transfer Station; a man in Milford cleans out computers/hard drives and gets rid of them (FEWR). Woodmont Road – 2 lines in the road backs up traffic. Chris stated that that is what the DOT did and they followed what was there. German asked about the fitness center in Parsons. Chris stated that that is in process and will begin the second week in February.
- Anderson asked about the Winters Brothers tour in Shelton on Single Stream Recycling and if anyone was interested in attending. Chris stated that two companies are going to present; one on the 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> and the other on the 16<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. These are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Friday. Two other companies will be presenting One Arm Bandit information sessions. Chris stated that Milford is 1 of 17 towns that self collect. West Haven was compared to Milford. It was noted that West Haven has many multi-family homes. Vetro asked about getting rid of gasoline, antifreeze and oil. Chris stated that it can be brought to the Transfer Station; gasoline does not get collected. Hazardous Waste Day is done once per year. Vetro stated that any paint store has to take unused liquid paint; when you buy paint there is a surcharge added for this purpose.
- German stated that 6 new trucks were purchased and he asked about the capacity and route. Chris stated that there are 5 trash runs with 3 guys per truck and 3 recycling runs with 2 guys per truck and downed trucks have to be considered. He is in the middle of contract negotiations. The trucks will have a return on their investment in 2 years. He wants to be automated. Using 46/48 gallon containers with chips in them was discussed. Chris stated that there are 900 – 1500 pick ups per average for private haulers; it is the goal for the city to have 700 – 800 pick ups. A discussion followed regarding a 48 gallon trash receptacle per household. Bier stated that there would be twice as much mileage with a one arm truck that goes from one side to the other. Chris agreed but stated that there are a lot of workman's compensation claims with running back and forth. Bier asked about serving the handicapped and elderly. Chris stated that staff goes back and gets the cans.

A discussion followed regarding the SMART plan (bags) verses the One Arm Bandit and the costs. Anderson stated that there should be a plan in writing for comparison. German stated that the SMART plan saves money and reduces trash. There was a discussion on the bonding process. Chris stated that it is anticipated to save \$1 million with the new system.

The next meeting will be on 3/28/16.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit