

## Minutes of the Public Works Committee of February 23, 2015.

### **Present**

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

### **Also Present**

C. Saley, PW Director  
L. Streit, Secretary

Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

### **Director's Report**

- Chris reported that there has been 4 to 5 weeks of snow and a ton of salt has been used. Molasses salt is now being used, which has less sand in it and works very well. There is some sand and salt mix left over from last year that is being used. Eventually only salt will be used. The costs were reviewed; sand costs \$18 per ton, salt \$65 per ton and molasses salt \$83 per ton. Most of the abutting cities are using all salt. With its melting capacity, cleanup is better. Sand is a big clean up. Chris stated that this is his first winter and he recognized that snow has not been pushed back far enough in the roads; the amount of snow was not anticipated and he assured all that this would not happen next year. He is speaking with the Police Chief looking to enforce regulations for off street parking and those that have been throwing snow in the street. He would advocate a true parking ban and noted that Milford is one of the few towns that don't. Some City's open certain lots until 6 a.m. for this. He further noted that some residents park in front of their driveway on the street; some are pushing snow in a right of way. He recommended board members ride in a plow truck as part of educating the public. Currently Pubic Works has a \$90 Ordinance for not clearing sidewalks and Police have an Ordinance for parking. German recommended a press release to educate the public. Chris stated that he is looking at a snow thrower/plow for cleanup that will clean to the gutter line. Anderson stated that the Mayor announced that the budget for snow was depleted. Chris stated that they have used the budget for snow and are now using Town Aide. There has been a lot of snow on the weekends and Sundays which has made a lot of overtime necessary. Chris stated that this winter has been a learning experience. There are currently 20 routes to plow and he is looking to change this. German asked if there would be any state reimbursement. Chris stated that there would not be as there was no blizzard declared. Vetro asked about the St. Patrick's Day parade, considering all of the snow. Chris stated that they may have to remove snow for this. This past snow storm was very heavy. Pot holes are happening a lot. Chris is looking into the cost of milling machines. Vetro reported that there is a large pot hole on Lance Lane and that it has been called in twice. Chris will look into this.
- The Sanitation Foreman has retired after 37.5 years. This job will be posted. Chris is looking to include training and outreach as part of this position. The Waste Water Foreman position is also open. This position requires specific certifications in order to apply.
- The Union is changing representatives and this year is negotiations.
- Chris is looking into GPS for the trucks and training for this was discussed.

- Eisenhower Park was briefly discussed. There has been \$2.2million allocated for this to dredge the pond and clean up the water. Chris would like to fix up the building on site and discussed Scouts helping with this project possibly early spring and he would like Public Works to oversee this with MaryRose from Inland Wetlands and Steve Johnson involved.

### Concerns

Smith asked about the property on Stanley Street. Chris stated that he went out to the property and it is to be surveyed.

The sidewalk contract was awarded to Edo Construction. This process was discussed; the bid went out, 7 firms submitted an RFP (Request for Proposal), 4 bid for the RFQ (Request for Qualifications and Edo Construction was awarded the contract.

German asked about the funds allocated for Eisenhower Park. Chris stated that the goal is for the work to go all the way up to The Stone Bridge Restaurant and they are looking to do the survey in house.

Chris reported that they opened up 1,600 sq. ft. of space at Parson's by combining Engineering offices. The ultimate goal is to consolidate mapping, plans, etc. A conference room in Parson's has been renovated and he would like to have all of the conference rooms at Parson's be on the first floor so the second floor can be shut down at night in order to reduce utility costs.

Anderson reported pot holes at Pepe's Farm Road and Woodmont Road. Chris will look into these. Anderson has also received reports of vandalism to signs, benches and utility boxes and will email this information to Chris.

The next meeting will be on March 30, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit