

Minutes of the Public Works Committee on February 26, 2008.

Present

P. Vetro, Chairman
J. Toohey
N. Veccharelli, Jr.
B. Nunno

Also Present

B. Kolwicz, PW Director
L. Streit, Recording Secretary
D. Worroll, Chairman Park & Beach

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

Minutes

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

Director's Report

- **Snow** - It snowed since the last meeting. A crew was called in at 4:30 a.m. and there was 6" of accumulation over an 11 hour period. There has been 15.5" of snow to date. The cost to date is \$121,264.44. This is still within the budget. It is nearing the end of the season and not much more snow is expected. There is sand and salt mix and sand; no more salt is needed. **Nunno** asked if there were any snow/salt concerns near wetlands or if there were any procedures in place for such. Bruce stated that salt is not used in certain areas due to wells, etc. A State analysis/procedure and effects to culverts and streams is pending. **Nunno** stated that there is one side of street parking in the Fort Trumbull area; he has lived here for 14 years and the snow is always pushed to the side of the street that is for parking and he asked if the snow could be pushed to the other side. Bruce stated that he will look into this.
- **Drainage** - Ansantawae, Tyler Road area has a problem with drainage. Some work has been done with the culvert and cleaning of pipes, etc. The last rain totally flooded the area and the water wouldn't go down. Some drainage easements are complex. The area was researched and the manhole couldn't be located; a tree grew over it. The tree had to be removed and the stump taken out. The manhole was completely covered and clogged with debris. This was all removed and cleaned out and the whole neighborhood cleared. The vac-all truck was out and went to Grant Street. The catch basin has to be rebuilt when the weather clears. The catch basins by the beach have been cleaned out.
- **Equipment** – the new garbage packer came in – this took about one year to get. The purchase was approved last year. PW is still waiting for the recycling truck. (There are 4 recycling trucks now; the oldest one will be removed once the new one comes in).
- **Walnut Beach area** – there have been complaints about garbage. Two crews were sent to clean the area; the beach and parking lot. The very next day – garbage was back there. This is a constant issue. Caswell Cove is proposing a gate to close off the area and will work with the Recreation Department on this. (The Recreation Department issues fishing permits) It was discussed that there are a lot of cats in this area. Someone hit the small pavilion at Walnut Beach and this has been replaced.
- **Intervale Parkway** – the large island is going to be curbed with concrete curbing in the spring. The area is getting damaged.

- **Signs** – The Milford Library sign is complete. It took a long time and a lot of coordination, subcontracting, etc. Public Works did the concrete work for the base. A lot of Police presence has been helpful downtown with vandalism and graffiti.
- **Ballfields** – have been cleaned up. State projects will continue to be monitored.
- **Naugatuck Avenue** – has received some complaints. Work is ongoing and the contractor has been respectful and there have been no major problems.
- **Board of Finance** – Bruce went before the Board and the conference was approved. This conference was held in Mexico. Three groups held their Annual Meetings; a brochure was distributed. The Asphalt Recycling and Reclaiming Association presented an Award for Excellence in Cold Planning to Bruce. It was an extremely rewarding worthwhile conference.
- **Dan Worroll, Chairman of Parks and Beach** – addressed the movies on the green. He met with the Mayor, Bill McCarthy and Bruce and there can not be major events within three weeks of each other and this has worked well. Last year the Downtown Business Merchants had concerts on the green. Parks and Beach had concerns with safety; kids being dropped off, etc. This year they have requested 7 dates; one week before and one week after the Oyster Festival and one was the date of the POW event. These will be scheduled on a day by day basis/event by event and if damage occurs they will be cancelled and a \$500.00 bond will be charged for clean up as well as a \$100.00 permit fee. It is being monitored. The Commission is not very receptive to this. 5:00 – 10:00 p.m. are the scheduled times. The Commission would prefer that they not take place on the green, but if there is any damage the events will be cancelled. Fowler Field and Eisenhower Park were suggested but they want them on the green to promote the businesses. The events cost approximately \$2,000.00. A discussion followed; Fowler has bathrooms and more parking. Worroll reported that he has received a lot of compliments on the ball fields.
- **The solar powered sign by Café Atlantique** – was plowed down by a truck. A resident got the license plate number and reported it to the Police. This would have cost \$1,300.00 to replace.

Veccharelli stated that more garbage cans in Milford Center are being requested. Bruce stated that more are usually put out in the spring and he reviewed where cans are currently.

Nunno stated that the infield is overgrown in the park on Surf Avenue and kids use this often. Bruce stated that he would take care of this as well as at West Shore. Nunno also stated that there are pigeons inside the mesh/tower at Memorial Tower. Bruce stated that he would look into this. Nunno also stated that a deer was hit near Munroe Street and he would like a deer crossing sign put up and 152 Munroe Street offered for it to be put in front of their property. Bruce stated that the Police had to put down a deer in this location and others were removed. He will look into a sign.

The next regular meeting will be on 3/24/08.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Streit