

**Present**

B. Anderson  
D. German  
K. Fortunati  
J. Golden  
P. Vetro

**Also Present**

C. Saley, Public Works Director  
S. Mauro, Public Works  
L. Streit, Secretary

Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Minutes**

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

**Director's Report**

- The Dog Park has been finalized; it will be raised up some, new fencing and a second area will be to the left. This second area will be for small dogs. There are three areas; one for resting, one for large dogs and one for small dogs. Top soil from Eisenhower Park was used.
- The Employee Gym at Parson's had to have some abatement done; this has been completed. Equipment is being brought in. This is on the first floor. It has a new floor, ceiling and tiles as well as a changing area.
- Pond dredging – the North Pond is almost complete. The dredge material from the north pond can be used elsewhere, but City Hall and Stonebridge is a different product. There is a temporary storage area on Plains Road for now. German asked how deep this is being done. Chris stated 5-6' in the main areas and the walls still have to be done. We have had a lot of rain lately. The Fishing Derby is coming up in May. The walls will be stone and some areas have to be rebuilt. This project is a specific process per the DEP permit. West Main Street will be closed this week and next week. The City Hall pond will be next. Westcott and Mapes is the Engineering Consulting firm that is monitoring this project.
- A paving list is being created as well as sidewalk work. There has been a meeting with Edo Construction.
- Vetro asked about Walnut Beach. Chris stated that this has been going well; some soil from Eisenhower Park is to go to Walnut Beach. Anderson stated that the PH levels for materials needs to be tested per Steve Johnson. Chris stated that there are 5 planting grants through CDBG for; Crescent Beach, Welche's Point, Gulf Beach, Walnut Beach and Wildemere Beach.

**Concerns**

- German asked about storage at Parson's Auditorium; Steve Cooper has been seeking storage space. Chris stated that he has spoken to him and there is competing interest. A discussion followed regarding booking the auditorium and then cancellations and shows not being advertised or it not being called the Veteran's Memorial Auditorium in advertisements. Bookings go through Laurie Weinstein. German asked about the lettering on city trucks. Chris stated that the goal for this is the spring time.
- Anderson asked about the Welche's Point Pump Station. Chris stated that this is proceeding; the bypass pumping is being done now. This project is on schedule and should be completed in 6 months. Anderson stated that smell is a concern. Chris will follow up with this. Anderson asked about Flax Mill Road. Chris stated that bridge is to be rebuilt and the survey work is being done. Anderson

stated that there is a meeting tomorrow at 9:00am at Parson's in conference room B where textile curbside pickup will be discussed. Recycling was discussed; getting an Intern to assist with getting a handle on what is being taken. People are putting out less garbage. He would like the numbers and to encourage participation. Chris stated that recycling needs to be more enforced; a lot of contaminated material is being put in the bins – plastic bags and Styrofoam. This is being worked on. Fortunati stated that she was in Westport and they have a ban on plastic bags. A discussion followed; what would be involved in this, would businesses be upset. German asked about numbers. Chris stated that they are at 3,900 tons and this is ok but there is a lot of opportunity. Anderson asked about Personnel. Chris stated that there are 27 vacancies filled. The Waste Water Superintendent position has not yet been filled; this requires very specific skills/qualifications – a Class 4 license. Human Resources is updating job descriptions and there is a process for posting positions. Anderson stated that Millwood Road at Fort Trumbull has handrails missing. Chris will look into this. 203 High Street, drainage is an issue and East Avenue back flow from Calf Pen. Chris will look into this.

- Vetro stated that the Marketing Director for the Fine Arts Council would like to do something on the green. Chris stated that this should be referred to the Recreation Department. Doing a tree with a placard in front for the holidays was discussed.
- Fortunati asked about the Gulf Street improvement project and referenced the meeting of 2/8/18. There were a lot of concerns with the widening of the road as speed is already an issue here. Anderson and herself have reached out to Rich Smith, Chairman of the Police Commission and the Commission is not in favor of Stop Signs. Fortunati stated that the stop sign policy needs to be looked at. Chris asked when the last time there was a speed trap here. Fortunati stated that a flashing light by the crosswalk was suggested. Removable speed bumps were discussed and that they are a safety hazard for Police and Fire. Chris stated that widening of the road came about from a grant and bringing the road up to code or more up to code. Residents' going to the Police Commission meeting was suggested. (They meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month). A speed study for Gulf Street has not been done in some time. This project is still on hold due to funding from the State.
- Golden asked about the Eisenhower Park Splash Pad and if there would be chlorine in the water. Chris stated that it would be fresh water. Golden asked what times it would be open. Chris stated normally 12:00 – 5:00 or 6:00 with possible longer hours during hot weather. Golden asked if there would be a guard on premise. Chris stated that this is in the planning stages. German asked if there were projections on the amount of water. Chris stated 226 gallons per minute at a cost of \$250-\$300 per day. The plan is to get it open for Memorial Day. It is anticipated to cost between \$30,000 and \$35,000 per year for water. Golden stated that the roads are worse this year. Chris stated that we have had extreme weather; cold, warm and rain that has been brutal for the roads.

The next regular meeting will be on March 26, 2018.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit