

Present

B. Anderson
A. Giannattasio
K. Fortunati
P. Vetro

Also Present

C. Saley, Public Works Director
S. Johnson, Asst. Director
L. Streit, Secretary

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

Minutes

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

Old Business

- Employees Gym – this is in progress; there have been some staffing issues and is not yet completed.
- Pond dredging – this project is making progress. There are some tight storage areas but it is going well. Giannattasio asked how close to completion this is. Chris stated that it will be ready for the Fishing Derby. Johnson stated that they are working on the wall at West River Street now.
- Walnut Beach – berms and plantings are going in. Johnson reported that 5200 beach grass stems have been planted with 25 volunteers and this should be complete in July/August.
- Silver Sands – the concession stand will be starting and will be near the Animal Control Building
- Vetro stated that the Marketing Director for the Fine Arts Council spoke to the Recreation Department and this is to go to the Board of Parks and Recreation for a presentation.
- Anderson asked about the drainage at 203 High Street. Chris stated that he looked at it and is to meet with the resident. Anderson asked about the Fort Trumbull/Millwood Road hand rail (the lower piece). Chris will follow up with this.

Director's Report

- Eisenhower Park – the plan for the splash pad was reviewed. A dozer has been rented for reprocessing soil and leveling the lot. A lot of work has been done. PW is working with Jacobson and Sons for supplies and Ralph Maura is the Contractor. There will be 8 Pickle Ball Courts; the lighting is being worked on and bathrooms are being looked into. Fortunati stated that beyond the playground at the lower field is a mess; a lot of logs and debris. Chris will look into this.
- The Old Gulf Street Bridge project is coming up; this is to be removed.
- The recent storms have been taxing on the staff. Public Works will begin working on ball fields. Anderson asked about pot holes. Chris stated that crews are sent out as needed.
- The City is looking into putting some internet hot spots in some areas; by the Transfer Station.
- Bulk Pick Up will be starting 4/30/18.
- Staff Positions – Chris reported that they are looking to transfer funds from wages to the parts account due to the reduction in Town Aide. There are presently 27 vacant positions as well as a number of people out due to workman's compensation or sick. One Mechanic position is being eliminated. A Working Leader Position in the Garage is being downgraded and put in Parks and Highway. Interviews for Custodian positions are scheduled in April. Chris is trying to fill as many positions as allowed. Currently there are skilled people filling in for those that are out. New projects that are being created will require maintenance as well. Job Descriptions are being revised. Chris wants to hire the right positions.

- Winter Brothers has been bought out by another company; the city will be paying for recycling removal. This is being negotiated. Recycling was discussed. There will be a meeting at the Milford Public Library on 4/14/18 at 2:00 about plastic recycling.

Concerns

- Giannattasio asked for an update on Bayview. Chris stated that they have raised Deerfield Avenue. The Gas Company is putting new pipes in the whole area. This work is to be done under CDBG. Anderson stated that the Bayview Association would like to be included in the beach sweeping and they will reimburse the City.

The next regular meeting will be on April 30, 2018.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit