

Minutes of the Public Works Committee of May 26, 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 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Vetro, seconded by German to add Item 3.A. Executive Session to the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

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

Director's Report

Bulk Pick Up – Thursday was a long run and was not completed. There has been a massive amount of bulk. Anderson noted that there was a huge pile on the corner of Anderson Avenue and Pepe's Farm Road. Chris stated that it costs \$100,000.00 per bulk pick up; it beats on the trucks and costs a lot in overtime and feels eliminating bulk pick up should be considered. German stated that there is a lot of re-use; people drive around and pick through piles and this is a good thing. Anderson agreed with the re-use and stated that a re-use area should be looked at. A discussion followed regarding extended hours on Saturdays until 3:00 p.m. and if it is being used. Chris suggested having Sunday hours for the month of May; there is a lot of yard waste. He stated that there are 169 towns in CT and only 17 towns collect their own trash; others subcontract. Reasons were discussed why there has been so much bulk such as; it was a bad winter and people didn't get out, the economy is picking up; people are buying new and getting rid of old.

City Hall – started getting rid of the old boilers. All LED lights are now on the outside of the building and a timer for the lights to go at half power at 2:00 a.m. is being considered.

Parson's - \$485,000.00 of work is being done and it will take 3 months. The building will be all LED. The cost of design for this project was initially \$17,000.00 and then \$10,000.00 more. Consolidating the contract is being worked on.

Darina Place – the sewer job has gone out to bid. The design and bid has been done in house. There have been 12 vendors.

Library Roof – is the same process. Will change out 4 a/c handlers and change the full HVAC system and use a radiator loop. An energy audit is to be done. Parson's and the Margaret Egan Center are next to have an energy audit. Savings will be seen in 3 years and the buildings will be as energy efficient as possible. An energy grid was discussed. The process is different than what was thought and it was anticipated to be more funded.

Naugatuck Avenue – drainage project went out to bid. The first contractor was disqualified. The second one protested that the first one was not qualified to bid. The second bidder got the job.

Drainage projects coming up: Milford Point Road, Bayview, Beachland, Point Beach Drive, Merwin Avenue, Calf Pen.

A lot of tree work is being done. June is a difficult month; many people have vacation time that has to be taken by 6/30/15.

Contract negotiations are coming up.

Sidewalks – tree lifts were repaired at Baxter Lane. There have been a lot of positive responses; but some residents don't want trees removed. Chris suggested considering that if a resident does not want a tree removed then they would own it from then on.

Concerns:

Anderson stated that Alderman Veccharelli has concerns with the concession stand at Washington Park; groups want to use it. Chris will look into this. Alderman Hardiman noted that there is a need for signage at Walnut Beach; No Dogs, Biking, Roller Blading. Chris will look into this.

Walnut Beach was discussed. Chris stated that the amount of out of town people that come here is phenomenal and he recommended increasing the entry fee to \$25.00 and to limit the parking area within 1 mile with a time limit and then ticket for violations. Smith stated that there would be a problem with charging \$25.00 due to State Funding. Chris stated that he will look into this. Chris stated that he offered to clean up the private beaches at Bay View and Point Look Out for a fee noting that this could generate some funding.

Anderson reported that Susan Shaw is looking for a schedule for the drainage project on the Richard Street area. Chris stated that he is working on this and they are waiting on the contractor; it could be the end of the month or it could be the end of the summer. Anderson asked about a schedule for streets. Chris stated that he will be looking for more funding in August for this.

Smith –asked about the piling down at Wildemere Beach and that residents have complained. Chris stated that there was an agreement with the DEEP to do work on Naugatuck Avenue to Sixth Avenue and remove 100 – 150 pilings and they couldn't be

broken down. This was to be a \$5,000.00 job and is turning into a huge project and will be looked at again in the fall.

Eisenhower Park - \$2,200,000 has been allocated. Next week work will begin in house. The plan is to dredge and dewater with the assistance of Roman from the South West Conservation Commission. Blocks will be fixed and a weir put in. Foot Field was discussed; Public Works is working with the Recreation Department.

Vetro – asked about UI poles on Morningside and Odell; signage has been removed when the poles were replaced. Chris stated that he is working on this and this type of situation will be addressed on an as needed basis.

German – asked about the area of Point Beach and Richard Street; when utility work was done, the road was torn up. Vetro stated that per the Mayor, the utility company will pay for Public Works to pave the road. German also noted that there is a lot of dirt at Howard Court. Chris stated that this was a staging area and will be cleaned up.

Anderson asked about street sweeping. Chris stated that last year they had an extra machine and the machine broke down. They are trying to repair an old one and this is a slow process. They are working on a change of staffing as well.

German asked about bathrooms opening; and if they are locked on the weekends at Eisenhower Park. Chris stated that the bathrooms will open for the season on Saturday at Walnut Beach, Gulf Beach, Milford Academy and Fowler Field. Hours to be open and time locks are being discussed. A discussion followed regarding the Restaurant at Gulf Beach and if they should be opening and closing the bathrooms. German also stated that at the back side of Parson's there are broken bricks on the walkway by the bush area. Chris will look into this.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Vetro, seconded by German to enter Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Vetro, seconded by German to leave Executive Session at 8:55 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

The next regular meeting will be on June 29, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit