

Minutes of the Public Works Committee of August 2, 2016.

Present

B. Anderson
B. Bevan
D. German
J. Golden
F. Smith
P. Vetro

Also Present

C. Saley, PW Director
L. Streit, Secretary

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

Minutes

A motion was made by Vetro, seconded by Bevan to accept the minutes of 06/24/16 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report

- Naugatuck Avenue Project – working with contractor on pricing and anticipate starting next week. Road construction was not in the contract as well as sidewalks and curbs. The cost savings to include this would be significant. The issue is with the Contractor and the state reimbursement. There have been a month of meetings and this has been a challenge.
- Darina Place – the sewer work is completed. The next stage is to pave the road and sidewalks. What is holding up the project is that residents want the street to be a one way street. This is being researched with the Police Department Traffic Division.
- Three trash trucks are being retro fitted. It is a lengthy process; it is anticipated that 1 truck will be complete within 30 days and the other 2 to follow. The size of trash cans was discussed. Anderson stated that he felt the largest bin should be for recycling. A 64 gallon bin allows for the capacity of 2 – 32 gallon trash cans. Chris reported that the 96 gallon containers cost \$60, 64 gallon containers \$57 and the 48 gallon \$54.
- Edo Construction will be paving Factory Lane and part of New Haven Avenue.
- A traffic camera study was done; this counts, live streams and does zones. This cost is \$16,000.00 and would give security down town.
- There is a meeting with Fuss & O'Neill on 8/11/16 at the Welch's Point pump station to review the design.
- Interviews are scheduled for 8/15/16 and 8/16/16 for the Assistant Director job. There are 12-15 applicants.
- Parson's, Senior Center, the Transfer Station and the ME Center roofs are to be done this year.
- The City bought 70 North Street and cut down the bamboo; working on the overgrowth. A long term plan is to be made; it needs to be winterized. The fruit trees were discussed and German suggested volunteers.

Concerns:

Vetro asked about Old Gate Lane at New Haven Avenue. Chris reported that on Friday and Monday this will be milled and paved and that more funding is needed for paving.

Vetro reported that the entrance to Lowe's is horrendous; a big drop and asked who is responsible for this area. Chris stated that he will look into this. Vetro asked about 23 Julia Court; there is a city tree with a hanging branch. Chris will look into this. Vetro stated that the signs have been put up at the end of Carmen Road and has been great; there are a handful of violators that dump in the marsh. He asked for it to be cleaned out as he is concerned with hurricane season. He is working with the IWA to send a letter to the residents regarding violations, etc

Bulk pick up was discussed; people abuse this service. People from out of town bring material to friends' houses, etc. The Dump will be open on 8/21 and 8/28 to residents in order to see what the volume is. A lease agreement is being worked on for the property next door. A discussion followed regarding having a swap area at the dump where people could drop off things or take things for re-use.

German reported that he wanted SMART recycling and that it may be mandated in the future. He then asked about the Crescent Beach grant. Chris reported that there was a walk through where vendors came. An RFQ is to go out for design and plan. The DEEP does not want sand put in. Anderson stated that there is a dredging project taking sand from Housatonic to Hammonasset. Chris stated that it is looked at as a maintenance issue; Laurel/Wildemere Beach used to have 15' more of sand than there is now.

German stated that with the Oyster Festival coming, the down town area needs to be cleaned up. Trees by the falls are down; the area by StoneBridge, the harbor and Parsons area. Chris stated that they are trying to let the area by the Pavilion get overgrown so the geese don't come down. Parson's is to be worked on; bricks, etc. German stated that people would like lights on the Chamber building. Chris stated that he will look into this; the Chamber is to maintain the property. German asked about the Gulf Beach sign; it needs to be painted or maintained. Chris will look into this.

Smith thanked Chris for the tree work on Benson Street. He then asked about paving on Milford Point Road to 4th Avenue, Seaview and East Broadway. Chris stated that there are limited resources and it is a balance. There is \$2,000,000.00 for paving this year and more is needed. Smith stated that he is the liaison for the Fine Arts Council and the Library and mural restoration is to be done and it will be framed; he asked if Public Works could hang this in early September. Smith will contact Chris at that time.

Bevan asked about Darina Place and if it could be paved first and then decided about the one way issue. Chris stated that other things need to be determined first; sidewalks, one way, etc. Bevan stated that the cupola at the top of Parsons needs attention. Chris stated that they are looking to do this when the roof is done.

Anderson stated that downtown parking looks good; lighting is an issue with the residents. A light pole was installed directly behind a Darina Place residents' house; she just bought the house. Chris reported that there was an existing pole and it was just moved a few feet out of the driveway. This is an industrial zone. Bevan stated that there are bulbs available that direct light in a specific area. Chris will look into this. Anderson asked about the Richard Street catch basin. Chris stated that he is aware of this and is looking at the tide line; it will be done within 30 days. Anderson reported that the area near Pepe's Farm Road – Settler's Woods/New Haven Avenue is a mess, a pile of limbs. Chris gave him the information to contact the state regarding this.

The next meeting will be on 9/26/16.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit