

Minutes of the Public Works Committee on November 26, 2018.

Present

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

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 German to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report

- There has been unique weather within the last month; there was pouring rain and flooding today. Johnson reported that there have been 3 major storms; the storm on 10/27 had a high tide of 7.42'. We had the same cycle today with 11.5" of water in the road. The storms of 10/25 and 10/26 the tide came up to the channel and touched the road; there was 29" of water. Two weeks later a 5.13' tide was predicted and there was 21" of water. What has been consistent is that the actual high tides have been above the predicted level. The winds are driving the water. Per CIRCA, the sea level of the ocean affects LI Sound. 20 – 29" of water will become more the norm. It is getting to a breaking point to beach residents; sand becomes an issue as well as managing expectations. Roads have been re-graded to help with drainage. The recent storms were compared to Super Storms Sandy and Irene:
 - The storm on 10/17/18 had an 11' tide cycle with a 7.42' prediction.
 - Storm Irene had a 9.5 – 10' tide cycle.
 - Storm Sandy had a 12.5' tide cycle.
- Peak high tide is exceeding predictions and there is a higher low tide as well. Anderson stated that New Haven Avenue by Buckingham Avenue is a river now. There have been 3 significant storms in one month flooding wise. Chris would like to put reference points in to determine flooding amounts in areas; Melba Street, Richard Street and BayView areas. The Fire Department monitors flooding in Milford and notifies Public Works what roads to close and more pro-action is needed. Chris met with Milford Market Place; there was significant flooding there. Public Works cleared the pipe but Market Place is responsible to clean and maintain the drainage per approvals of the project. Anderson stated that this is a problem location and there is a lot of water there. Chris stated that the DOT had to clear a catch basin on Smash Burger property.
- Dog Park – the little park is completed; the large one may not be done until spring.
- Anderson asked about the streets. Chris stated that milling and paving is done. Anderson stated that the DEP did New Haven Avenue and there is an uneven patch in the road. Chris stated that this is a joint and the Engineer feels this will extend the life of the asphalt.
- Snow – there was more snow than what was predicted; there was a school delay.
- 5 positions have been posted.
- Leaf pick up continues.

Concerns

- Fortunati reported that there is a grant available from Coca Cola for bottle recycling bins. It is a national grant which has to show how it would enhance existing recycling. Chris stated that enforcement has to be increased; people are putting loads of plastic bags in recycling bins. A discussion followed regarding enforcement. Weight of garbage is excessive. Chris stated that he would like a pilot program on composting and would like staff to go to a training seminar and get certified to do so. Johnson stated that contamination is the real challenge in recycling. German suggested neighborhood zones for composting noting that education for the public is key.
- Golden stated that leaves are accumulating in front of 58 River Street. Chris will look into this.
- Vetro asked about 610 Merwin Avenue. Chris will follow up with this. Vetro stated that Fannie Beach has a list of building issues. Chris will follow up with this.
- Fortunati asked who was responsible for benches at bus stops. Chris referred her to Henry Jadach at Milford Transit.
- Johnson reported that there will be an Electric Vehicle Information Session at the Library on 12/1/18 from 11:00 – 1:00.
- German stated that 20 Dart Hill Road had a mailbox and garbage cans knocked over when it snowed; the resident called but the voice mail was full. Chris stated that he will look into it. German also asked about sidewalk repair. Chris stated that the resident is responsible for sidewalk repair. A discussion followed regarding ability to pay for repair. Chris referenced that there may be help available through the Community Development Block Grant or the City could do the repairs and a lien would be put on the house. German asked about 15 Nicole Drive. Chris will follow up with this. German asked about the Fitness Center at Parsons. Everyone has to sign a waiver for use and there is a key fob for entrance. German asked about the parking at the Tri Beach Center. Vetro stated that any Milford resident can park there any time. German commented that the Tree Lighting ceremony went very well.
- Anderson asked about the trees at 42 Cindy Circle and 57 Innsbruck Street. Chris will follow up with this. 251 Baxter Lane is all set. Anderson asked about; the spring on Clark Hill Road and the drainage at 49 East Ave. Chris will follow up with these. Anderson asked about Mr. Dupree on Newton Street. Chris stated that some work has been done.

There will be no December meeting. The next regular meeting will be on January 28, 2019.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit