

## Minutes of the Public Works Subcommittee of December 18, 2007.

### **Present**

P. Vetro, Chairman  
B. Bier  
N. Veccharelli

### **Also Present**

B. Kolwicz, PW Director  
L. Streit, Rec. Secretary  
B. Blake, Chair. BofA

Vetro called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

### **Minutes**

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

### **Director's Report**

- There have been two small storms this season. The first one was on 12/13 and 12/14 and the second one was on Sunday, 12/16 and 12/17 with clean up into 12/18. The cost to date is \$59,879.95. The last storm was unusual as it was all ice and the temperature stayed cold. The ice was very hard and difficult to get rid of. A discussion followed regarding the State spraying highways with salt, which makes a mess and is bad for trucks. This is all salt and liquid; no sand. This is more expensive than sand but there is not as much sweeping or cleaning out of basins. Public Works reuses sand. 5 subcontractors were called in with this last storm; this is not always done. Vetro asked what the allocation for the year is. Bruce stated that there is \$60,000 for overtime; \$40,000 for salt/sand; there is Town Aid and a storm account (there is not a lot left from last year) as well. Sand and salt were stocked last year. It is early in the season yet.
- Equipment funding for trucks is needed: 1 garbage truck and 1 recycling truck are coming in. There will always be snow and some plows have to be replaced. When there is no funding allocation one year then funding gets two years behind with the process of state bids, etc.
- Leaf Pick Up – 9 tons were picked up today; Saturday 135 tons were picked up. This should be finished by the end of the year if the ice clears up. The cost is \$32.00 per ton to dispose of the leaves. A discussion followed regarding paper bags being picked up; some residents are still putting out plastic bags.
- At Harborside/Shipyards Lane someone hit the barrier/guard rail and this will be taken care of.
- Trees – a lot of calls are being received and there are 600 active complaints. 1000 trees were taken down this year and the wood has been being shipped out. A business on Plains Road takes the wood away and does not charge for this; he chops it up and packages it for sale at stores. Public Works does not have the room for storage.
- Roads – the paving schedule was discussed. The town is broken down into 4 sections and work is rotated in each section. For milling and paving there is a surcharge to move the equipment so it makes sense to do this in sections. A discussion followed regarding a list

being published in the spring for planned streets to be paved with a disclaimer if the schedule can not be met. Roads are assessed after the winter season. A discussion followed on the price of asphalt and where it will be obtained as a factor of what gets done as well. Utility companies are an issue as well as to where they will be digging and this does not always coordinate.

- Vetro asked about the graffiti on the park benches at Wilcox Park. Bruce stated that these are all set as well as the South Street benches and tops being put on the garbage cans. Bruce would like to take the cans in for the winter as some go missing; 40 barrels were missing last year.
- Quaker Place: a complaint was received on 12/16/07 that a tree came down and took a power line down. The UI came and the resident said that Public Works was called and no one came. Bruce stated that typically the UI will come and cut it down and leave it there and Public Works will clean it up.
- Blake stated that he received a complaint regarding a Christmas tree on the west side of the green that was not decorated. Also, softballs/baseballs at Milford Academy field are going to the houses. Bruce stated that netting and fencing has been ordered and this problem is being worked on.
- The ordinance regarding parking on one side of the road in the winter was discussed.
- Bier asked about the softball fields at Parsons and if the dugouts are to be covered. Bruce stated that they are and this is being worked on. Also, the bridge by the waterfalls – dirt has washed away. Bruce stated that this is being worked on and is being coordinated with the Inland Wetlands Agency.

The next regular meeting will be on 1/22/08 and meetings will be on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit