

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 19, 2017

The Public Works Committee committed a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, June 19, 2017 in Room 213 of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford CT, pursuant to notice duly posted.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: J. Vincent Chase; David Harden; Wali Kadeem; Alan Llewelyn; and Philip Young, Chairman

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Maurice McCarthy, Public Works Director; and John Casey, Town Engineer

I CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

II APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Young accepted a motion by Mr. Llewelyn to approve the minutes of the regular April 17, 2017 meeting. Mr. Harden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

III REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Mr. McCarthy noted the following:

- Sign replacing continues on a daily basis to bring traffic signs up to national standards for reflectivity.
- Potholes are being filled with hot asphalt with one crew on a daily basis. These are permanent patches.
- Bulk item pickup will continue until 9/27/2017.
- Street sweeping is ongoing for the season. All roads will be swept at least once.
- Bids are out for demolition of the Ranger station at Roosevelt Forest and are due 6/28/2017.
- Short Beach had 1,050 cubic yards of new sand spread this year. That equates to 808 tons of sand at a cost of \$43,000. Long Beach is also receiving about 100 tons of new sand along with the beach in front of Marnick's Restaurant on Beach Drive. That project is not completed yet.

Questions were posed to Mr. McCarthy. Action not required.

IV REPORT OF THE TOWN ENGINEER

Mr. Casey discussed the following:

1. **West Avenue/Bruce Brook culvert drainage** – The Town Council has awarded this project to Grasso Construction. Once a contract is signed, a schedule for implementation will be set.

2. **Bruce Brook widening** – The Town Attorney’s office has sent initial letters to the residents regarding the need for easements to widen the brook in their rear yards. The residents seem generally open to the idea but would like more information on the estimated value of the easements. The next step is to have appraisals performed on each property, which was discussed at a previous meeting.
3. **Barnum Ave Streetscape Phase IV** – The contractor continues drainage work, which should be complete in the next few weeks. We have had to rearrange the drainage and curb line because of the conflicts with utilities, which has all been resolved at this point.
4. **Tanners Brook** – The Town Council has awarded this project to Grasso Construction. Once a contract is signed a schedule for implementation will be set.
5. **Stratford Ave, Honeyspot Rd Project** – The Town Attorney’s office should be contacting property owners regarding ROW impacts.

In the meantime, the process for the next phase should begin, i.e. – determining the limits, selecting a designer, etc. depending on the extent and funding available.

Questions were posed to Mr. Casey in connection with the projects. Action not required.

V OLD BUSINESS – No discussion was held.

VI NEW BUSINESS

Referred from Short Beach Commission meeting of June 5, 2017 – increasing the hours that the Short Beach sticker attendants are on duty from 6pm to 8pm.

Mr. Llewelyn discussed this idea which was presented at the Short Beach Commission 6/5/2017 meeting. Mr. Kadeem is against this idea for the safety of the workers. Mr. McCarthy suggested counting the number of non-resident cars entering Short Beach between 6-8pm for a few days. Mr. Young questioned if the costs of paying the beach sticker attendants would outweigh the amount of money brought in. He then requested Mr. McCarthy do a cost benefit analysis regarding such.

VII ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Young accepted a motion by Mr. Kadeem to adjourn at 7:20pm. Mr. Harden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Aileen Marsh

Acting Secretary