

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWINGTON
October 25, 2010

The Town Council of the Town of Southington held a regular meeting on Monday, April 12, 2010. Edward S. Pocock, III, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 o'clock, p.m.

The following Councilpersons were present, viz:

John N. Barry	Dawn A. Miceli
John C. Dobbins	Anthony E. D'Angelo
Albert A. Natelli, Jr.	Peter J. Romano, Jr.
Christopher J. Palmieri	Edward S. Pocock, III

Ex-officio members present were as follows, viz:

Anthony J. Tranquillo, Director of Public Works/Town Engineer
Mark J. Sciota, Deputy Town Manager/Town Attorney
John Weichsel, Town Manager

Absent: Dr. Stephanie Urillo, Councilwoman

A prayer was recited by Councilman John Dobbins.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone in attendance being led by the visiting Cub Scouts.

There were approximately 20 other persons in attendance.

EDWARD S. POCOCK, III, Chairman, Presiding:

II. Minutes

Mr. Palmieri made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented. Ms. Miceli seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

III. Councilmanic Communications

Mr. Romano requested anyone who had questions on Mount Vernon Road hold their questions until it is discussed under the Public Works Committee item.

Dr. Natelli reported two items. First a reminder that the STEPS Program is meeting Tuesday, October 26th at Hawks Landing from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. STEPS is a community organization that looks to have a net available to catch kids who may not be actively involved the way they should be. I encourage parents and their children to attend this event.

Secondly, I was fortunate enough to attend the Public Safety Night at the Elks Club. I want to thank their Grand Master for hosting this. Two police officers were given public safety awards and one firefighter and they had proclamations given to them and days named after them.

Thank you to our public safety people for keeping our community safe.

Mr. Palmieri attended the Barnes Museum with the Chairman, Dr. Natelli and Councilwoman Miceli. I'd like to acknowledge Marie Secundo and our library directors for the work they put into the museum. It is just great to see the building. I applaud their efforts to try to fund raise for some of the needs at the Barnes Museum.

IV. Report of Special Committees

A. Sewer Committee

Mr. Dobbins reported on the latest proposal submitted by Tighe & Bond for the Queen Street Pump Station Replacement. The station is located in a floodplain and it's over 30 years old and 10 years past its expected design life. Concern was voiced at the sewer committee level about the cost of construction. Initially, the estimate by the engineering department was \$1.25 million and it is now \$920,000 which includes a generous contingency of 20 percent.

The committee recommends proceeding with design to the 60 percent point and then reviewing the cost estimate to see if the project should be moved forward. The cost for the design estimate completion is \$56,100. This evening we have Dave Prickett, a professional engineer, with Tighe & Bond to explain Option #4 and answer any questions that the Council may have.

Money for this design is in the capital budget in the amount of \$125,000 and this is an action item for this evening under 8-B.

Mr. Dobbins reported the Council was given a 27 page email as a synopsis of what's going on.

Dave Prickett explained the Queen Street Pump Station is over 37 years old. We've been working with staff to come up with an alternative that best balances equipment and operator preferences together with project budget - to keep that as low as possible.

We came up with what is in the hand out, Alternative 4. We believe this satisfies staff as well as the requirements of the Town Engineer and the project budget.

Given some of the apprehension expressed by the sewer committee we are proceeding with project at this point and we discussed an option of proceeding through the 60 percent design at which time we would be able to further define project costs, assess where we are at

with the overall budget before proceeding with permitting and finalization of the design.

With that, I'm open for questions.

Mr. Palmieri commented that proceeding up to this point is beneficial because even if we don't decide to proceed with the full project, the plans will remain intact for an undesignated amount of time. It's not that it has to be done now because we're designing up to 60 percent now.

Discussion about this being very close to a referendum question with the figures noted followed as a result of a comment by Mr. D'Angelo. It was noted if we add everything together it could exceed \$1 million.

Attorney Sciota explained the engineering part is divisible from the construction part. We've done that many times. Before I make a final comment, I'll double check the numbers but it seems to me like we're not at a referendum number.

Mr. Romano added the project originally was up at \$1.25 million. We felt after doing a thorough review, there was a lot of the existing equipment that could be re-used. Our responsibility is making sure we are not going with all the bells and whistles, but going with the necessities. At the same time we are cognizant of the costs and that was part of the reason why especially Councilman Palmieri and myself felt it would be prudent to at least go through the design phase and see what the costs are coming in at. Instead of just going with the project in one fell swoop.

Mr. Weichsel pointed out the station has flooded a few times that is pretty disastrous. It knocks out the equipment and you lose the ability to service the people you normally service. At the appropriate time we can go into detail that it is clearly necessary.

The Chair reiterated this goes back to the previous Council when we were looking at different projects and prioritizing them and this pump station rose to the top relatively quickly.

Mr. Prickett said the number is a starting point which we feel is conservative, but we'll have an opportunity to proceed to the 60 percent point and re-evaluate along the way.

Mr. Romano pointed out the flooding is a DEP issue, as well.

Mr. Dobbins reported on the sewer and engineering department projects. We have several here that the committee reviewed:

(1) Removal of two buried oil tanks at the water pollution control plant. The sewer committee recommended this go out to the bid

as the initial RFP was \$22,000 which is over the \$15,000 amount for professional services allowed.

(2) Repair of the influent pump station roof. The sewer committee felt that \$12,700 was too high for a roof design and voted unanimously to seek three quotes even though it was under the \$15,000 for professional services.

(3) We had several bids:

- forklift replacement of some 1970 equipment. The committee recommended approval of the forklift bid for Fork Lift Services & Sales of Wolcott in the amount of \$19,545 which included a trade in. It's an action item this evening under 8-A.

- scissor lift for the denite plant. After discussion of the item and frequency of use, the committee unanimously rejected the purchase of this item with using a rental option when needed. If the lift is used often enough, purchases can be made in subsequent years.

(4) Combination update of Marion Highlands Sewer & Farmstead. Mr. Tranquillo reported on the Marion Highland Sewer, we have one video that was mislabeled by the contractor. When we get that, the letter is all prepared to be sent out.

As to Farmstead, I worked on preparing the bid last week and I will be continuing this week. I expect to put it out to bid in November.

(5) Councilman Romano has alerted the committee that he's working on a prioritization listing of all projects ongoing on conjunction with the sewer committee and public works.

(6) Sump Pump Relocation Program: John DeGioia has spoken with the DEP on the program. We hope to meet in November to discuss a pilot program and look for funding, as well. He'll be getting back to the committee on this.

Next Sewer Committee is Wednesday, November 10th, 2010.

B. Public Works Committee

Mr. Romano wanted to make it clear that although there is likely corrective action that needs to be taken on the Mount Vernon project that we're going to be talking to prevent this kind of a situation happening in the future, my focus needs to be right now on getting through this project in the most expeditious fashion. I cannot take the time now to stop and analyze where we've gone wrong. Right now I want to expedite the project and get it to its completion as quickly

as possible. Upon completion, we will do a thorough review of the project discussing this with all parties including the contractor, the Town of Southington officials and staff and the State of Connecticut. Then we will have some corrective actions and put some procedures in place to prevent this from happening in the future.

Mr. Tranquillo did an update on South End Road. It's what we call a mill and fill. Explained it is 98 percent complete. The striping is left to do. It is a very nice job. A very successful project once finished.

Mount Vernon Road didn't go as well and that's because it is a full depth reclamation. He explained it is a more intensive project that the DOT handles in a slightly different manner.

He noted one significant issue with this project had to do with testing and that came out of the ARRA stimulus program and he passed around a memo which highlights the quality testing required.

He passed around a timeline for the project and explained it. (Attachment 1)

Extensive explanation and discussion of the timeline.

Mr. Tranquillo passed around a copy of an email sent out on September 22, 2010 to the Manager of Construction Services, Jonathan Hadley at DOT. (Attachment 2)

Mr. D'Angelo asked: When will the asphalt trucks be on Mount Vernon Road? Mr. Tranquillo said it would be Tuesday or Wednesday of next week, weather permitting. Mr. Romano said he has been speaking with the contractor, but I prefer to go with the official dates of early next week. They are trying to improve on those dates, though.

Mr. Tranquillo stated for the public he would like to apologize for the inconvenience there. The State is much bigger than Tony Tranquillo and he can't move them if they don't want to be moved.

The Contractor, stated Mr. Romano, has elected to proceed with just verbals from the state, which is unusual. He's stepping out of his comfort to satisfy the Town, myself and the residents. We do appreciate that.

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Mr. D'Angelo suggested that now this is at the Council level, the entire Council should be involved with any discussions about this and if any state people were to be invited to talk about this or contractors or anything, the whole Council should be involved in these discussions. The buck ends here with us.

Once this is settled, Mr. D'Angelo continued, we need to find out what happened. And, what things can be in place afterwards so this will not happen again.

Mr. Romano said he would make sure the Town Council was included in the future.

Mr. Palmieri questioned Mr. Tranquillo about the three items that still need to be done and how long that would take. The entire project should be done by the end of next week.

C. Rails to Trails Committee

Dr. Natelli reported they have spent about 80 percent of the money. He explained we have about \$95,000 left in the contingency plan and he has directed the administration not to use that money unless we're going to use it for safety issues.

A note on the landscaping, it has issues we need to be made aware of. They need to be approximately 5' to 15' off of the phone line that runs there and the gas lines that run there. That's why they were planted as they are.

In addition, and we are correcting this with the construction company, the trees planted underneath lines are going to have to be removed.

The soft trail has been completed. Installed are the bollard sleeves and the binder course of pavement. We are currently paving the final section from the south end of the job to Mastrianni Place including the off street parking lot. All final paving should be completed this week.

We have expressed to the contractor we are disappointed in how the safety fencing went up all along. They have ordered the parts and pieces necessary to complete the safety fencing. However the contractor defends himself by saying: The Trail is not ready for use, anyway, and that's why the safety fencing isn't up. Safety comes first.

The administration is planning a meeting with the contractor on Thursday to discuss the remaining contingencies for the project. And, the permanent fencing for the bridges has been ordered and will be in place as soon as it gets on site.

Discussion on the fencing. The contractor can be ordered to put the temporary fencing in. The Chair said that has to be done.

V. Town Manager's Report and Communications

A. Report of Board of Finance

Mr. Weichsel reported most of the matters were somewhat routine. There was some discussion about the fact that the Council approved the matter of the sewer crossing with a change of circumstance and the Council voted a more global approach to it.

B. Bids - Internet Service Provider

Mr. Weichsel called on Richard Lopatosky to present the Internet Service Award recommendation of the committee.

Richard Lopatosky explained the recommendation of Cox Business and what it would entail.

Mr. Barry brought up the fact that there were three bids received and two of them were Southington businesses. He asked Mr. Lopatosky to discuss where Cox Business is headquartered and their employee base. He discussed the savings as being very little. And, he noted there is a 5-year contract with Cox and the other ones were for 3-years. With the changes in technology and things moving so rapidly, he questioned if it is wise to lock in for 5 years?

Mr. Barry reiterated he was disappointed that the Southington businesses weren't chosen, as there is very little difference in the price and why was 3 years not considered versus 5 years.

Mr. Lopatosky said the other ones were considered. He explained who we deal with now is not the sole provider. We always have a problem when they're working on Route 10. All bidders were taken into consideration and Cox Business was the end result.

After discussion, Mr. Barry said he would like a more detailed explanation of why we should award it to this company versus a Southington firm, which is actually lower per month for 3 years.

Mr. Lopatosky had no problem with that.

VI. Town Attorney's Report

A. Recreation Park Safety Netting Bids

Attorney Sciota explained we had one bid. It was from Fore Net, Inc. out of Rhode Island. It was \$17,000 and we budgeted \$15,000. So we sat down with the contractor and they did reduce their number to \$15,000. In exchange, the town through its volunteers, will be doing some of the pole work. We've also increased the netting we have to go around the first base side as well as the third base side.

We're happy with the number. We feel this is a good group to do the job.

Joe LaPorte explained members of the baseball league through CL&P have volunteered to put in the poles that will be furnished by Fore

Net the Rhode Island Company. That's a savings. We have increased coverage now of about 100' of 50' net. It turned out real well.

Attorney Sciota commented this is the best technology can give us at this moment without doming the field, which we are not going to do. We are making it much safer.

We recommend the contract to Fore Net, Inc., of Rhode Island for \$15,000.

B. Plantsville Renaissance

On October 7th, Mr. Tranquillo and I put a presentation on to CCRPA for the Plantsville Renaissance. This is the first step in applying for the grant. It was unanimous endorsement of the plan.

Now, we would like to have this go back to the Economic Strike Committee so we can start applying for grants.

I was thinking about talking to some other towns that use grant writers and maybe get some assistance so it's not just Mr. Perillo and I doing the grant work. It is very complicated. Sometimes the grant writer can actually take part of the proceeds as their fee. We'll look into that.

We do have executive session tonight and I do not expect any action out of that.

VII. Public Communications

Phil Pomposi of 1215 Pleasant Street spoke about the North Center School proposal, a possible sale and lease back. I want to tell the Council that I adamantly oppose that particular proposal. He explained he felt it was a misguided approach.

He felt the people of the community should be given the opportunity to vote in a referendum on this proposal. He would support using the school for the town employees and the BOE employees. Presented properly, he was confident that the proposal would fly at a referendum. And, we would have complete control.

Mr. Pomposi discussed different issues that could happen in the future with a lease back.

Put this on the backburner. This is an issue that should be presented to the people of this community like we've done in the past.

If we were to do something like a lease buy back, when you sign that kind of a contract, you're committing the town to millions of dollars in expenditures. And, it might be spread out over ten years, but you are still committing that amount. It is probably an issue that could be challenged by somebody who wanted to challenge it.

Sandra Feld, 821 Glacier Way. Regarding the issue Phil Pomposi just talked about, I have real concerns too, especially concerning transparency. I'd love to see a public referendum more than just a public hearing on this. The future is what worries me.

I came tonight to talk about the upcoming election and the Charter Revision Commission issues that are going to be on the ballot. While Mr. Sciota and Leslie put together terrific consolidations of the questions, the average voter might not really understand. In an effort to try to put it into laymen's English, I took each one of the questions and I paraphrased. I'll submit this for the Minutes. It'll be on TV tonight, in the Observer this week so you can read it.

Read her paraphrased questions and explained. (Attachment 3)

Leslie did a fabulous job of putting the entire full text of the Charter Revision questions on the ballot on the website. Just go to Southington.org click on election November 2, 2010 under news on the right side of the screen and click on full text. You'll be able to read it all.

Thank you.

Ms. Cotton added the Election is next week. It's November 2nd. Next Tuesday. All 12 polling places are open from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm. We do have the full text of the questions available on the website and in our office. They will also be available at the polling places.

Thank you.

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Richard Post, Winding Ridge Road. Discussed Mount Vernon Road. Also discussed the selection of roads that are being repaved.

The patches that they're putting in on West Street near West Center and then on West Center towards town, I can tell you, within a week some settling has occurred near West Street & West Center intersection.

Compaction of the pavement was discussed.

Do the contractors, who do this work, do they have specification that requires no settling and a very smooth patch? I think it's an issue.

The first step is to have a meeting with all involved stating the process and who is to do what and who is responsible for what. The process does not rely on one individual to do a good job. The process takes a person out of it.

I think there is an issue with all the roads that've been done and the patches are not done very well.

Hopefully, you'll have new processes in the future on paving projects and things like that.

The new Rails to Trail, we're not supposed to walk on it, it's great by the way.

I think it's great that Leslie will put the Charter Revision changes on the website.

Ms. Cotton noted it is on Channel 14, as well.

Mr. Weichsel explained why that section of Mount Vernon Road was selected per the grant process.

The Public Work's Committee's prioritization matrix of the projects that needs to be done was discussed by Mr. Romano.

Nick Salerno, 183 Winding Ridge Road. Spoke about the condition of Mount Vernon Road. He thanked the Chair and Mr. Romano for responding to his emails promptly and to Tony for answering all my phone calls.

I would hope with future projects you could post in the paper, put on the website, give residents some type of update instead of us having to ask for it.

Was there an impact study done for the residential area of dust, rocks, bus stops that are down there? Mr. Tranquillo responded there was not. Mr. Salerno suggested in the future it might be something to look at.

Arthur Cyr, 103 Berlin Avenue. Brought up two roads: Highwood Avenue between Berlin Avenue and Oakland was repaved. Then Yankee Gas came in and replaced mains. They're done on Oakland Road, but we only have a binder coat on. We're coming on to the winter season and my question is: Are we going to get the second coat on there so that plows don't rip up all the junctions that are standing up.

Now it appears Yankee Gas is ripping up Oakland Road from Meriden Avenue up to Berlin Street. I hope we'll get these two streets repaved - at least Oakland Road.

More importantly, yet to be done this year is Marion Avenue Extension starting at Mr. Barry's house and going to the Cheshire line. And, also down Upson Place. This has got to be one of the worst roads in town.

Mr. Barry said there has been extensive work over the last three years on that roadway. They have to get the present work done before they start a new project. That project could be put off until spring if they can't finish the projects already underway.

Mr. Tranquillo noted the drainage problem was solved about two years ago. More drainage south of that needs to be corrected. The water main was 1890's vintage and they upgraded that before we did the pavement. We committed to doing it this year, but time ran out on us. We are not going to start it now with leaf season a week away. It will be a spring project.

Mr. Barry added the neighbors on the street are patient and understand and they appreciate the work that the administration has done over the last several years.

Mr. Cyr explained his other important item. On Channel 20 News tonight, they talked about Southington and the North Center Facility and the conversion into possible BOE/town offices. If the project is designed right and priced right and presented right you can get this thing to fly with a referendum.

Give the town a couple of options. Maybe the answer is not renovation of the building but demolition of the building. Put a new building up that runs the other way on that property that would cost us less.

I like the site and the concept. I don't like the proposal and I am going to agree with Mr. Pomposi. This is not the way to finance it. Right it up, present it to the voters. The BOE will help you and it'll fly as long as you connect it with the BOE.

Ilлио Fusciello, 82 Autran Avenue. If you have a house, would you sell the house and then rent? He spoke about the Primus property. He then spoke about his issue stating that he wanted to be paid.

Joe LaPorte, just a quick note on the baseball nets, I failed to mention, the plan is to put the poles in now and the nets in early spring. It'd be a waste to have the nets up and weathered through the winter. If the poles come late, and the ground is frozen, we'll do it first thing in the spring. It is top on the priority list.

An update on the drive in. I'm happy to say that besides the all purpose field, 80 percent of the remaining area will be seeded. We'll put hay on to protect it. Through the efforts of the entire committee and raising some funds and the help of the highway department, again, we're able to get that work done at a very reasonable cost. It's going to be an asset. I want to thank Dawn and her committee for supporting it and getting the money to do that.

Benny Cammuso, Meriden Avenue. I hear about the roads. Two weeks ago South End was done and it was beautiful. I go by again on Monday, and the road was ripped up. Ridiculous. Why?

Mr. Tranquillo explained it is very common when doing repaving, the manhole grades end up being too high or too low. It's common practice to go back later and cut the manholes out and raise to the perfect grade so you don't get bumps. It did not cost us a penny. The contractor had to correct it.

Mr. Cammuso said he hopes everybody goes to vote next week.

And, he thanked Chris Palmieri for the fair and the fireworks and everything. Good job! Keep it up, kid!

VIII. Old Business

A. Action on Forklift Bids for WPC Facility

Mr. Romano made a motion to award Forklift Services of Prospect, CT for the bid price of \$19,545. Mr. D'Angeleo seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

B. Action on Tighe & Bond Proposal - Queen Street Pump Station

Mr. Palmieri made a motion to approve up to 60 percent as outlined this evening for a price of \$56,100. Mr. Dobbins seconded. Motion passed 8 to 0 on a roll call vote.

C. Action on Report of Board of Finance

Mr. D'Angelo made a motion to approve the report of the Board of Finance. Mr. Romano seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

D. Award of Bid - Internet Service Provider

Mr. Palmieri moved a motion to table. Ms. Miceli seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

E. Action on Recreation Park Netting Bid

Dr. Natelli made a motion to accept the bid of \$15,000 from Fore Net, Inc., of Rhode Island for the protective netting for the baseball field. Ms. Miceli seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

IX. New Business

A. Tax Refunds (Attachment 4)

Ms. Miceli made a motion to accept the tax refunds as provided to us in our packages. Mr. D'Angelo seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

B. Appointments

1. Self Insurance Committee - 1 member, fill vacancy, term expires Oct. 2011

Dr. Natelli nominated Sal Dominello of 1188 Pleasant St. to fill the vacancy on the Self Insurance Committee. Sal has been doing health insurance sales since about the mid 1990's. He is well versed in this and is highly recommended by the New Britain General Hospital, New Britain Campus. I think he would be a definite benefit to our committee.

Mr. Dobbins seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

2. Board of Park Commissioners - 2 members, 4 year terms to October 2014

Mr. D'Angelo brought up the name of Ron Newman of Hacienda Circle. He served with the Midget Football League for 18 years. He's past President for four years. He has been on the drive in committee. He's a volunteer fireman for Company 3. And, he was very instrumental in getting that football field done at Recreation Park.

Mr. Dobbins submitted the name of John Fontana for the Parks Commission.

Mr. Dobbins also placed the name of Dave Kanute.

The Chair suggested a vote first on Mr. Fontana:

Roll Call: Miceli:	Yes
Natelli:	Yes
Palmieri:	Yes
Romano:	Yes
Barry:	Yes
D'Angelo:	Yes
Dobbins:	Yes
Pocock:	Yes

The Chair asked for a roll call on Mr. Newman:

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Roll Call: Miceli:	Yes
Natelli:	No
Palmieri:	Yes
Romano:	No

Barry: Yes
 D'Angelo: Yes
 Dobbins: No
 Pocock: No

The Chair asked for a roll call on Mr. Kanute:

Roll Call: Miceli: No
 Natelli: Yes
 Palmieri: No
 Romano: Yes
 Barry: No
 D'Angelo: No
 Dobbins: Yes
 Pocock: Yes

The Chair asked for a motion to table.

Dr. Natelli moved the motion to table. Mr. Dobbins seconded.
 Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

3. Board of Ethics - 1 member, 3 year term to August 2013

Mr. Romano made a motion to appoint Craig Sims of Quail Hollow Rd. to the Board of Ethics. Dr. Natelli seconded.

Mr. Sims is currently not serving on any Boards or Commission.

Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

X. Adjournment - Executive Session - Town Manager hiring

Mr. Dobbins made a motion to go into executive session excluding public and press but including the eight members of the Council, the Manager and the Assistant Town Attorney. Dr. Natelli seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

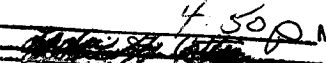
(Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 o'clock, p.m.)

ATTEST:


 Leslie G. Cotton, Town Clerk

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Southington Town Council entered executive session immediately following the Town Council meeting with the following in attendance in order to discuss Town Manager hiring.

The following Councilpersons were present, viz:

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John C. Dobbins	John N. Barry
Dawn A. Miceli	Albert A. Natelli, Jr.
Peter J. Romano, Jr.	Edward S. Pocock, III, Chair

Ex-officio members present were as follows:

John Weichsel, Town Manager
 Louis J. Martocchio, Assistant Town Attorney

No motions were made or votes taken during executive session.

Dr. Natelli made a motion to adjourn from executive session. Mr. Palmieri seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

(Executive session was adjourned at 9:10 o'clock, p.m.)

REGULAR SESSION

Mr. D'Angelo made a motion to adjourn the Town Council meeting which was seconded by Mr. Barry. Motion passed unanimously.

(Meeting was adjourned at 9:11 o'clock, p.m.)

John Weichsel
 Acting Secretary

Time-Line of Key Events ARRA Repaving Project

- Pre-construction meeting held with DOT – July 28, 2010.
- Notice to proceed issued to Quality Associates – August 17, 2010.
- Contractor mobilizes – August 24, 2010, doing prep work on South End Road.
- Subcontractor mills roadways – September 1-3, 2010 for South End Road; September 8-9, 2010 for Mt. Vernon Road.
- Contractor mills calcium chloride into gravel road on Mt. Vernon and Conn DOT picks up source sample of material to be used as base material for the new roadway– September 10, 2010. Note: DOT requires approval of BOTH a source sample and acceptance sample PRIOR to commencing on the final grading operation and any paving of the binder course.
- Contractor stakes out new road grades on Mt Vernon – September 13, 2010.
- Contractor commences removal of top 5-inches on Mt Vernon road surface (milled material) to plan for base course and pavement - September 16-24, 2010.
- Town receives verbal from DOT lab that source sample (Mt Vernon) has failed – September 16, 2010.
- Town makes design change request to DOT to raise profile on Mt Vernon (490 feet) and to approve areas for shimming (Class 2 pavement) due to improper road surface- September 17, 2010.
- Received fax from DOT on source sample material (Mt Vernon) showing that it failed in three sieve size areas – September 24, 2010. Contractor can not proceed with final grading operations due to failed material.
- Town meets with DOT officials to express frustration with progress of approvals - September 27, 2010.
- Contractor commences fill area based on DOT's approval of change in profile for Mt Vernon - September 27-28, 2010.
- DOT gives verbal to proceed with the shimming on South End - September 29, 2010.
- Contractor finishes grading work and removal of curbing on Mt Vernon – October 1, 2010.
- Contractor makes new base material “blend” on Mt Vernon due to lab failure (September 24th lab report). Second source sample pick-up from DOT lab – October 4, 2010

- Contractor installs shim pavement on South End – October 7-8, 2010.
- Town receives verbal approval of second source sample (re-test) from DOT lab for Mt Vernon – October 8, 2010.
- Contractor installs final course of pavement on South End – October 13-14, 2010.
- DOT picks up acceptance sample material on Mt Vernon - October 14, 2010.
- Town receives verbal from DOT lab that material for acceptance sample passes gradation – October 20, 2010. Town needs to get answer on proctor result (compaction) and asphalt content before base material can be acceptable for final grading operations.

Anthony
Tranquillo/southington
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To jonathan.hadley@ct.gov
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Sciota/southington@southington.org
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Subject South End Road and Mount Vernon - ARRA project 131.200

Jon,

Both these projects have been milled and are basically ready for pavement but are at a standstill. The contractor is frustrated and is clamoring to proceed. Each day that goes by incurs maintenance costs. There are several questions and issues we have submitted to you and are waiting for your decision. We continue to get complaints from motorists and residents about the conditions and newspaper articles critical of the process. I would like to get pavement down ASAP. Please expedite our requests for extras.

There is also the issue of lab testing. My understanding is that the State lab turn around time is between 1 and 2 weeks. Can we use a certified testing lab instead of the State lab? We have used IMTL in Plainville with excellent results in the past. Can we use them on our project to take advantage of their 1 to 2 day turn around? I know you are overwhelmed by the volume of projects, what can the Town reasonably do to assist you in expediting the process?

Sorry for the tone of this email but the Sh--- is hitting the fan here and we need to show progress.

Tony

Very Truly Yours,

Anthony J Tranquillo, P.E.
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"Rinick, Gregory H" <Gregory.Rinick@ct.gov>

09/22/2010 03:37 PM

To"GrapponeJ@SOUTHINGTON.org"
<GrapponeJ@SOUTHINGTON.org>
CC"Hadley, Jonathan L" <Jonathan.Hadley@ct.gov>
SubjectFW: dust control
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Hi John.

I believe this is pertaining to your project.

Please call me if you have any questions.

- Gregg Rinick
(860) 258-4638 - Office
(860) 597-2898 - Cell

From: Hadley, Jonathan L
Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2010 12:59 PM
To: 'mperry@plainville-ct.gov'
Cc: Rinick, Gregory H; Kaminski, Francis J
Subject: dust control

Mike - The contractors price for calcium chloride you had given me of \$13.65/ton is acceptable. Go ahead & add this to a CO; OK to perform work ahead of the CO. Jon

Jonathan L. Hadley
Transportation Project Engineer
Connecticut Department of Transportation
District 1 Construction
T: (860) 258-4643
F: (860) 258-4609
E: Jonathan.Hadley@ct.gov<mailto:Jonathan.Hadley@ct.gov>
<http://www.ct.gov/dot/construction>



"Hadley, Jonathan L"
<Jonathan.Hadley@ct.gov>
09/23/2010 11:53 AM

To "GrapponeJ@SOUTHINGTON.org"
<GrapponeJ@SOUTHINGTON.org>
cc "Anthony_Tranquillo@southington@southington.org"
<Anthony_Tranquillo@southington@southington.org>,
"Dave_Cello@southington@southington.org"
bcc

Subject RE: 0131-0200 Project questions

Good morning Jim – It looks like we have several questions/issues in various stages of resolution. Let me try to address all of them with one response. The calcium chloride which is blended with the reclaimed material is obviously ineffective for **dust control**. Please disregard my previous direction to ask the contractor for a price for dust control items. A review of your contract indicates that the contractor is required to control the dust from the reclaiming operation. It also requires the contractor to provide a sweeper with a water tank to control dust from the milling operation. Direct the contractor to control the dust from these operations. He can use either calcium chloride or water. Neither of these are a separate pay item. He may have to make several passes a day, not just (1) pass at the end of the day. **Raising the profile of the road** (for approximately 500 LF) is acceptable to MSAT and Consultant Design. Because the work required to raise the profile does not constitute a significant change in the character of work, or a differing site condition, this work shall be paid for utilizing existing contract items. It looks like your contract contains all the necessary items to accomplish this. The contractor's suggestion that the placement, compaction and grading of the additional subbase material be paid as Earth Excavation is unacceptable. **Shimming/leveling** prior to paving can, and should, be paid for by increasing the quantities of the existing Bit. Conc. CL 1 or CL 2 items. **Material testing** can be partially accomplished by using the services of an independent material testing lab. The independent lab (you mentioned IMTL) can be used for density testing on the subbase and bituminous concrete. The Town inspector should notify this office at least (24) hours in advance of any paving operation. This will insure that our material testing lab has an inspector at the batch plant. The independent lab can also be used for sampling and testing any of your concrete items. All other item testing (material certificates, test reports, physical samples) need to be tested by our State lab. We can assist you with the preparation and submittal of the required MAT-100s. Steve Davis (860) 258-0335 can arrange for pick-up of your samples. I hope this answers all the current questions; please feel free to contact myself or Gregg Rinick with any else that comes up. Jon

From: GrapponeJ@SOUTHINGTON.org [mailto:GrapponeJ@SOUTHINGTON.org]
Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2010 4:11 PM
To: Rinick, Gregory H
Cc: Hadley, Jonathan L; Anthony_Tranquillo@southington@southington.org;
Dave_Cello@southington@southington.org
Subject: Re: FW: dust control

The price is \$1,337.62 per ton NOT \$13.62 for calcium flakes; Was this a typo?

Have you had a chance to review the profile raising matter? This is the next rush item. Sorry

James A. Grappone, P.E.
Assistant Town Engineer
Town of Southington



Anthony
Tranquillo/southington
09/24/2010 04:06 PM

To "Hadley, Jonathan L" <Jonathan.Hadley@ct.gov>
cc John Weichsel/southington@southington.org, Mark
Sciota/southington@southington.org, Jim
Grappone/southington@southington.org
bcc

Subject Project 131-200 - Southington

Jon,

Our project is at an impasse. Our contractor has advised that he will not proceed until we resolve certain issues which have been discussed but are still outstanding. These include: shim course on South End Road, Profile adjustment on Mount Vernon Road and Failure of sub base material on Mount Vernon Road.

We are bringing in DR. Welti to offer an opinion on the subbase material.

In order to resolve the remaining issues the Town requests an immediate meeting in your office to resolve these matters. The project is in construction and the residents and motorists are suffering inconvenience and added costs which must be curtailed,. We need to meet with you on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday AM next week. The contractor has registered his objection to our directions and has threatened a delay claim..

Please let us know which day and time we can come to your office for the meeting.

Very Truly Yours,

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Memo:

To: Anthony Tranquillo

From: David Cello

Test procedures for Ct Dot projects

Submit request for test

Email to Dist. 1 for review, If no changes are needed approval for sample 1 day

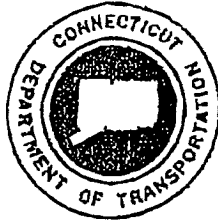
Physical sample of material, call lab for pick-up (usually next day)

This sample is a source sample, 4-5 days to test if it passes then another request for test is made to test for acceptance.

Then another sample is taken and sent to the lab to test for gradation, proctor and asphalt content on reclaimed material

Test for gradation 4-5 days

If material passes a proctor will be developed. (density testing can't be done until a proctor is developed) Lab needs 1-2 days min.



860-657-2514

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OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND MATERIALS
280 WEST STREET, ROCKY HILL CT 06067-3502
FAX (860) 258-0399**

CC: Clarence WELTI
FROM: Jim Grappone
SAMPLE MATERIAL MT. VERNON RD.

Fax

To: Dave From: Justin

Fax: 860-628-8669 Pages: 2

Phone: _____ Date: 9/24/10

Re: _____ CC: _____

- Urgent For Review Please Comment Please Reply Please Recycle

• Comments:

Gradation Results for sample
131-200 C0004
Reclaimed Misc Agg

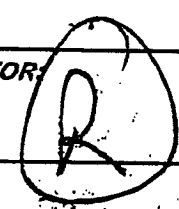
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ENGINEERING DEPT

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5" 125 mm				2" 50 mm				3/4	2.2		
3 1/2" 90 mm			100	1 1/2" 37.5 mm				1/2	6.5		
1 1/2" 37.5 mm	1.8	1.9	98.1	1" 25 mm				3/8	7.4		
3/4" 19 mm	4.1	4.4	93.7	3/4" 19 mm				1/4	8.5		
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1/4" 6.3 mm			100	71.3	1/4" 6.3 mm						
No. 10 2.0 mm	106.5	31.9	68.1	48.6	No. 10 2.0 mm						
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No. 100 150 μm	54.6	16.3	12.3	8.5	No. 100 150 μm						
No. 200 75 μm	17.9	5.4	6.9	4.9	No. 200 75 μm						
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KIND OF MATERIAL Reclaimed Misc Ags		STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUREAU OF ENGINEERING & HWY OPERATIONS REPORT OF TESTS OF BANK RUN GRAVELS OR PROCESSED AGGREGATE MAT 205				DATE 1/23/10	PROJECT / SAMPLE NO. 131-200
SOURCE OF SUPPLY On Site						LABORATORY NO. 1	C0004
LOCATION OF SOURCE OF SUPPLY		SIEVES	% PASS	SIEVES	% PASS	% WEAR & LAB NO.	MAXIMUM DENSITY
SAMPLE TAKEN FROM		5" 125 mm		5" 125 mm	Spec		
LOCATION OF		3 1/2" 90 mm	100	3 1/2" 90 mm		SOUNDNESS LOSS & LAB NO.	OPTIMUM MOISTURE
SAMPLED BY Blanch G		2 1/2" 63 mm		2 1/2" 63 mm			
DATE SAMPLED 1/8/10		2" 50 mm		2" 50 mm		% LIQUID ASPHALT	
USING AGENCY		1 1/2" 37.5 mm	97*	1 1/2" 37.5 mm	55-45	PLASTICITY & LAB NO. (PLASTIC OR NON-PLASTIC)	
QUANTITY REPRESENTED		1" 25 mm		1" 25 mm		RECOMMENDED FOR: 	
PURPOSE FOR WHICH MATERIAL WILL BE USED		3/4" 19 mm	94	3/4" 19 mm			
DATE MATERIAL WILL BE USED		1/4" 6.3 mm	71*	1/4" 6.3 mm	25-60		
WHERE MATERIAL WILL BE USED		No. 10 2.0 mm	49*	No. 10 2.0 mm	15-45	REMARKS:	
SAMPLE RECEIVED		No. 40 425 μm	20	No. 40 425 μm			
		No. 100 150 μm	9	No. 100 150 μm			
		No. 200 75 μm	5	No. 200 75 μm			
		Person Performing Test (initials): JL					
Assistant Director - Division of Materials Testing							

EVERY VOTE COUNTS

In order to provide some clarification of the 5 Charter Revision Questions on the Nov. 2nd ballot, my additions are in bold and hopefully, will make it easier for voters to decide yes or no.

#1 “Shall Section 208 of the Southington Town Charter be amended to allow vacancies in elective offices to be filled by the board or commission with such vacancy?” **All elected boards except the Board of Finance currently fill their own vacancies till the next election. This adds the Board of Finance.**

#2 “Shall Section 210 of the Southington Town Charter be amended to limit elected officials to serving on only one board or commission?” **This prevents elected officials from conflicts of interest by allowing them to only serve on one board or commission.**

#3 “Shall Section 402 of the Southington Town Charter amend the powers and duties of the town manager by requiring written policies and procedures be presented to the town council for review not less than once a year?” **This formalizes the Town Manager’s policies and procedures by requiring that they be presented to the Town Council in writing.**

#4 “Shall Sections 723, 725 and 728 of the Southington Town Charter be amended to modify the annual town budget timeline?” **This was originally intended to prevent last-minute amendments to the budget by the Town Council on the day they vote on the budget, but the Town Council voted against that so it was not presented to the public.**

5 “Shall Section 1107 of the Southington Town Charter be replaced substantially with the wording of Section 2-204, the Conflicts of Interest ordinance; provisions of this section shall apply to all town officers and employees whether elected or appointed?” **Notably, this requires that all elected or appointed town officials and employees who have a personal financial or private interest in any action before that board shall REFRAIN from any comment or vote on the matter and REMOVE himself/herself from the panel until the matter has been dispensed. The failure to do this shall constitute a violation of this article.**

IMPORTANT NOTE:

For the complete texts of the proposed changes, go to www.southington.org & click on **ELECTION NOVEMBER 2, 2010** under **NEWS** on the right side. Then click on **FULL TEXT OF THE CHARTER REVISION QUESTIONS ON THE BALLOT.**

List of Requests for Abatement or Refunds of Taxes - Town Council Meeting of October 25, 2010

<u>Taxpayer's Name</u>	<u>Reason for Refund</u>	<u>Amount of Refund</u>
Cab east LLC	Assessor C/C List #30029 M 2009	\$92.66
Colwick, Joseph D Jr	Assessor C/C List #32492 M 2008	\$77.30
Cooper, Robert or Jane	Assessor C/C List #32766 M 2004	\$101.54
Ean Holdings LLC	Assessor C/C List #50043, 50059 & 50068 M 2009	\$708.58
Ean Holdings LLC	Assessor C/C List #50014, 50034 & 50042 M 2009	\$847.89
Hammell, Gerald A Jr or Sandra	Assessor C/C List #80223 M 2008	\$146.36
Kerwin, Russell H or Sherry Kerwin	Assessor C/C List #110580 M 2009	\$82.70
Scanlon, Craig	Assessor C/C List #190634 M 2008	\$56.79
Seger, Lee C or Cheryl	Assessor C/C List #191006 & 191007 M 2009	\$204.40
Superior Inc	Assessor C/C List #193723, 193772, 193786, 193799 & 193861 M 2009	\$400.17
Tax Collector or Nieves, Alberto or Michael	Assessor C/C List #141213 M 2008	\$72.14
Toyota Motor Credit Corp	Assessor C/C List #201253 M 2009	\$54.01
Toyota Motor Credit Corp	Assessor C/C List #201339 M 2009	\$112.17