

MINUTES OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

A special meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners, Infrastructure Committee was held on Wednesday February 9, 2011, at the Department Offices, 605 West Queen Street, Southington, CT.

Commissioner Murphy, Commissioner Berkmoes, Commissioner Domian, Superintendent West and Assistant Superintendent Rogers were present.

Commissioner Murphy called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

A brief update on roadway conditions at the West Street/ West Center Street Water main project. The contractor and the Water Department have had to respond frequently to potholes in the area the new water main was installed in. The Contractor will be installing a winter hot mix instead of the cold patch he has been using. He is hopeful that this will reduce the frequency of potholes showing up in the area of the trench repair.

The Superintendent reported that the Mariondale Drive Tank Replacement project is ready to bid, and will be put out to bid over the summer.

The Superintendent started a discussion on using a consulting firm to do a "Capitol Efficiency Plan" for the Water Department. This plan would look at all of the infrastructure the Water Department maintains, and generates a prioritized list based on a number of factors. This discussion lead to a conversation about performing a valve maintenance program (either in house or outsourced), a discussion of several possible projects (South Main Street, Meriden Waterbury T'pike, projects we have designed but not yet built, and projects we might perform in house). Staff will pull together lists of projects already designed, projects we can expand the scope of work with Caracus Construction on, and projects we can perform in house.

The Superintendent started a discussion on performing a water audit study. The study would take a look at water usage trends, water source meter accuracy and customer side meter accuracy to give an overall picture of where the Department has the most to gain in being accurate about water produced/ sold.

Water meter replacement was discussed briefly, the Department will continue to assess which meter manufacturer(s) to utilize, and which technology to move forward with (walking meter routes vs drive by vs "fixed network").

Staff will report back to the Infrastructure committee with various projects to consider for the upcoming budget(s).

Commissioner Berkmoes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Domian seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Attest: Thomas R. West, Superintendent