

MINUTES OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

A special meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners, Infrastructure Committee was held on Tuesday April 5, 2011, at the Department Offices, 605 West Queen Street, Southington, CT.

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

Commissioner Murphy called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

Assistant Superintendent Rogers gave a brief update on the project. Caracus Construction has resumed work on the project, and has started with finding a leak that they could not find at the end of the fall construction season on the West Street water main. There are still several services, some side streets to tie in and a hydrant to install on West Center Street. The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent will be meeting with the Town Engineer and Town Manager to discuss repaving on West Center Street and West Street.

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 reported that an RFQ would be going out later this week to solicit engineering firms to perform the Water Department Capitol plan and the Sewer Department Facilities Plan. We will have to have 3 members on the QBS selection team, Bob Berkmoes agreed to serve along with Superintendent West and Assistant Superintendent Rogers. The group will select a firm, and then we will negotiate scope and fee with that firm.

Several Water main projects were discussed by the Committee. Among them were; having Caracus Construction complete a loop on Curtis Street, and doing a main replacement on Todd Rd and Norton St, a new water main on Flanders Rd from Flanders Street to High Ridge and from High Ridge to Woodruff St. The Superintendent recommended going forward with the first two projects, but holding off on the Flanders Road Projects. Also discussed was installing a replacement water main on South Main Street, from Plantsville Center to Clark St, and completing a water main on Norton St from the Bus Barn to South Main (350'). Lastly, the committee discussed possible in house projects on Meriden Waterbury Turnpike from Marion Ave to Robin Rd, East Summer Street, Greeley Ave and possibly Lynnwood Rd.

Assistant Superintendent Rogers led a discussion on installing blow offs and possibly hydrants on dead end streets that have none. He recommended to the Committee that the Department set up a team to work to take care of these issues starting with this coming budget. The Committee agreed that money should be included in the coming year's budget to address this issue.

The proposed valve maintenance program was discussed at length. The Department sat down with a vendor on this project last week. The project could be completed in one year or over several years. This would be a turn-key program where the vendor would operate every valve in the system, and give back data to the department on the condition of the valves. The Department would repair the problems found. The committee recommended putting money in the budget for this project and doing an RFP to find firms capable of performing the work.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Attest: Thomas R. West, Superintendent