

TOWN OF SOUTHTON
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Minutes
July 6, 2011

Present: *Members:* Chairman Peter Romano, Chief Jack Daly, Albert Natelli, Christopher Palmieri, Garry Brumback and Thomas West. *Ex-Officio Members:* Anthony Tranquillo, Steve Wlodkowski
Absent: John Leary

Chairman Romano called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers, 75 Main Street, Southington, CT.

MINUTES OF June 1, 2011:

Motion to approve made by Chris Palmieri, seconded by Al Natelli and carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS:

a. Public

Arthur Cyr expressed concern that there were some streetlights being left on or others that were out and had been reported to the Engineering Department. Tony Tranquillo said they were being taken care of.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. 2011/2012 Paving and Reconstruction Program was discussed (see attached). Motion was made by Chris Palmieri, seconded by Al Natelli to recommend that the committee approve the plan and send it to the Town Council for their July 11th meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The big question really revolved around West Center Street. Steve Wlodkowski explained that one of the things that was delaying that project from starting earlier is that while we are repairing the road we also have to correct several drainage issues. We are in the process of identifying and solving those issues.

b. Downtown Decorative Streetlight Maintenance. There is a problem with the lights burning out. It will take \$27,500 to retrofit with induction lighting, and this must be completed by September 1, 2011 if we are to receive \$9,000 in grants from DEP and a 5-year no-interest loan from CL&P. While it is the recommendation of town staff that we proceed, it is important to note that this does not enjoy the support of the Energy Committee, mainly because they are concerned about the UL listing which we believe is resolvable and they are not sure that it would work. Motion by Al Natelli, seconded by Chris Palmieri to recommend to the Town Council to approve the work.

c. STEPS tree planting. There was a presentation by three young men from the STEPS Program asking for town support in planting a tree in one of our parks. The committee supports their program and request; however, are referring them to both the Parks Board and the Town Council for final approval.

d. Panthorn Park Entrance. We discussed Panthorn Park entrance and Chief Daly reported that there had only been two accidents reported in the last six years, and therefore the entrance was not considered a serious problem. However, he will replace the stolen sign identifying the park entrance, and he is recommending that the owner of a piece of property adjacent to the driveway to trim back her bushes in order to improve the sight line.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. RFP for Pavement Management System. Discussed the three bids. VHB's bid was \$55,500, BETA Engineering was \$63,150 and FST at \$82,200. Motion made by Chris Palmieri, seconded by Al Natelli to approve the staff recommendation of VHB for the pavement management system. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business, motion to adjourn made by Chris Palmieri, seconded by Al Natelli to meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter J. Romano, Jr.
Chairman

Attachment:
2011-12 Paving & Reconstruction Program

The following is the proposed paving and reconstruction program for FY 2011 / 2012 to be administered by the Highway Department.

Widen, Resurface, and Drainage # 40028031 -570065 -C0515 (500,000)

1. West Center Street (Bristol St. -West St.) -Pulverize existing pavement, Regrade base material, 3-1/2" pavement, 50% curb replacement, and Drainage improvements. \$332,852
2. West Street (W. Center St. - Mill St.) -Pulverize existing pavement, Regrade base material, 3-1/2" pavement, 100 % curb replacement. \$147,114
3. Mill Street (Rte. 10 -West St.) - Mill 2" of the existing pavement and replace with a 2" overlay. \$20,034 (Partial Funding)

Town Aid Improved Roads # 40028031 - 570065 -C0516 (200,000)

1. Mill Street (Balance of Project Funding) \$162,584
2. Newell Street / Redstone Street / Aircraft Road -Intersection radius improvements, Selective pulverization and pavement replacement. \$37,416 (Partial Funding)

LOCIP Program # 40028031 - 570065 -C0512 (289,838)

1. Newell Street / Redstone Street / Aircraft Road (Balance of Project Funding) \$18,280
2. Springlake Road (Kuhr Dr. - East St.) -Pulverize existing pavement, Regrade base material, 3-1/2 " pavement. \$91,692
3. Old Turnpike Road (Carter La. -Rte. 10) - Mill 2" of the existing pavement and replace with a 2" overlay. \$98,620
4. Summitt Street - Mill 2" of the existing pavement and replace with a 2" overlay. \$81,246

Steve Wlodkowski, Highway Superintendent Town of Southington Highway Department