

**TOWN OF SOUTHTON**  
**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Regular Meeting Minutes  
May 4, 2011

Present: *Members:* Chairman Peter Romano, Chief Jack Daly, Albert Natelli, Christopher Palmieri, John Leary (joined the meeting in progress), Garry Brumback and Thomas West. *Ex-Officio Member:* Anthony Tranquillo, Steve Wlodkowski

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 April 6, 2011:**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**a. Public**

Arthur Cyr spoke about street light maintenance and the library parking lot. He asked when we would pave Route 10. The State will do it this year. He had concerns about paving Spring Street.

**b. Reports on Ongoing Operations**

Bulky Waste Transfer Station – Communications pole was set on previous Tuesday and all appears to be going well.

Leaf Program – Composting is ongoing. There is a bid for Vac-Alls that will be going before the committee at the next meeting.

Retention/Detention Pond Maintenance – We have about 130 detention ponds and are actively maintaining about 50 of them. There was a question about fencing around the ponds. Criteria to fence detention ponds is directly related to safety. If we fence them it becomes an additional maintenance issue.

Parks Department – Pools are going to be drained next week and cleaned. Options for rest rooms at Memorial Park were discussed. There are three options at this particular time: (1) leave them as they are and supplement them with port-a-potties; (2) spend \$15-20,000 which would make it ADA compliant and replace some of the fixtures but the downside would be it would reduce capacity in the boys' bathroom; or (3) \$40-50,000 would require us to expand the building. This would not be able to get done this year anyway. The committee was recommending that we do the minimum necessary right now and incorporate Memorial Park bathrooms into a Parks Facilities Master Plan.

Chris Palmieri was happy that he was seeing some recycling containers at some of the parks and appreciated it.

Police Department – No report.

Snow Removal – Done for the year.

Storm Drainage Maintenance – One truck is out daily, soon to be two, cleaning up 6,000 catch basins.

Street Lights – Going well.

Water Department - No report.

Other – Nothing to report.

**c. Members Communications:**

We need to make sure we are alerting the downtown merchants when we are cleaning and suggested the use of postcards.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Trench Restoration bids are ready to be awarded per the recommendation.

Bulky Waste Transfer Station Permits. Now that we have a year under our belt, any suggestions on improving that process need to be brought to the next meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no other business, meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter J. Romano, Jr.  
Chairman