

TOWN OF SOUTHTON
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2010

Present: *Members:* Chairman Peter Romano, Chief Jack Daly, and John Weichsel. Albert Natelli and Christopher Palmieri joined the meeting shortly after it began; *Ex-Officio Members:* Anthony Tranquillo, Steve Wlodkowski and George Cole. Also in attendance: Council member John Dobbins

Absent: John Leary and Thomas West

Chairman Romano called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Town Manager's office at Town Hall, 75 Main Street, Southington, CT.

Public Communications:

Art Cyr complained that the Water Department doesn't attend the meetings. He also complained about the condition of South End Road. The committee responded to that later in the meeting.

Minutes:

Minutes of September 2 and September 29 were approved.

Reports on Ongoing Operations/Special Notices:

Bulky Waste Transfer Station: The scanner repairs are in process.

Leaf Program: The disposal sites are being readied.

Retention/Detention Pond Maintenance: No report.

Parks Department: The upper lot at Panthorn Park has been improved. Some tree trimming was done at the parks by a joint effort of the Highway division and the Parks division. On the question when the new field would be ready for use at the Rec, the Superintendent indicated 2-3 years growth period would be highly desirable.

Police Department: Chief Daly reported that the signage previously requested was completed.

Storm Drainage has held up well despite the heavy rains of recent days.

Streetlighting: The contractor is operating very well. Annette Turnquist, assistant engineer, is observing the operation closely and has no complaints.

Other: The department will produce a shed for the bulky waste operators.

Member Communications:

Report on ARRA Paving Projects: South End is having shim work done tomorrow (Friday, October 08, 2010). Mt. Vernon Road is a bit more complicated. The base material is awaiting State Lab approval before the actual paving can be done. The estimated time for that is one to one and a half weeks.

New Business:

a. Bulky Waste – Permit Stickers Renewal

Permit renewal was discussed. Al Natelli moved, seconded by John Weichsel, that renewals would be for one year from April through March. Motion carried.

b. Snow Removal Bids

Considerable discussion took place concerning the snow bids. The list as enclosed was moved by Al Natelli, seconded by Chris Palmieri, to be approved. Truck bids, as an example, the 17 lowest out of 19 would be used. If there are some breakdowns, the remaining one or two could be called upon.

Old Business:

a. Bulky Waste – Definition of a Contractor

The definition of contractor at the station was discussed. **A contractor is any person who brings materials to the transfer station not generated from their personal real estate in Southington.** This definition would take into account not only people's personal residences, but also other real estate they own in the Town of Southington such as rental property, et cetera.

Any reasonable documentation that is needed, the Highway Department is allowed to request. Contractors can use the site one visit per Saturday. As for appeals, the appellant entity is John Weichsel, Town Manager. Motion made by Al Natelli, seconded by Chris Palmieri, to approve the definition of contractor.

Adjournment:

There being no other business, meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter J. Romano, Jr.
Chairman