

TOWN OF SOUTHTON
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2012

Present: *Members:* Chairman Peter Romano, Sandra Feld, Albert Natelli, Christopher Palmieri, Garry Brumback and Tom West. *Ex-Officio Members:* Jim Grappone, Steve Wlodkowski
Absent: Chief Jack Daly

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

MEETING SCHEDULE: Motion made by Chris Palmieri, seconded by Sandra Feld, to adopt the calendar year 2012 meeting schedule (attached).

MINUTES: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

a. Reports on Ongoing Operations/Special Notices

- i. Bulky Waste Transfer Station. Software issues remain, however, new permits are being issued by the Town Clerk's office and will be good from the time they are issued through March 2013.
- ii. Leaf Program. Bulky Waste Transfer Station will be open on Fridays for leaves. However, the town wide leaf pickup program has been concluded for this season.
- iii. Retention/Detention Pond Maintenance. Highway has started maintenance of detention ponds this past Monday and should have it completed fairly quickly.
- iv. Parks Department. Heads on the ornamental lights downtown have been modified to accept fluorescent lights, and we believe the problem has been solved. Ed of Pro Energy has accepted the problem and will absorb the cost. Chris Palmieri commented that the Town Green, both downtown and in Plantsville, look really good. Compliments to the Parks Department.
- v. Police Department. No report.
- vi. Snow Removal. We have been fortunate not to have a lot of snow and that has allowed us to do maintenance on 3 trucks that have been out of service, but we are ready in the event snow comes.
- vii. Storm Drainage Maintenance. Storm drains are OK and maintenance will resume again in the spring.
- viii. Street Lights. We are meeting with CL&P during the week of January 23rd to talk about getting a better response time to repairs. The contract for the vendor is up this year and while we expect a different contract, we have been overall pleased with Pro Energy's performance this past year.

ix. Water Department. Tom West said that they have wrapped up West Center Street and West Street and will begin Spring Lake in the spring. They are looking at doing Meriden-Waterbury Turnpike next year and the Greenley project next year. They are finishing up the water tower project and should be completed in late May. They had a major water break at Meriden Avenue and Stuart over the Christmas holidays and lost about 750,000 gallons of water, but the repair is complete and they will do the final paving in the spring.

b. Members Communications

Sandy Feld went over several of the Rescue a Buck suggestions and has responded to the citizens.

c. Public Communications

Art Cyr said the lights at Rec Park are still on; he thought they were going to look at the timers. The storm drain on Academy needs to be cleaned and there seems to be a power problem with the streetlight on Academy. He also talked about the Chamber willing to work with the town on the kiosk on the Rails to Trails.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. We updated the Pavement Management System and it still looks like we will be able to go by April. We do recognize that the Capital Improvement Plan has recommended streets, but that may be subject to change depending on what we get from the Pavement Management System.

b. Bulky Waste stickers: As previously discussed, they are ready to go and the Town Clerk has been issuing them.

c. Rails to Trails Kiosk: Dr. Al Natelli provided an update on the kiosk. We have a recommended side for the kiosk from the Historical Society and on the other side is a map of the Farmington Canal Trail in total. Other options are being considered for additional kiosks and it is recommended we look at pictures to give an idea of what the history of Southington is.

d. Schedule of Bids: The Public Works Committee has asked the Engineering Department to develop a list of recurring bids for the year and provide that list to the committee.

e. One other issue brought up by Steve Wlodkowski is that he is seeing an increased problem with dumping of garbage along the roads. We need to keep an eye out for that.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter J. Romano, Jr.
Chairman

Attachment: 2012 Meeting Schedule