

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

Regular Meeting Minutes  
February 1, 2012

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

**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.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Al Natelli, seconded by Sandra Feld to accept the minutes of the January 4, 2012 meeting. Motion carried with one abstention (Chief Daly).

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**a. Reports on Ongoing Operations/Special Notices**

- i. Bulky Waste Transfer Station. Everything is going well. Stickers have been issued for the next year. Current stickers are still good.
- ii. Leaf Program. Done.
- iii. Retention/Detention Pond Maintenance. Ongoing. The good weather has allowed them to make great progress.
- iv. Parks Department. They are doing a lot of clearing and preparatory maintenance for the spring throughout the town. They now have a new slope mower and will be breaking that out in the next couple of weeks. One of the biggest areas they are working on is Crescent Lake.
- v. Police Department. Nothing to report.
- vi. Snow Removal. Has gone well. We have been blessed by the mild winter which has allowed us the opportunity to do a lot of well-deserved and much needed maintenance on our equipment.
- vii. Storm Drainage Maintenance. Still ongoing. Looking to do a couple of key projects this spring. The number one priority is West Center Street after which they will complete that project.
- viii. Street Lights. Pro Energy is negotiating the fee. We will look at it before we determine if we want to go to bid. We are still having issues with CL&P and streetlights. However, Annette Turnquist and the Town Manager met with CL&P representatives and hopefully we have a better defined and more efficient process going forward.
- ix. Water Department. Nothing to report.

**b. Members Communications**

Nothing to report.

c. **Public Communications**

Art Cyr talked about a variety of topics. One item was a tree on the power line at the Cheshire line of Rails to Trails, and was talking about the time being now for us to entertain fees at the bulky waste transfer station in order to pay for operations and allow for it to be open more often.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

a. Overview of the Trench Restoration Process. We are defining standards and relooking at the inspection process and bonding process in order to create an incentive for contractors to do trench restoration correctly the first time. We continue to have problems, some of which are self-inflicted, with bad trench restoration partially because they complete the trench, put a temporary patch on it and rely on the town to do the final restoration.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

a. Rails to Trails. We are still working with the company who has asked to remain anonymous at this time to restore the bridge over Meriden-Waterbury Road on the Rails to Trails. They are doing it in exchange for their certification and the only cost being police support during the project which we would have had to pay for anyway. This is being moved to the Council on February 14. More to follow. Kiosk: We are looking at options for a map of the trail, a way-finding locator and historical information. The challenges are doing the way-finding without making it look like advertising. Not sure how it will go but we will continue to look at prototypes.

b. Schedule of Bids to be Published this Year. The Engineering Department has compiled a list of bids to be published for the entire year. That list was handed out and sent to folks via email.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no other business, meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter J. Romano, Jr.  
Chairman