

TOWN OF SOUTHTON
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2012

Present: *Members:* Chairman Peter Romano, Sandra Feld, Albert Natelli, Christopher Palmieri, Garry Brumback, and Fred Rogers. *Ex-Officio Members:* Jim Grappone, Steve Wlodkowski

Absent/Excused: 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.

MINUTES: Motion by Chris Palmieri, seconded by Sandra Feld to accept the minutes of the March 7, 2012 meeting with one correction. Fred Rogers should be added to the list of attendees at the March 7th meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS:

a. Reports on Ongoing Operations/Special Notices

- i. Bulky Waste Transfer Station. The scanners are not functioning properly. Although data has been collected, we haven't been able to keep them both working seamlessly. We need to determine whether or not to replace them because these scanners are not adequate or appropriate for the use that they have been tasked for. Town Manager will review this with Richard Lopatosky and report back to the committee.
- ii. Leaf Program. Nothing to report.
- iii. Retention/Detention Pond Maintenance. We got an early start because of the good weather. Pond maintenance is going very well.
- iv. Parks Department. Continuing to work on the trails and in the parks to get ready for spring and summer. Work is going well; however, we are finding a lot of vandalism. The Town Manager asked the Parks and Highway Departments to call the Police Department when they see vandalism and graffiti so that we can get it on record. We can make sure the P.D. is aware and investigating and hopefully end it.
- v. Police Department. No report.
- vi. Snow Removal. No report.
- vii. Storm Drainage Maintenance. Catch basin cleaning is continuing and so is the sweeping. The contract has gone very well and sweeping should be wrapped up by the end of next week.
- viii. Street Lights. Nothing new to report.
- ix. Water Department. Nothing new to report.

b. Members Communications

Members had no real issues except Chris Palmieri asked about the bridge over Meriden-Waterbury Road. We are still waiting on credentials and the bridge should be done hopefully once the credentials are received.

c. Public Communications

Art Cyr told the committee to hold the contractor accountable to fix the crosswalk in Plantsville and the landscape. Jim Grappone said that we are in fact in conversation with the contractor and have sufficient retainage so that if he doesn't meet our standards or do it in a reasonable time, we will do it ourselves.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Update on Pavement Management System. We now have the data to take the system to the next level. We have a report that not only determines the most benefit for our dollars but also lays out in conjunction with the Highway Department and the Engineering Department potential plan of which streets can provide the most bang for the buck. We are, however, looking for a commitment of funds so that we have an idea how much time and money we will have to spend. We will update the CIP to reflect the financial management recommendations and hopefully get a commitment by both the Public Works Committee and the Town Council to take it to referendum.

b. Trench Restoration Program. The trench bid is due this month. However, we are continuing to hold the utilities accountable but key on the trench restoration program is to get the temporary patch right so that all we need to do is mill and overlay the top few inches and the road will be repaired

c. Rails to Trails Kiosk. The map is ready. We are waiting on the Plexiglas. As soon as it arrives Highway will put it up. Should be the first part of next week. The Chamber site has been tabled until the map is up and ready to go, and we will see at that point what information is needed and begin the discussion with the Chamber.

Lastly, Chris Palmieri asked when West Center Street was to begin. Steve Wlodkowski said that he is currently working on Newell and Aircraft and as soon as that project is completed will move his team to West Center. Should be by the end of April. However, the first work to be done on West Center is drainage and then finally it will be paved and completed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Dr. Natelli, seconded by Sandy Feld. Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter J. Romano, Jr.
Chairman