

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

Regular Meeting Minutes  
July 3, 2012

Present: *Members:* Chairman Peter Romano, Sandra Feld, Albert Natelli, Christopher Palmieri, Garry Brumback, Chief Jack Daly. *Ex-Officio Members:* Annette Turnquist, Jim Grappone, Steve Wlodkowski. *Guest:* Jim Garstang  
Absent/Excused: Fred Rogers

**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 June 6, 2012 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

a. Reports on Ongoing Operations/Special Notices

- i. Bulky Waste Station: No report.
- ii. Leaf Program: No report.
- iii. Retention/Detention Pond Maintenance: Ongoing.
- iv. Parks Department: Continues to do its ongoing maintenance. Discussed the lack of recycling cans on both the trail and in the parks. While we are not going to put a recycling can next to every trash can, we will try to put a few more out along various parks and trails, recognizing that the more cans we put out the more intensive the process is. We will do it judiciously but will expand it. Also discussed that the Drive-in property grass area will be re-seeded at the end of summer at the appropriate time.
- v. Police Department: Nothing to report
- vi. Snow Removal: Nothing to report
- vii. Storm Drainage Maintenance: West Center Street drainage will be wrapped up this next week.
- viii. Street Lights: Nothing to report
- ix. Water Department: Nothing to report
- x. Other: No report

b. Members Communications

We are going to relook at our standards for trenches and patching. Staff is developing a policy that is going to establish the number of cuts that a utility can make in a segment of road before they have to repave the entire block or section. Right now we are thinking about going with the State standards which are "there are to be no cuts of utilities within the first two years of a freshly milled road"; our thought is to take that a step further

recognizing that that may be impractical to say that in the event of an emergency any more than three cuts will have to pave the whole block. We expect to bring that policy back to the public Works Committee by their August meeting.

c. Public Communications

Art Cyr talked about concern about signs at the Plantsville trail crossing. There are signs but some vehicles are still violating it. The Chief of Police stated that it needs to be reinforced that there is a certain amount of personal responsibility that needs to be exercised prior to entering cross walks.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

a. Rails to Trails w/Chamber of Commerce. Jim Garstang representing the Chamber of Commerce outlined a plan to put more information on the Rails to Trails kiosk and was seeking support of the Public Works Committee in order to do that. He gave the committee an example (attached to minutes). Some of the significant questions were:

- i. What are the limits in distance for who goes on the sign?
- ii. How will the businesses be selected?
- iii. Is there a difference between the charge for Chamber members and Chamber nonmembers?

Jim basically said that the distance limits are to be determined but the conversation focused on about a quarter of a mile either side of the trail. The Chamber's intent was to charge \$100 per year for businesses wanting to advertise and giving Chamber members a \$25 discount. Chris Palmieri expressed concern about the Chamber charging different rates in as much as it is a town kiosk. Garstang said that he will take that back to the Chamber and see what else develops. The last issue was about the safety and liability associated with directing businesses off the trail and assuming any liability for taking bikes up and down Meriden-Waterbury Turnpike and other busy roads. The Town Attorney has come back and said that the town does not have any liability just simply giving people directions. This is an individual responsibility.

b. Updated List of Road Projects for 2012 Construction Season. The Town Manager along with the Town Engineer provided copies of the list of road projects to be constructed in this construction season – April through November – and that list is attached.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no other business, meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

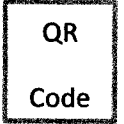
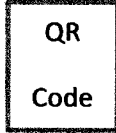
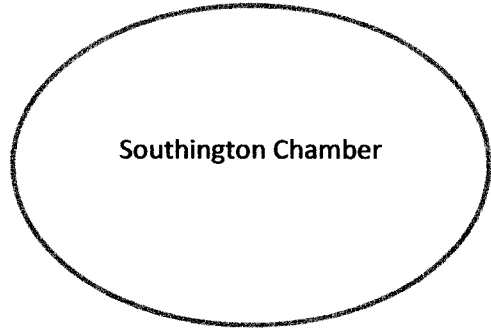
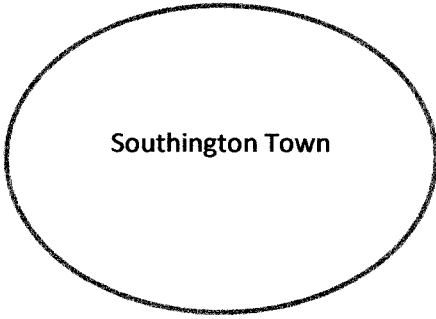
Respectfully submitted,

Peter J. Romano, Jr.  
Chairman

Attachments:

- 1) Kiosk information example
- 2) List of Road Projects – Construction Season 2012

Example / Draft



### MILLDALE

Brief description of Milldale Location provided by the Town, Historical Society or other source, 2 -3 sentences.

Distance	Business Name	QR Code
2/10 Mile West	Ameriprise Financial 1783 Meriden Waterbury Tpke	
2/10 Mile West	Blimpie's Subs and Salads 1796 Meriden Waterbury Tpke	
5/10 Mile East	Bobby Sprocket LLC 1529 Meriden Waterbury Tpke	

- Question: Why limits to who goes on sign
- 2) Chamber will charge \$100/yr. + \$25 discount for members
  - 3) Are there issues about M-W TRPK + safety.

**List of Road Projects**  
**Construction Season 2012 (April – November)**

- Newell Street from West Queen Street to Redstone Street, distance of 1,900 L.F., with 30-foot pavement width.
- Newell Street from Aircraft Road to West Queen Street, distance of 460 L.F., with 30-foot pavement width.
- Aircraft Road from Queen Street to Jensen's property, distance of 1,950 L.F., with 30-foot pavement width.

**Total of the above three projects is \$290,400.00.**

- Completion of remaining work on West Center Street from Summer Street to Raynor Street, a distance of 1,100 L.F., with 34-foot pavement width.
- West Center Street from Summer Street to Liberty Street, distance of 1,350 L.F., with 36-foot pavement width.
- Redstone Street from Townline Road to Newell Street, a distance of 1,965 L.F., with 26-foot pavement width.

**Total of the above three projects is \$283,600.00.**

- Marion Avenue from 200 feet north of Nutmeg Drive to 140 feet east of Pacer Lane a distance of 1,350 L.F., with 22-foot pavement width.

**Total project cost is \$212,300.00.**

- South End Road from Meriden Avenue to Mulberry Street, a distance of 2,850 L.F., with 34-foot pavement width.

**Total project cost is \$110,500.00.**

- Buckland Street from Old Turnpike Road to Mulberry Street, a distance of 925 L.F., with 25-foot pavement width.

**Total project cost is \$45,000.00.**

**Time Permitting**

- Belleview Avenue from 50 feet north of Hart Acre Road to Meriden Avenue, a distance of 2,275 L.F., with 30-foot pavement width. This also includes some pavement reclamation at house #126 Berlin Street.

**Total project cost is \$185,000.00.**