

TOWN OF SOUTHTON
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2012

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

Absent: John DeGioia, 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 Sandra Feld, seconded by Al Natelli, to accept the minutes of the July 7, 2012 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS:

a. Reports on Ongoing Operations/Special Notices

- i. Bulky Waste Station: Discussed under New Business.
- ii. Leaf Program: Complete. All zones were covered and done on time. We have had a handful of complaints from residents requesting additional pickup. However, we have said yes to no one and reinforced the fact that bulky waste is open this Friday and this Saturday and have provided names of contractors if requested.
- iii. Retention/Detention Pond Maintenance: Completed. It will resume in the Spring unless there is an emergency.
- iv. Parks Department: is beginning to work on installing the ice rink which will be located on the Water Department property behind the YMCA. The Parks crews with the help of volunteers will be installing it, and they intend to set up bleachers and there is parking on Mill Street. We anticipate no problems and will be ready to take on water by the end of next week; hopefully we will have some cold weather. The Water Department has donated the water.
- v. Police Department: Police caught a bank robber but nothing to report related to public works.
- vi. Snow Removal: Everything going well. Two small storms with no significant issues.
- vii. Storm Drainage Maintenance: Continuing on a routine basis.
- viii. Street Lights: No real issues.
- ix. Water Department: No one in attendance.
- x. Other: No report

b. Members Communications

Members had nothing to add.

c. Public Communications

Art Cyr spoke about night rides for our streetlight vendor. He was wondering if that was still occurring. Jim Grappone said it was supposed to be but he would look into it. Another thing Art Cyr mentioned was on the lights downtown – some were bright and some were not so bright. He wondered what could cause that. Again, Jim Grappone said he would look into it.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Bulky Waste Transfer Station

Data on the scanners is old. They have not worked for the past year and the question is now whether or not we want to replace the scanners and if so, at what cost. The projection is between \$15-\$20,000. The original scanners were less than that, and it was discussed by Steve Wlodkowski that they had met their intended purpose which was to reduce significantly the amount of abuse, but were incapable of providing the level of detail that would support a discussion on whether or not we should charge for bulky waste trips or not. The discussion ended that staff continue to look into scanner options and come back and report in January.

b. Capital Improvement Program

CIP is being developed and updated by the staff as we speak and will be brought to the Public Works Committee at their January meeting.

c. Road Improvement Program

Town staff has begun preparing to implement the referendum which passed in November and has coordinated extensively with both the water and gas utilities to insure that all three utilities are working together so that when road improvements are done, all of the improvements are done at the same time. We intend to have maps with Water Department's construction plan for the next three years along with the gas company's construction plan for the next three years and ours, and we will synchronize those before January and post the construction schedule for this construction season (2013) hopefully in late February or early March timeframe. We will also do that for each of the next two years construction seasons 2014 and 2015.

d. 2013 Meeting Dates

Schedule is attached. The January and July dates will be reconsidered since they are the day after New Years and the day before July 4th holidays. Alternate dates will be proposed and the final schedule approved at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jim Grappone reported on the Mohawk Company painting the Rails to Trails bridge over Meriden-Waterbury Road. The cost for police support of that project was approximately \$15,000. A motion was made by Al Natelli and seconded by Sandra Feld that money come from the donation of the Edward Jones Group, of which there is \$19,000 remaining. The motion was approved by all with one abstention by Chief Daly. Thanks were given to Mohawk

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for donating approximately \$100,000 worth of labor and product in order to make that bridge look great.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business, meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter J. Romano, Jr.
Chairman

Attachment: 2013 Meeting Schedule



Public Works Committee

Est. Nov. 21, 2011

Term Expires Oct. 31, 2013

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR for 2013

1st Wednesday of the Month - 4:30 PM

Town Council Chambers

January 2nd

February 6th

March 6th

April 3rd

May 1st

June 5th

July 3rd

August – No Meeting

September 4th

October 2nd